

Notes from 10/18/2015 5:00pm Public Meeting

- **Judge Pape**
 - The fire is 4582 Acres and 60% contained.
 - 250 Firefighters on the ground, 215 Utility workers.
 - We have done a reassessment of the home-like structures.
 - 4 structures at a Christian camp did not have individual 9-1-1 addresses. All were lost. This will increase the number of homes burned.
 - Addressed a question about fire equipment damaging the roads. The County will be exploring options on how to financially repair the roads.
- **Mark Rose (Bluebonnet)**
 - Zone 3 is 21 miles of line. Zone 4 is 34 miles of line.
 - 1300 trees have been cut down and removed or mark for observation. 284 trees were cut and removed today alone.
 - Zone 3 and a good portion of Zone 4 will be reenergized today by 8pm.
 - Bluebonnet will try to have everything reenergized by the evening of 10/19/15; if not, definitely by 10/20/15.
- **Sheriff Pickering**
 - Would like to ensure cooperation with the residents and media.
 - We made 1 arrest today for a Burn Ban Violation. The person refused to sign the citation, so she was arrested.
- **Mark Morales (Blue Team)**
 - The goal is safety for the firefighters, utility crews and residents.
 - The fire area is being reassessed every night for containment.
 - There are unburned islands within the fire zone. Also, stumps and trees are still burning.
 - We are using air craft to do water drops.
 - Now dozers and hand tools are being used. This makes it a very tedious and timely process. Two new hand crews (40 firefighters) started today.
 - The last 2 days have been elevated fire conditions. Tomorrow will have a slight improvement. Today we had a 12% RH which creates extremely dry conditions.
 - A Blackhawk helicopter holds 660 gallons of water. This equates to more than 5800 pounds.
- **Commissioner Beckett**
 - 2 dumpsters have been brought in to dispose of spoiled food for those affected by the fire. Be sure to double bag and seal everything.
 - We are trying to setup a lease for the area of 71 and McAllister to process scrap metal. Residents will be compensated for the metal they bring.
- **Robert Tamble (City of Smithville)**
 - There are 385 evacuees registered with no overnight guests. Because of this the shelter will be closed starting tonight. If there is a need for overnight sheltering contact the Smithville Police Department at 512-237-2388.