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Briefings from Commissioners Court

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Bandera County Commissioners will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, to hear comments on 13 road name additions and changes. Emergency Management Coordinator Judy Lefevers said as long as no names are duplicated, Rural 911 Addressing makes every effort to accommodate requests.

As more residences are built, the delineation of individual roads are helpful, Lefevers said, "so valuable time is not lost."

The name additions and changes may be seen at <https://www.banderaprophet.com/230201publicnoticeruraladdressing.html>

In other business, commissioners on Jan. 26 appointed 15 committee members for the Bandera County Historical Commission, and unanimous approving Kendall Miles as chairperson.

~ Barbara Engel presented the Bandera County Convention and Visitors Bureau first quarter financials. Engel, representing the Lakehills area, said the CVB spent \$66,000 promoting events in Bandera County that encouraged overnight stays and attracted tourism. She said an influx of visitors was expected during the October and April 2024 eclipse events, for which the CVB ordered 75,000 viewing glasses, and distributed more than 33,000 thus far at cost.

~ Commissioners accepted a \$969,380 Regional Mitigation Program grant, issued by the Texas General Land Office to the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

“If we don’t accept it, it’s gone,” Evans said, adding the court would later discuss what the money could be spent on.

~ Commissioners unanimously approved replacing two copy machines, which decreases the monthly expense by \$30. Commissioners also entered into contract with BEC Fiber, which will save the county \$3,000 per year.

~ Commissioners agreed the dispersal of \$25,000 to the San Antonio Food Bank, from the COVID Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Art Crawford, executive director of the Silver Sage, said since March 2020, the SA Food Bank came to the Silver Sage 144 times, delivering a total of 1.5 million pounds of food.

“People are lined up as far as the eye can see, because there are people hurting,” Pct. 4 Commissioner Jody Rutherford said.

~ In his monthly report, Sheriff Dan Butts said during December, the Sheriff’s Office responded to 542 calls for service; deputies traveled 25,428 miles, with an average arrival time to priority calls of 13.45 minutes; 13 felony and 12 misdemeanor arrests were made; 47 property crimes and 27 crimes against a person were investigated; the Grand Jury returned nine indictments; the average inmate population was 66, five of whom were contract inmates; 135 animal-related calls were received, and 36 dogs were picked up by animal control; the average dog population in the animal control facility was 12, zero cats; deputies responded to 19 calls in the city limits; dispatchers answered 1,116 incoming 911 calls.

“That continues to be high,” Butts said.

~ EMS Director Shannon Griffin said emergency services responded to 260 calls for service during December, traveling 14,086 miles; the tone

to response time was 1.01 minutes; the tone to on scene time was 10.53 minutes.