

**Breckinridge County Fiscal Court  
Special Called Town Hall Meeting  
February 22, 2007**

Judge Powers called to order a Special Called Town Hall Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Cloverport City Hall with Esqs. Gedling, Hay, and Moore present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a word of prayer. Judge Powers then welcomed all guests that were present and introduced the Magistrates that were able to attend the meeting then asked for comments from the public.

There were several citizens from Cloverport present at the meeting, the court first heard comments from Sarah Atwood, who was concern was if the Fiscal Court votes to reduce the insurance tax would the county still be able to fund special projects throughout the county. Mr. James Ball also spoke to the court about issues concerning the insurance tax and what other taxes could be considered that would be fairer to all the citizens of the county. Susan Mattingly spoke to the court about Brier Fields Lane, the county road in which she lives on and what she could do to get the school bus to come out it and pick up her children. Martha Vessels spoke to the court about an issue concerning the county fair and being able to sell her product there. Judge Powers informed Mrs. Vessels that the Fiscal Court has no authority over the fair board. Mr. Earl Newby spoke to the court about several different concerns that he has such as recycling, jobs, meals on wheels, snow routes, insurance tax and the Holt Mansion project. Mr. Dave Schoenbachler stated that if good roads, parks and animal shelters have become luxuries then Breckinridge County was not moving forward and if the county can't provide these things how do we expect growth here in Breckinridge County. Esq. Hay stated that the county needs to move forward but not at the expense of only a portion of the county and the insurance tax is an unfair tax. He then made a comment that there was \$150,000 a year spent on health insurance and when the judge presents the budget to the magistrates that he will vote to cut it out no matter if any of the other magistrates will back him. That it will help his people by taking off the tax and will save the 13,750 registered voters in Breckinridge County that are paying \$110.00 a year so 49 people can have health insurance. Judge Powers informed Esq. Hay that when he presents the budget that he will not have the opportunity to cut or not but that he would have the opportunity to approve or disapprove and he would make the cut and also if he voted to cut the employees health insurance that the county would lose a lot of its employees and it would be hard to replace with qualified people.

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Mr. John Corner asked the Fiscal Court if there is a flood evacuation plan for the county. Robbie Houchen, a member of the Cloverport Fire Department, spoke to the court regarding fire dues. Mr. Josh Powell, Cloverport School Superintendent, spoke to the court on Economic Development. Judge Powers applauded Mr. Powell on his recent scores and hard work in the Cloverport School District. Mr. Drew Hawley, Chairman of Breck United spoke to the Fiscal Court regarding hiring a representative for Economic Development here in Breckinridge County. Judge Powers stated that Economic Development is number one priority and the insurance premium tax is his main concern and will continue to be his main concern at the same time the county has got to increase revenues and move forward. Everette Pool, a county road department employee spoke on behalf of the road crew and what was going to be done if the court voted to reduce the insurance tax. Esq. Hay responded by saying that he didn't make a lot of campaign promises cause over the years when promises are made very few are kept and that he made a few promises which were truthful and straight up to his citizens. He stated that he told his citizens that there would be some kind of tax but that he would give some relief from the insurance premium tax, but because they weren't getting their fair share in his district from the tax anyways that some of the people that live on gravel roads would have to continue to live on gravel roads but would have money in their pockets to buy food with and a little dust in their face and his people agreed with him. Esq. Hay stated that he had kept his promises to his people and would continue to keep his word and move the county forward because there is a fair tax for one side of the county like it is for the other side that it just needs to be brought up by our Honorable Judge and let us vote it in. He said that it was the magistrates main agenda to take care of his people and vote for what is right for the county when the judge brings it up and vote against it if we don't think it's right for the county and that he has been waiting for this judge to bring up a plan and that he will cause he has confidence in him. In closing Esq. Hay stated that if he could not get his roads fixed that he would get his voters their tax money back in their pockets and that he was just one vote but he will always vote for his voters.

After much discussion between the Fiscal Court members and hearing all comments from the public, Esqs. Hay and Gedling made and seconded a motion to adjourn this meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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Ray Powers  
Breckinridge County Judge/Executive

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Lisa Hoskins  
Fiscal Court Clerk