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Harold Dorsey Week declared

This week – July 13 through July 17, 2009 – is officially designated as Harold Dorsey Week in Ellis County.

“This is the nice part about this job,” said Commissioner Ron Brown, pct. 4. “The person we are honoring today has had a great influence on a lot of people over a number of years and has been very active in the city.”

Dorsey, his wife Wilma, and several other friends and family members were on hand for the reading of the proclamation.

A 1953 graduate of the University of North Texas, Dorsey served as Director of Music and Bands for Waxahachie ISD from 1953 through 1966.

“Harold developed a successful band program in the district, starting the Papoose band program in the elementary grades,” said Brown, reading from his proclamation. “He was known for recruiting non-band students to march in parades, as well as for being a great positive influence on students in the band program, and holds the record for breaking the most directing batons.”

Dorsey later served as principal of Waxahachie High School, from 1972 through 1983, where he was “known to be stern, yet fair, thoroughly investigating any issues before reaching a decision.”

Dorsey is an active member of the Waxahachie Retired Teachers’ Association and past chairman of the Ellis County Historical Commission.

“He still serves on the Commission, along with his lovely wife, Wilma,” Brown said.

The proclamation was approved unanimously by the Court and elicited a standing ovation from those in attendance at the meeting.

In other business, Commissioners:

- Declared a 2001 BMW and a 1992 Ford F-700 Armored vehicle as surplus to allow for competitive bid and sale via auction on e-Bay;
- Heard a budget request presentation from Sgt. Randy McDonald of the Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division;
- Approved a preliminary plat for Country Creek Farm, Phase 3, seven lots, in precinct 3;
- Approved two variances from County of Ellis Rules, Regulations and Specifications for Subdivisions and Manufactured Homes relating to fire hydrant requirements in precinct 3, one in Whitfield Addition and one in Grahams Place, and the associated replats;
- Approved a variance from County of Ellis Rules, Regulations and Specifications for Subdivisions and Manufactured Homes relating to the utility easement in precinct 4;
- Voted to accept waste crushed rock from Wilbros Pipeline Company for use at the County Farm or in Precinct 2; and
- Adjourned into Executive Session to consult with counsel regarding the possible sale or lease of real property with no action taken after the executive session.