

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020**

**STATE OF TEXAS        }**  
**COUNTY OF MOORE    }**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020 there came to be held a Regular Session of Commissioners Court of Moore County, Texas in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse in Dumas, Texas. The following persons were present to-wit: Rowdy Rhoades, County Judge; J. Daniel Garcia, Commissioner Precinct 1; Miles Mixon, Commissioner Precinct 2; Dee Vaughan, Commissioner Precinct 3; Lynn Cartrite, Commissioner Precinct 4; and County Clerk, Brenda McKanna.

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Court having been opened according to law the following proceedings were had to wit:

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During routine announcement and reports Burton Jones, Chief Appraiser from Ochiltree County was present and he stated he has been appointed as the Moore County Interim Appraiser. He reported that David Sykes has been appointed as the new member on the Appraisal District Board.

Commissioner Cartrite stated he would like to adopt Moore County as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Safe Haven and look at placing this item on the agenda for approval.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 25, 2019 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2019 and Special Called Meeting of December 16, 2019 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite that the bills as presented by James Allen, County Auditor, be approved for payment and the County Treasurer is hereby directed to issue warrant-checks thereof. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated January 13, 2020 as presented by James Allen, County Auditor, be approved and the County Treasurer's Report of Cash Disbursements of the same date be approved and duly recorded in the Commissioner's Court Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copies of the Report and the Temporary Cash Investments are attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the change in the Federal Mileage Rate from .58 per mile to 57.5 per mile. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Coy Barton, CPA presented his Independent Audit Report. Coy stated the only issues he had was with the Juvenile Probation Office. He stated the county was in good standing financially with a fund balance to operate the county for approximately seven and half months and Moore County was in good financial position compared to other counties. The court spent \$215,000.00 more than what the county brought in the 2018-2019 budget and took funds out of the fund balance to make up the difference. The court has some changes that will have to be made in the next two years and the county won't have a choice but to make some cuts. House Bill 3 will require counties to hold a rollback election if they want to increase revenue from taxes more than three-and one-half percent. Prior to House Bill 3 the limit for an increase was eight percent. The funds that the county brought in last year will be reduced unless appraised values go up. The only way to really cut the budget to operate within the revenue cap that is governed by House Bill 3 is to cut the number of employees. The court needs to evaluate each position that becomes vacant and make sure that position is vital for the operation of the department before replacing the position. Coy stated there will have to be a reduction in services or a reduction in pay.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to accept the audit as presented by Coy Barton, CPA. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of audit on file in the County Clerk's Office.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve an engagement letter with Coy Barton, CPA. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of letter attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of an in-car computer for the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$3,896.20 plus the cost of the installation with expenditure to be paid from Seized Assets Account. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of E-Force software for the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$34,748.20 with the department to prioritize paying the bulk of the cost out of Seized Assets Account and pay the remainder out of other accounts such as: SCAAP, Auto Repair and Prisoners Medical Account. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

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Nikki McDonald, Tax Assessor Collector presented CEU hours for Nikki McDonald, Tax Assessor, Dawn Quillen, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector and Chris Rivera, Deputy Tax Assessor. She stated that Chris Rivera has obtained C-Top designation which is the top designation you can obtain in a Tax Office. Copies of CEU's attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to accept the bid from Jarrod & Latrina Gerstberger in the amount of \$164.00 for L38 U8 Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to accept the bid from Jarrod & Latrina Gerstberger in the amount of \$174.00 for L77 U1 Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Brandon Cox, Airport Manager stated that TxDot would like to re-do a 600-foot portion of the runway that has never been redone while they are doing the original project that has been previously approved. He stated the additional cost would be \$69,000.00 over what will be approved for next year. Commissioner Garcia asked Brandon if Tx Dot would be willing to allow the county to pay the additional funds in a three-year span.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to table the request until Brandon can provide additional information in regards to a pay-out with TxDot. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Robert Brehm as an Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 2, 2020 with a salary of \$18.34 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with \$1.00 per hour scam supplement with a \$75.00 per month uniform allowance and a \$40.00 per month cell phone allowance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of a replacement cell phone booster for EOC at a cost of \$1,858.98 to be paid out of EOC's salary budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Joint Resolution between Moore County Republican Party, State Democratic Party and Brenda McKanna, Moore County Election Official for the March 3, 2020 Primary Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve a Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Moore County Republican Party and Brenda McKanna, County Election Officer for the March 3, 2020 Primary Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of contact attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve a Joint Primary Election Services Contract between State Democratic Party and Brenda McKanna, County Election Officer for the March 3, 2020 Primary Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of contact attached and made a part hereof by references

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve a bond for James Allen, County Auditor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of bond on file in the County Clerk's Office.

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Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Dallas stated they have put up the 20 MPH signs and the speed bumps are in place on N.E. 10<sup>th</sup>. Dallas reported they have been cleaning the ditches on the un-paved portion of McClary Road. They are hauling

the dirt over to the corner of FM 119 and Carbon Black and they will try to get it hauled to Valero. Commissioner Mixon stated that Valero called him and asked if the County had a use for the dirt if not, they could sure use it. He stated he checked with Dallas and the dirt had not been spoken for so the County is going to haul the dirt to Valero. He stated he would get a representative out there to tell the county where they wanted the dirt. He thinks they want to use it in a ravine on Carbon Black where it's washed out so bad. Dallas stated the operators have been working on their roads when possible and repairing pot holes. He has one truck hauling the seal coat gravel from Big Creek Sand & Gravel in Borger. Commissioner Cartrite asked him if this was rock that the county had already bought? Dallas stated this would be rock for this year and he just continued on with what Travis and Wes had done in the past years. Commissioner Cartrite asked him if he bid the rock and he had not and was told if it was more than \$50,000.00, he would need to bid it. Commissioner Cartrite stated the only way he could purchase the rock and not bid it was if the company he was getting rock from was on the buy-board. Dallas stated he spoke with Mike Williams from Big Creek and he said they are on the Texas Smart Buy but in the future, there would not be a Texas Smart Buy. Dallas stated he could put it out for bid if he needs to and stated they just started hauling the rock today and would only haul in three loads today. Dallas stated they already started on Road E with river rock and would like to stay with the same rock. Commissioner Garcia asked Dallas if he was going to need more than \$50,000.00 of rock and he stated he would. Dallas stated he would do some research into the buy-board and if necessary, he will bid the rock. Commissioner Garcia asked Dallas if he has a 40' pipe culvert for a culvert on Schuman Road. Dallas stated he would check and get back with him.

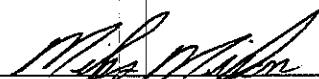
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It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

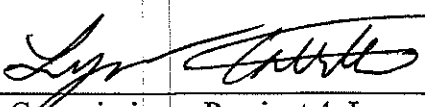
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THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

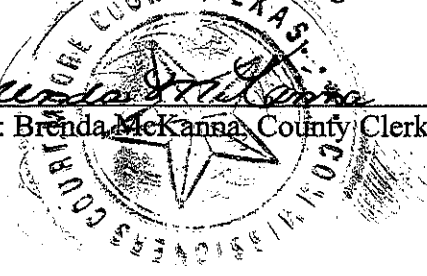
  
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Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

  
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Commissioner Precinct 3, Lynn Vaughan

  
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Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite

  
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ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



  
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County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades