

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS  
SPECIAL CALLED, MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023**

STATE OF TEXAS        }  
COUNTY OF MOORE    }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023 there came to be held a Special Called Meeting of Commissioners Court, in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse in Dumas, Moore County, Texas. The following persons were present to-wit: Rowdy Rhoades, County Judge; Daniel Garcia, Commissioner Precinct 1; Miles Mixon, Commissioner Precinct 2; Dee Vaughan, Commissioner Precinct 3; Colt Farni, Commissioner Precinct 4; and County Clerk Brenda McKanna, County Clerk.

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

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During budget work session Coy Barton and Melissa Martinez were present for the fifth budget work session. Also present were several members from the DPS in regards to the job duties of Tara Vera, DPS secretary. They stated Tara provides a vast array of duties for Moore County and if her job is eliminated it will have a huge impact on the DPS offices in all of the surrounding areas. It was stated they would rather surrender a trooper position that to have Tara's position eliminated. They asked the court to reconsider not eliminating that position and allow DPS some time to develop a plan to fund that position. Judge Rhoades thanked the troopers for the work they do. He stated the court did vote in the last meeting to eliminate that position and he would be in favor of keeping that position and feels like the court was more loyal to two positions that weren't even employees of the county over an employee that has worked for the county 11 years.

Coy Barton, County Auditor presented a draft of the budget with a deficit of approximately \$464,022.00. Coy stated the Sheriff's Dept. supply budget is up \$48,000.00 from last year. It was stated they worked with the Treasurer's office since they were always had a deficit in their supply budget and they were trying to make sure they stayed within their budget next year. Brandon Jones, Lieutenant stated they could take \$7,000.00 out of the office supply since they had increased their deputy supply budget. There was also an increase in repairs & maintenance by 50% in the Sheriff's Dept. budget. Coy stated beginning October 1, 2023 he will make the court aware if a department is over on their budget. He wants to stop allowing departments to go over on their budgets and he will let the court know what line item a department is over during approving the bills. There were several items taken out of the budget during the budget work session and a 3% salary increase for all employees was added. Coy presented a list of revenues and revenues with tax increases.

Coy will make changes as directed by the court and present a new budget at the next budget workshop.

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It appearing that there was no other business to come before the Court at this time, motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the meeting stand adjourned. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni 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.

Daniel Garcia  
Commissioner Precinct 1, Daniel Garcia

Dee Vaughan  
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

Brenda McKanna  
ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

Miles Mixon  
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

Colt Farni  
Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni

Rowdy Rhoades  
County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

