

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 2023**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023 there came to be held a Special Session of Commissioners Court of Moore County, Texas in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the Courthouse in Dumas, 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 Brenda McKanna, County Clerk.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the bills as presented by Coy Barton, County Auditor, be approved for payment and the County Treasurer is hereby directed to issue warrant-checks thereof. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

There were two bills presented for Special Handling:

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the payment to MJE LLC in the amount of \$450,000.00 for the road project with \$286,050.84 to be paid out of reserves. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment to LSQ Funding Group LLC in the amount of \$3,517.24 with expenditure to be paid from the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Panhandle Area Public Defender's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to pay Tim Salley, Public Defender for 145 cases at \$400.00 per case which is a total of \$58,000.00 for appointed cases with the understanding that Tim Salley has agreed to finish all cases with the assumption that a conflict does not arise. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to retain the original members that was appointed on August 28, 2023 to the Moore County Appraisal District Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Judge Rhoades stated the Chief Appraiser will get a salary increase of \$701.80 per month which is over a \$10,000.00 salary increase. He stated she will be making \$10,000.00 more than what most of the elected officials currently make. He stated the district gets their funding from the taxing entities. Commissioner Vaughan stated he is opposed to the budget. Scott Higginbotham,

County Attorney stated if a majority of the taxing entities oppose the budget the Appraisal District will have to present a new budget. Samantha Trujillo, Chief Appraiser stated she was trying to get her employees a salary increase but she did not ask for a salary increase for herself. She stated one of the taxing entities told her she should ask for a salary increase for herself and that is why she received an increase. Commissioner Mixon stated he would like to see a salary survey with similar districts. It was stated that the court would not approve an 11% salary increase especially due to all of the errors that has been made by the district.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to not approve the Moore County Appraisal District's Budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the employment of Daisy Lucero as a Deputy Tax Assessor with a starting salary of \$3,688.57 per month with a \$50.00 per month salary increase every six months for two years effective October 2, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the donation in the amount \$2,000.00 to Harrington Library Consortium for the purchase of ebooks and eAudio books. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the appointment of Patsy Long and Isabel Meraz to the Library Board for three-year terms. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the inmate contact with Childress County for out of county inmates at a cost of \$55.00 per day. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Sheriff's fees for the year 2024 with the fees to remain as the current fees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the joint contract for elections services between Moore County Clerk and Sunray Collegiate ISD for the November 7, 2023 election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the fourth contract renewal for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the amended Panhandle Workforce Development Area Interlocal Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the reappointment of Sheriff J. Dale Butler to the Texas Panhandle Center Board for a term set to expire November 20, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Elodia Arroyos as a maintenance/custodian with a starting salary of \$19.87 per hour with a .50 increase ever six months for two years with a 40.00 per month cell phone allowance effective September 20, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the purchase of a 14' leadup kit at a cost of \$3,353.00 for the Sunray Rodeo Arena with \$1,182.00 to paid from Dumas Rodeo Arena budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Raymond stated all of the sealcoat project is finished. They will start patching tomorrow. Raymond will order pipe for culverts at \$45.00 per foot delivered. He will pay for the purchase out of his current caliche budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the ADCR rate of 12.34% with the Texas County and District Retirement System. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the renewal of the 2024 County Choice Silver. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of renewal attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve a 3% salary increase for all full and part-time employees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Justice of Peace Pct. 1 and Justice of Peace Pct 2 travel increase to \$300.00 per month effective October 01, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve Amber Hokanson's salary increase to \$3,888.56 per month effective October 1, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the new position for the Tax Office effective October 1, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gacia. Motion carried.

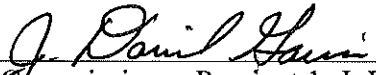
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the salary increase for Ezequiel Padilla to deputy pay at \$28.89 per hour effective October 1, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to amend the 2022-2023 budget with the addition of \$450,000.00 on the Road G project and an increase of \$270,000.00 to the airport fuel budget with other changes in the Final Amended Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of amended budget on file in the County Clerk's Office.

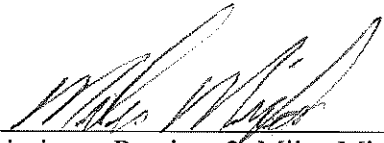
Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to adopt the budget for 2023-2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of budget on file in the County Clerk's Office.

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


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



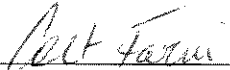
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Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



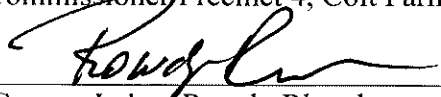
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni



A.F.E.S.F. Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

