

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS  
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024** 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 4; Colt Farni, Commissioner Precinct 4 and Brenda McKanna, County Clerk.

-----

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

-----

During routine announcements and reports Coy Barton presented balances in different accounts and he stated the investment committee would like to take funds out of Texas Class and purchase two 12-month CDs with an interest rate of 5%.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of two CDs based on the recommendation of the investment committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

-----

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni 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 Mixon. Motion carried.

-----

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve a Resolution of Support for the Moore County Hospital District for a community project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

-----

Judge Kim Allen, District Judge appeared before the court to discuss the location of the Grand Jury Room. She presented various laws in regards to the location of the grand jury room. She stated she has looked at doing local rules and has visited with various Judges and they have stated that the District Judge has authority over the court. There was some discussion in regards to food being brought into the grand jury room. She is not opposed to chips or crackers as a snack but she does not want random food brought into the grand jury room. Erin Anchondo, District Attorney wants to switch the grand jury room to where her secretaries are currently located. Erin would like to have the grand jury room designated as part of her office. She wants to designate the current grand jury room as part of her office. Commissioner Mixon stated they need to decide who has the authority to designate the location of grand jury room. He stated if the court does not have the authority to make the decision he wants to move on and allow the one who has the authority to designate and determine where the grand jury room will be located and go from there. Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney stated what it comes down to is the 69<sup>th</sup> District Court and Commissioners Courts has no authority to designate the court rooms. He stated there needs to be some local rules drafted to where the location of the grand jury room will be located.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to take "No Action" and table until next month and allow Judge Allen and Erin Anchondo to work towards a solution for the location of the court room. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

-----

Brandon Jones, Lieutenant updated the court on the SB22 funds of what has been spent for the Sheriff's Dept. He stated the department started ordering items in November so they could make sure they would receive all of items before the end of September when the current budget will end. Brandon stated there is a county wide need and they would like to purchase an armored vehicle with SB22 funds next year and will look at rotating one of the SB22 deputies into the regular budget next year. Copy of presentation attached and made a part hereof by references.

-----

Brandon Jones, Lieutenant presented a Racial Profiling report from the Moore County Sheriff's Dept. Copy of report attached and made a part hereof by references.

-----

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of an 80-gallon commercial gas hot water heater for the jail from Ballard Plumbing in the amount of \$7,081.44 with expenditure to be paid from the jail maintenance fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

-----

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the purchase of stock plumbing repair parts for the jail from Ballard Plumbing in the amount of \$8,150.73 with expenditure to be paid from the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

-----

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the water distribution system at the airport office including two toilets, flush valves, etc. from Ballard Plumbing in the amount of \$9,977.22 with expenditure to be paid out of the RAMP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

-----

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the changes to subdivision rules as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of rules attached and made a part hereof by references.

-----

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve a road boar permit to Meschke's Hoes LLC on Road E in Precinct 1. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

-----

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Raymond would like to purchase a new type of plastic type culverts at a cost of \$1,200.00 for a 40' culvert and put them in a couple of places where there would be some heavy traffic to see if they would hold up. The court doesn't mind him trying it when he does start getting low on his current inventory. He stated the Sunray graders have a recall and Yellow-House will come and get them and do the repairs at no cost to the county. The court asked him to check if Yellow-House is going to provide a loaner while the graders are being repaired. Commissioner Vaughan stated Hartley County is asking the county to give them enough caliche for one mile in exchange for them to take care of a portion of a road that belongs to Moore County. The court suggested that Moore County only provide the caliche up to the Hatley County line. Commissioner Garcia received call in regards to a promise that was made by the former DEDC Director that the county would make Road 6 an all-weather road. The court stated they are under no obligation to fulfill a promise that was not made by the

court. There was some discussion in regards to problems on Starkey Road. Raymond stated his intentions this summer is to make Starkey Road wider.

-----

At 11:16 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Farni that the court enter into Executive Session according to Govt. Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters regarding airport personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

-----

At 11:33 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan that the court reconvene in Open Court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Judge Rhoades certifies to the agenda and stated no action was taken during executive session.

-----

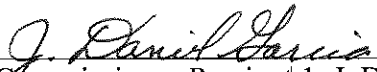
Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the employment of Don Willingham as Airport Manager at a salary of \$60,000.00 per year with an increase every six months for two years based on performance evaluations with a \$75.00 per month clothing allowance and a \$40.00 per month phone allowance effective March 4, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

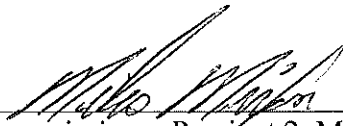
-----

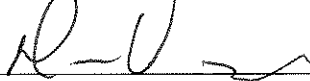
It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.


-----

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTY ST. Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

