

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY APRIL 26, 2021**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021 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; Lynn Cartrite, 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 Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia 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 Cartrite. Motion carried

One Special Handling Presented:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the payment in the amount of \$10,475.87 to Richard Dambold, Visiting Judge for County Court at Law. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Judge Rhoades declared the meeting open for a public hearing at 9:05 A.M. concerning the installation of speed bumps on Peggy Lane. Commissioner Vaughan stated he was approached by several residents that reside on Peggy Lane in regards to the problems with speeding on the road. Judge Rhoades declared the public meeting closed at 9:06 A.M. There was No Public Comment.

Judge Rhoades declared the meeting open for a public hearing at 9:13 A.M. in regards to vacating/abandoning East Road F. Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney stated that Dewey Bain owns North/South and East Road F that goes toward the South. Scott suggested abandoning the entire East Road F and stated there are two property owners on East Road F. Commissioner Cartrite stated East Road F run East & West not North & South. Scott stated the portion of East Road F will require a waiver from Dewey Bain who is the property owner on both sides of East Road F. Commissioner Cartrite stated all letter Roads run East/West and number roads run North/South. Judge Rhoades declared the public meeting closed at 9:14 A.M. There was No Public Comment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the re-appointment of Tom Ferguson and Tom Moore to the Moore County Hospital District's Board with terms to expire in three years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve Rainy Trujillo as Chief Deputy Treasurer with a salary change to \$3,768.01 per month effective April 24, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to accept the bids from LaTrina Gerstberger for Lots 141 and 146 Unit 1 Double Diamond Estates and Lots 184 and 197 Unit 5 Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copies of bids attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Rodeo Arena lease agreement between Moore County and DISD subject to the school's approval of the lease agreement drafted by Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of lease agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the Contract for Assessment and Collection Services with DISD. 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 donate 250 tons of caliche to Dumas Park Board to be used as a road base at Uteley Park with the understanding that the City of Dumas will haul the caliche. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Monica Dodson as a Substitute Librarian for the Moore County Library with a salary of \$10.00 per hour effective May 5, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of a multi display for AVGas tank for the Airport at a cost of \$1,995.00 with a weather cover in the amount of \$195.00 with expenditure to be paid out of the RAMP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of a hot water heater for the Airport Restaurant at a cost of \$8,592.00 with the expenditure to be paid out of the RAMP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the agreement between Lexipool (Police One Academy) for online Dispatcher training at a cost of \$405.00 with expenditure to be paid out of State Funded Training Budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the hiring of a Corrections Officer to replace Kelly Penrod in the Sheriff's Dept. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to accept the letter of resignation to the Juvenile Board from Judge McGee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of letter attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to appoint Jerod Pingelton to the Juvenile Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Samantha Trujillo, Chief Appraiser for the Moore County Appraisal District was present for the update in regards to the Appraisal District Budget. Judge Rhoades stated when a wind farm was sold that their values were lowered by 90%. Due to the values being lowered the county had to reimburse approximately \$64,000.00 and the taxing entities were not notified in regards to lowering the values. When the county was informed, they would have to reimburse their budget was already set. Judge Rhoades stated when something like this happens it has an ongoing effect. Judge Rhoades stated the County Attorney drafted a notice that the entities do not have to accept the Appraisal District's Budget and sent the notice to the Appraisal District. Judge Rhoades attended a meeting with the Appraisal District Board and voiced his concerns how the county and other taxing entities will be affected due to the reimbursements and refunds.

Judge Rhoades stated there was a wind farm sold to Stockyard Winds and the Moore County Appraisal Review Board lowered their value based on the sale price. There were two other counties that the wind farms were in and they did not lower their values. The taxing entities should have been notified in regards to the meeting with Stockyard so they would be aware of what is happening to appraised values. It was stated the Appraisal Review Board was aware that the other counties did not lower their values but chose to lower the Moore County values. Judge Rhoades stated everyone was in agreement that the Appraisal Review Board will need to attend training. The taxing entities had to refund DCP in regards to theirs values being challenged and the Appraisal District agreed to take \$400,000.00 out of their reserves and reimburse each taxing entity half of what they had to refund to DCP. Moore County's portion would be approximately \$153,000.00. Commissioner Vaughan stated getting a reputation of never litigating results in companies getting a mindset that they can oppose their values since they will not get any opposition from the Appraisal District. Commissioner Cartrite asked if the rail cars that are located in Moore County taxed? Samantha stated she would contact P&A and ask if Moore County can collect taxes on the rail cars.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to place a Not County Maintained sign on Cara Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Dallas will hire three part-time summer help; two for Dumas and one for Sunray. Dallas stated he visited with TxDot in regards to getting a low water cement crossing at the intersection of FM119 and Road D. Dallas stated he is down to 14 employees and asked if hiring a new employee needs to be placed on hold. Commissioner Garcia stated he would like to hold off and try to re-coop some of the funds paid out in the last few weeks. He stated they paid out approximately \$42,000.00. Commissioner Cartrite stated they have got to keep the maintainers going and maintaining roads.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the employment of Justin Coaly as a truck driver with a salary of \$24.35 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for two years

effective May 3, 2021 with a probation period of 90 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to advertise for a truck driver position in Sunray. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the permit from Down & Dirty Ditching on North County Line Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.


At 9:22 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the court enter into executive session according to Govt. Code 551.072 to discuss Moore County and Amarillo College Leases and Lease Extension. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughn. Motion carried.

At 9:33 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan that the court enter into open meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

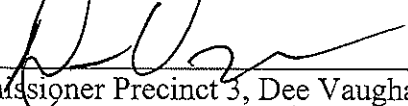
Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the current lease extension between Moore County and Amarillo College to June 30, 2021 for both tracts of land. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of lease extension attached and made a part hereof by references.

It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon 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.



Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia



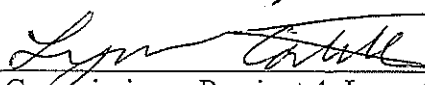
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

