

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS  
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021 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; 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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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2021 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 26, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Commissioner Mixon "Abstained" on the minutes of July 12, 2021.

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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 Garcia. Motion carried

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There were two bills presented for Special Handling;  
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment to Judge Richard Dambold, Visiting Judge for County Court at Law in the amount of \$2,938.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment to James Allen, County Auditor in the amount of \$3,425.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated August 9, 2021 as presented by James Allen, County Auditor, and the County Treasurer's Report of Cash Disbursements of the same date and duly recorded in the Commissioners Court Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copies of the Report and Temporary Cash Investments are attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Josh Butler appeared before the court to present the insurance renewal rate from United Healthcare. He stated there would be a 23% renewal rate if the benefits were to remain the same as the current benefits. He presented two recommendations with changing the co-pay plan for specialty drugs with co-pays being \$70.00/\$150.00/\$500.00. The people who are taking the specialty drugs can apply for a co-pay assistance program and it would bring their co-pay down to \$5.00. He also reported that CVS will be removed from the network of pharmacies. Plan #1

would be co-pays for regular drugs will be \$10.00/\$45.00/\$80.00 and remove CVS from the pharmacy network. He stated plan #1 reduces the cost down to an increase of approximately 9%. Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to adopt Recommendation #1 for the healthcare/employee benefits proposal from Butler Benefits. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Vaughan and Commissioner Cartrite Voted "NO". Judge Rhoades Voted "YES". Motion carried. Copy of recommendations attached and made a part hereof by reference.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the sublease agreement as presented by Scott Higginbotham between Moore County and the Cowboy Classic Rodo Association. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of Agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to propose a tax rate of 0.5444 for 2021 for Moore County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Commissioner Garcia and Commissioner Cartrite Voted "NO". Judge Rhoades Voted "NO". Motion failed.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to propose the 2021 Voter-Approval Tax Rate of 0.550001. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Mixon Voted "NO". Motion carried. Copy of tax rates attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to propose the 2021 tax rate for Amarillo College Dumas Branch Campus as .05 per \$100.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the renewal contract with Recovery Healthcare for SCRAM and GPS devices. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of a message board for EOC vehicles in the amount of \$2,090.00 with expenditure to be paid out of Capital Outlay and Auto Expense in the current budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of invoice attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the purchase of a vaccine refrigerator and generator for Moore County Public Health Authority in the amount of \$18,848.00 contingent on the approval of using the American Rescue Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of invoice attached and made a part hereof by references.

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There were three bids received for the HVAC system for the EOC. Bids received were from West Texas Heating & Air in the amount of \$7,470.00; Grace Heating & Air in the amount of \$7,600.00; Winkelman Heating & Air in the amount of \$9,132.73. Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the bid from West Texas Heating & Air in the amount of \$7,470.00 for the HVAC system for the EOC to be paid from the American Rescue Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of bids attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the replacement of a payroll clerk in the Treasurer's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the Order of Election for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of Order attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to table the Resolution for the 2022-2023 Appraisal District Board of Directors until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the bid from Lunday Remodeling in the amount of \$3,500.00 to re-tile the hallway at the Community Building with expenditure to be paid from surplus funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

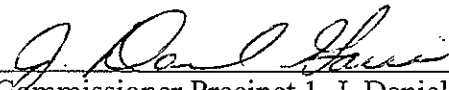
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Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. He stated they have completed the seal coat projects except for Road D and continuing to patch roads as needed. He stated they have pulled a cattle guard on East Road Q and re-levelled it. He stated he would like to purchase a 20' shredder for the Sunray Barn and trade in a tractor and the current shredder. Dallas visited with Blake Tate from TxDot in regards to the placement of the engine brake signs on FM2259 and Blake stated it becomes an enforcement issue after the sign was installed. There was some discussion in regards to the road projects that will need to be done in regards to a new business coming to Moore County. It was discussed it would cost approximately \$100,000.00 per mile to re-build and seal coat a road. It was stated on Road 8 there is approximately 7 miles of road and Road G there is approximately 4 miles with the possibility of Buddy Cline Road that would need to be re-built for a future business coming to Moore County. Commissioner Vaughan received a call from Shawn Gillespie in regards to some land that Kim Watson would like to sell but in order to sell they would need to be assured the future land owners would have access to their property. The road that is used now is partially on county property and Frische property. Commissioner Vaughan asked Pat Frische if he would be interested in giving a permanent easement for the use of the road and he said he would not. Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney suggested that a survey of the properties be done to see exactly where the current road is at with the cost to be paid for by the land developer. Commissioner Vaughan will pursue getting a survey and report back to the court.

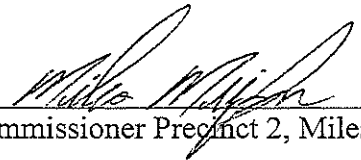
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During budget work session James Allen presented the third draft of the budget with changes as requested. He stated this draft has the hangar taken out of the budget and with an increase of 18% for the insurance. The insurance increase was approximately 10% and the court added \$12,000.00 for a supplement for the District Judge salary. James will make the necessary changes and report back at the next meeting.

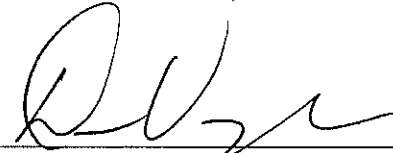
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It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.


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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.

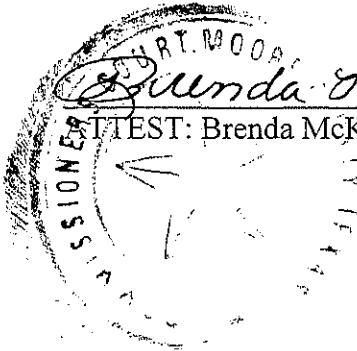
  
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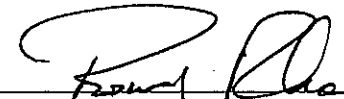
  
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County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades