

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020 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; J. 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.

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

During routine announcements and reports Judge Rhoades introduced his new Administrative Assistant, Ruth Torres.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 29, 2020, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Motion was amended by Commissioner Cartrite to amend the motion and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 29, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan "Abstained".

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated August 10, 2020 as presented by James Allen, County Auditor, and the County Treasurer's Report of Cash Disbursements of the same date be approved and duly recorded in the Commissioner's Court Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copies of the Report and the Temporary Cash Investments are attached and made a part hereof by references.

Milton Pax and Mike Salim were present to request some assistance from the County to help with the dirt work and possibly some caliche for a road at the Moore County Resource Center located on 19th Street. This center is a non-profit organization that will house entities that will provide assistance to the needy citizens of Moore County. Mr. Pax stated they are needing a road cut between the eight lots which will be four on each side of the center. They are also required to make a turn around to meet the fire department guidelines for the fire truck in the event of a fire at the center. Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney inquired about a written plan and a vision statement for the Moore County Resource Center. The court suggested Mr. Pax meet with the County Attorney and develop an agreement and ask for some guidelines from the City of Dumas in regards their street guidelines. There was a representative from Panhandle

Community Services that joined the meeting through Zoom. He stated they are currently renting a building but are at a point where they would like to own their own building at the Resource Center. He stated they are in the position to fund a portion of the cost of the street but can't pay for the entire street. He did state he is working with a paving company that possibly would be willing to help with the street project. Mr. Pax will meet with Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney and develop a plan and report back to the court at a later time.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of equipment to meet Election Security Compliance in the County Clerk's office and approve the Election Security Compliance Policies as presented by Clint Glazner, IT Specialist with the cost of the equipment to be paid from the County Clerk's Election budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of policies and invoice attached and made a part hereof by references.

Josh Butler, President of Butler Benefits & Consulting was present in regards to plans for the health insurance. Commissioner Mixon stated he had some questions and went and visited with Josh and felt good about the change. There were some concerns in regards to a change in insurance coverage. Commissioner Vaughan asked what the coverage would be if the insured went to a facility that was out of network and it was stated there is no coverage for out of network unless it is an emergency situation. Commissioner Vaughan stated he is not interested in a policy that the insured would not have any coverage if they went to a facility that was out of network. Commissioner Garcia is concerned about the employees having trouble with the change. Pam Cox, Treasurer stated there will be a few problems at first. Josh stated the employees need to feel like the court is doing something for them and not something to them. Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to take "No Action" on insurance carrier and plans for health insurance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Commissions Mixon and Judge Rhoades Voted "NO".

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of a computer for the District Clerk's office in the amount of \$1,321.96 with the expenditure to be paid from the District Clerk's Records Management Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of face masks for employees in the amount of \$1,820.00 with expenditure to paid from the CRF Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the renewal contract with Recovery Healthcare. 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 accept the bid from Jaret and Angela Marquez in the amount of \$200.00 for the purchase of Lot 290 Unit 6 Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to enforce the Nuisance Abatement Policy in regards to abandoned mobile homes located in Fritch at the following locations: Lot 32 Unit 7 Double Diamond Estates 32 Debra Lane, Fritch; Lot 353 Unit 6 Double Diamond Estates 305 Tom May Lane Fritch; Lots 9-11 Unit 4 Double Diamond Estates 211 Don Mitchell Fritch; Lot 350 Unit 6 Double Diamond Estates 230 Tom May Lane Fritch. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve designating the old furniture from the pilot's lounge at the airport as surplus. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the donation of the surplus office furniture to Dumas Independent School District. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of two desks for the jail in the amount of \$1,481.99 with expenditure to be paid from SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the purchase of a van to be used as a COVID transport vehicle for the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$27,308.86 with expenditure to be paid from CARES grant money. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Correspondence from the Texas Division Emergency Services attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the purchase of a Polaris UTV for the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$41,428.17 with expenditure to be paid from the Firehouse sub-grant which is a no match grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of invoice attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the appointment of Michael Running to the Rodeo Arena Board to replace Paul Jenkins. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the General and No Litigation Certificate required by the Attorney General in connection with Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation Revenue Bonds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of certificate attached and made a part hereof by references.

Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney was present and he stated Chris Jones, a resident on Lena Lane presented him with a semi complete petition in regards to placing speed bumps on Lena

Lane. He contacted Mr. Jones to get the additional information. Once Scott receives the required information, he can then submit the information to TX Dot. Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to table setting a date and time for a public hearing on speed bumps on Lena Lane until they are ready to move forward. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

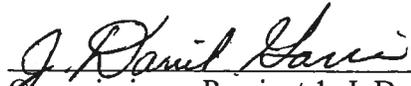
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to accept the caliche contract with Tommy and Valerie Cartrite as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Commissioner Cartrite "Abstained." Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Dallas stated they are finishing their seal coat projects and working on Road E with the bleeding issues. Dallas stated several farmers have contacted him in regards to cutting fire guards. He understood that a burn ban needed to be in place in order to cut fire guards. Commissioner Cartrite stated he did not think it was a requirement for the burn ban to be in effect in order to cut fire guards Dallas was instructed to cut the fire guards if the proper forms were presented without a burn ban in place. Dallas asked the court if they did do the project for the Moore County Resource Center will they just be responsible to haul the caliche and spread it. Judge Rhoades stated the engineers would do the prep work for the street.

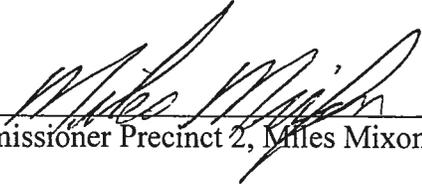
James Allen, County Auditor was present for the budget workshop. He presented the changes from the previous meeting; decreased two employees at the Road & Bridge Dept. removed one pickup from the Road & Bridge Dept. set aside \$115,000.00 for the repayment of the Ad Val taxes. He stated he has received some additional changes but did not receive them in time to get the changes made. Judge Rhoades stated the City of Dumas cut their portion of the EOC budget without notifying the county. Judge Rhodes will continue to advocate with the City of Dumas in regards to the budget cuts. James was instructed to make the additional changes and report back at the next meeting.

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.

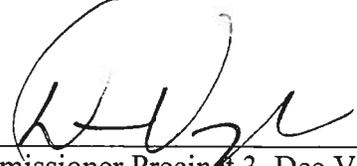
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.



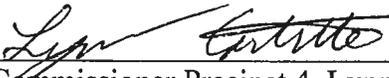
Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia



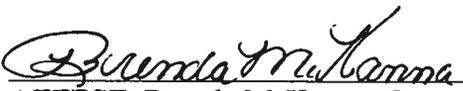
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades