

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 31ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 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:

During routine announcements and reports Judge Rhoades stated he has lifted the burn ban effective July 20, 2020. Copy of order attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Josh Butler, President of Butler Benefits & Consulting presented a proposal for Healthcare Benefits. He stated he conducted a market check and compared costs from multi carriers. Josh proposed dual options with a co-pay option saving the county approximately \$255,396.00 and the Health Savings Account option with a savings of approximately \$709,800.00. He stated the county could opt to put \$4,000.00 into a health saving account for each employee if they chose to do so with the savings. Josh stated the medical max out of pocket expense is \$4,000.00 and the prescription out of pocket is an additional \$1,000.00. Josh stated that claims determine the cost of insurance and also stated he not only sells insurance but they also manage risk to help keep the price of insurance down. Commissioner Cartrite asked if the insured would have to change doctors if they chose to go with United Healthcare. Josh stated United Healthcare Choice Plus Network is the largest PPO network in the country. He stated any wellness visits would be paid at 100% if they are coded as wellness visits. Commissioner Vaughan asked if the insurance company would dictate where an employee would have to have surgery. Josh stated they are creating other options for employees and managing risk to save the county money. Judge Rhoades asked if the county decides to change what the timeline would be and the open enrollment process. Kathy Davenport with TAC was present and the court asked her why TAC never offered different options and she sated it was because Moore County wanted to stay with the Grandfather option. She stated there is no reason for the county to stay with the Grandfather plan. TAC stated they would need a 30-day notice if the county chooses to change and the court would need to have the County Attorney review the RFP to make sure the contract is within the Local Govt. Code. Josh stated his fee would be \$87,110.04 annually and the savings he presented to the county includes his fee. Copy of presentation and compensation fees attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to table any action on Request for Proposal for Healthcare Consultant until the budget work session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Commissioner Cartrite voted "NO". Copies of insurance information attached and made a part hereof by references.

Mike Running appeared on behalf of amending the contract for the Rodeo Arena. Cowboy Classic will be conducting a rodeo in August and they would like to sell alcohol at the event. The current contract does not allow alcohol to be on the premises. Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney stated he has visited with the school attorney in regards to Cowboy Classic obtaining a temporary permit from TABC. Scott re-drafted the original agreement and left August open for Cowboy Classic to lease the arena so the county would be removed from any rodeo liability injuries or any alcohol liabilities during the month of August. He stated he visited with TABC and the alcohol permit would have to be issued in the name of the land owner which is Dumas Independent School District and the school would not be in favor of allowing a temporary permit. Mike Running stated he will visit with the school to ask the school to waive their policy in regards to no alcohol on school property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to amend the Rodeo Arena contract in agreement with Dumas Independent School District's decision if they chose to waive the ban against alcohol. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of amended draft attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to allow Judge Rhoades to sign the extension date on the lease contract to November 1, 2020 with Amarillo College on Tracts 1 & 2. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of extension lease attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of plexiglass barriers for Justice of Peace Precinct 1 at a cost of \$605.00 with expenditure to be paid from COVID funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of invoice attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to accept Certified Values as presented by the Moore County Appraisal District. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Certified Values attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve COVID related expenses previously approved by the court as of July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$8,033.08 to be paid from CRF Fund and transfer the \$8,033.08 from the previous expenses to the COVID CRF Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of expenses attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to accept the bid from Jarrod and La Trina Gerstberger in the amount of \$440.00 for Lot 217 Unit 8A Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to accept the bid from Jarrod and La Trina Gerstberger in the amount of \$250.00 for Lot 187 Unit 8A Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to accept the bid from Jarrod and La Trina Gerstberger in the amount of \$250.00 for W/Pt Lot 228 Unit 8A Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

Commissioner Mixon to accept the bid from Jarrod and La Trina Gerstberger in the amount of \$100.00 for W/Pt Lot 230 Unit 8A Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the replacement of a Tax Office employee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan voted "NO".

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the \$10.00 optional fee for 2021 for vehicle registration in the Tax Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of letter from Texas Department of Motor Vehicles attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the purchase of a laptop for the Sheriff's Dept. to be used for tele-court proceedings at a cost of \$2,482.99 with expenditure to paid from the Commissary Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the re-appointment of Janis Robinson to the Texas Panhandle Centers Board of Trustees for a two-year term to expire August 31, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to designate Brenda McKanna, County Clerk as officer responsible for election administration. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the request from Allison & Bass for information and documentation to prepare for the 2020 redistricting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of documentation attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Ruth Torres, Administrative Assistant to County Judge effective August 10, 2020 with a starting salary of \$3,488.81 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve MSHA Annual Refresher with Gale Tipton at a cost of \$2,500.00 with expenditure to paid from Road & Bridge Miscellaneous budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Dallas stated they are finishing the seal coat projects. They are going to repair potholes, take care of culverts and take care of some drainage issues they have. Commissioner Vaughan stated he has been contacted by some of the residents on Lena Lane in regards to speed issues. The residents would like to have speed bumps placed on Lena Lane. There will have to be a public hearing and place the notice in the newspaper according to the guidelines and obtain permission from TxDot.


James Allen, County Auditor was present for the budget hearing. James presented the 2020 tax rate, 2021 effective tax rate and the 2021 roll back rate. James stated he moved 80% of seal coat budget out of general budget and moved the expenditure to the Grant Fund and removed mower out of Building & Maintenance budget. During the budget work session, it was decided to eliminate the two vacant positions at the Road & Bridge Dept; remove one pickup from the Road & Bridge Dept. budget. James was directed to make the changes and report back at the next meeting. Copy of tax rates 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



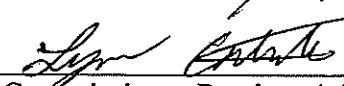
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades