

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 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 the court agreed to allow Deborah Skinner, Librarian to go ahead and replace the custodian in Cactus with the start date of August 25, 2020.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 31, 2020, Special Called Meeting of August 10, 2020 and Special Meeting of August 13, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. 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

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Moore County and Moore County Resource Center with the removal of all of the quotes "To Spec" in clauses A-E in regards to the county assisting in excavating the property located on 19th Street. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of Agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

There were two bids presented for building a sidewalk around the airport office building. Bids received were from Carbajal Construction in the amount of \$1,200.00 and from Bice Construction in the amount of \$1,200.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to accept the bid from Carbajal Construction in the amount of \$1,200.00 to building a sidewalk around the airport office building with the expenditure to be paid out of the RAMP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of bids attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the 2021 Sheriff's Fees as presented with the fees to remain the same as the current fees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Sheriff Fees attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of an alarm system from IdeaCom for the Sheriff's Dept. at a cost of \$2,681.00 with expenditure to be paid from Sheriff's Building Maintenance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of quote attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of ammunition for the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$1,758.40 with expenditure to be paid from Deputy Supply funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of duty gear for the Sheriff's Dept. Emergency Response Team in the amount of \$1,410.00 with expenditure to be paid from Critical Response funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Amarillo College wishes to propose a 2020 tax rate of \$0.050000/\$100. The proposed Maintenance and Operation rate being \$0.050000/\$100 with no Debt Rate, which is effectively a -2.05% increase in the tax rate. The -2.05% is the percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the No New Revenue Tax Rate. For 2019 the tax rate for Amarillo College was \$0.050000/\$100, the total tax revenue was \$1,112,759. The total tax revenue to be raised this year as the proposed rate of \$0.050000/\$100 is \$1,091,658.94 an increase of -\$21,099.99 over the 2019 tax revenue. The average homestead value in 2019 was \$96,693.00 and the average homestead value for 2020 is \$98,257.00. Adoption of the proposed rate of \$0.050000/\$100 will result in an increase of \$0.78 on the average homestead for 2020.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to move that Amarillo College Moore County Campus proposes a total tax rate of \$.05/\$100 with \$.05/\$100 for Maintenance and Operations with no Debt Service. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughn. Motion carried. Copy of proposed tax rate attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Felicia Flint as a Deputy Tax Assessor effective September 1, 2020 with a starting salary of \$3,288.81 per month with a \$50.00 per month increase every six months for two years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the payment of \$2,689.12 to Chris Rivera for un-used vacation and comp time. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Order Appointing Election Officials as presented by Brenda McKanna, County Clerk. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of Order Appointing attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of a computer for the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$1,599.99 with the expenditure to be paid from the County Clerk's Records Management Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of invoice attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve a lease contract with Ricoh for a copier located in the County Clerk's Office for a period of 60 months. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve replacing one full-time employee in the County Clerk's Office and replacing one full-time employee with a part-time employee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the additional payment of \$178.00 to Glass Tech for sneeze guards in the District and County Clerk's Office with expenditure to paid from CRF Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to change the policy manual to read as to include retirees to receive \$2,000.00 per year if they choose to go with the Health Savings Account and any HSA contributions that are paid for retirees by the county must be approved by the Commissioner Court during the annual renewal period. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of changes attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to table the Consulting Agreement with Butler Benefits for Healthcare Consultant until a new contract is presented by the County Attorney. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to disperse gift to Carolyn Moore and allow her to donate the walk work station to the county. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to instate a burn ban effective August 24, 2020 with the stipulation that Judge Rhoades can lift the burn ban at his discretion. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of burn ban attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Air-Med Agreement at the cost of \$60.00 per employee annually. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the 69th District Attorney contract with Panhandle Auto Burglary Theft Unit. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

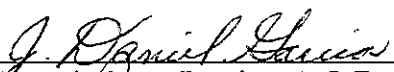
Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Dallas stated they are mowing, patching potholes and will start cutting fire guards as requested. They have some drainage issues on a portion of Road E with Texas Northwestern RR. He stated their yard is holding water and they are sending the water out to the ditch and it is running east of the tracks. Dallas stated they may have to install a bigger culvert due to the fact that the county can't dig the ditch any deeper because of fiber optic cable in the ditch.

James Allen, County Auditor was present for the budget hearing. James presented two separate budgets; one with the effective tax rate and one with the current tax rate. It was stated the net savings to the county for the new insurance is \$261,738.54. There was some discussion in regards to increasing the tax rate by .05 which would allow the county to have a \$66,000.00 surplus. If the county keeps the current tax rate the surplus will be \$47,280.00 and a cost of living increase for the retirees would cost the county \$154,803.96 and there would be no way of providing a cost of living increase for the retirees without making additional cuts or increasing the tax rate. There was some discussion in regards to the request from Dumas Little League and it was stated the city has a way of recovering their cost if they assist with the project through hotel tax and sales taxes when people come into town to participate in the tournaments. Commissioner Vaughan stated in the past the city has always helped with the youth sports activities and the county provides libraries, airport, community building and 4-H. The court directed James to add a 2% salary increase for all employees and keep the current tax rate and report back to the court at the next meeting.

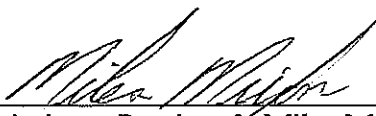
Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to propose a tax rate of 0.5444 and approving a 2% cost of living increase for all employees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Commissioners Garcia and Cartrite Voted "No" Judge Rhoades Voted "Yes" to break the tie. Motion carried.

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.



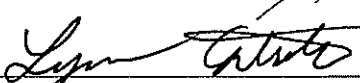
Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia



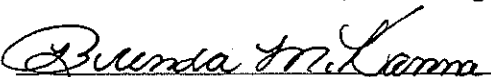
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades