

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Carl Watson from the Chamber of Commerce thanked the court for the use of the facilities for the first annual Ears & Beers event.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 24, 2020 as presented. 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 hereby directed to issue warrant-checks thereof. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried

There was one bill presented for Special Handling:
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment to Elite Technologies in the amount of \$8,749.00 for the 365 migration of emails. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated September 14, 2020 as presented by James Allen, County Auditor, be approved 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 Cartrite. Motion carried. Copies of the Report and the Temporary Cash Investments are attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve entering into a memorandum of agreement with Moore County Resource Center in regards to building a road off of 19th Street called Hope Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Memorandum attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to set a public hearing on September 28, 2020 for speed bumps on Lena Lane. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

There was some discussion in regards to the negotiating a Consulting Agreement with Butler Benefits for Healthcare Consultant. Commissioner Vaughan does not want to be locked in for two years and he would like to go to a bid system and not have a consultant after this year. He believes that is what the Commissioners are paid for and believes they could sit down and compare bids for insurance instead of paying a consultant to do this for them. Commissioner Cartrite was in agreement with Commissioner Vaughan.

Motion was made by Judge Rhoades to accept the Consulting Agreement as presented by Butler Benefits for a Healthcare Consultant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Judge Rhoades, Commissioners Mixon and Garcia Voted "YES" with Commissioner Cartrite and Vaughan Voted "NO". Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of a new computer for Justice of Peace Pct. 1 in the amount of \$1,599.99 with expenditure to paid out of Justice of Peace Travel Funds. 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 the purchase of a new computer for Justice of Peace Pct. 2 in the amount of \$1,599.99 with expenditure to paid out of Justice of Peace Travel Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of invoice attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of temperature scanning kiosk for the Moore County Jail in the amount of \$4,000.00 which includes additional training and Elite Technologies to run a cable for the kiosk with expenditure to paid out of Covid Relief 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 Garcia to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program. (RAMP Grant) with the county's portion being \$50,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of grant attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Airport Project Participation Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to allow Chris Rivera, Tax Assessor to contact Perdue & Brandon and ask them to draft a letter to tax payers and explain the error in regards to the former Tax Assessor waiving the attorney fees without the authority to do so and send an invoice to the tax payer for their portion of the attorney fee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of total attorney fees due in the amount of \$11,451.49 attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve transferring budgeted line items for the Tax Office to cover the balance of the appraisal costs for 2019 in the amount of \$8,858.20. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of spread sheet showing what funds can be used to pay the balance due for appraisal cost attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of a Swingline Shredder for the Tax Office in the amount of \$865.99 with funds that were budgeted in office supply line item. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the Contract for Elections Services and Joint Election Agreements between Moore County Clerk/Elections Official and Sunray ISD, City of Sunray, City of Cactus, City of Fritch and Sanford Fritch ISD for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of contacts and agreements attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of electronic sanitizer dispensers and sanitizer for polling locations for the November 3, 2020 elections with expenditure to paid from HAVA Cares Act. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of invoice attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Hunter Fithen as a Deputy in the Sheriff's Dept. effective August 25, 2020 with a starting salary of \$24.81 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a \$100.00 monthly clothing allowance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Bailey Lancaster as a dispatcher for the Sheriff's Dept. effective September 8, 2020 with a starting salary of \$20.92 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a \$50.00 monthly clothing allowance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of a new entry door to the squad room in the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$1,521.00 with expenditure to be paid from Capital Improvements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the sale of a bullet proof vest from Moore County Sheriff's Dept. to Rising Star Police Department with proceeds from the sale to be used to purchase a new bullet proof vest for the Moore County Sheriff's Dept. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve Road & Bridge Dept. repairing pot holes in the Sheriff's Dept. parking lot. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the Agreement for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service.(SAVNS) Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Resolution for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service.(SAVNS) Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the reappointment of Charles Gill to represent the Western Region of the Panhandle as a Texas Panhandle MHMR board member for a two-year term to expire October 31, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Annual Report attached and made a part hereof by references.

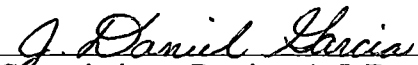
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve Down and Dirty Ditching to cut roads in Precinct 1: Buddy Klein Road, West Road G and North County Line Road-South of Road 6. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of permits attached and made a part hereof by references.

Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor presented an update on the department. Dallas stated they started on Hope Road for the Moore County Resource Center and if they have to seal coat, they will need a variance from the City of Dumas. Dallas stated they have a tractor in the shop and the cost of repairs are approximately \$16,000.00, some of the graders need new tires, and they are cutting fire guards when requested. Dallas has visited with Texas Northwestern RR and they are wanting to move culverts to the north which would be on their property. Commissioner Cartrite suggested making a bridge instead of putting a culvert on their property. Dallas will visit with them in regards to a bridge versus moving culverts. Dallas has ordered the Engine Brakes Prohibited Signs and he stated Tx Dot will install them but the county would be responsible for the maintenance of the signs. Commissioner Cartrite asked Dallas for keys to the caliche pit for his road hands in Sunray. Commissioner Cartrite has someone that is interested in purchasing the John Deere tractor at the Sunray Barn that the motor is locked down . The court will need to declare it salvage and put it out for bid.

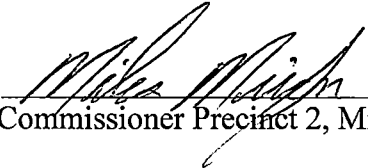
James Allen, County Auditor was present for the budget workshop. James presented adjustments to the budget with the new insurance cost and a 2% cost of living increase for employees. James stated the final savings for the new insurance is \$224,074.00. He stated the Treasurer cut her budget by \$10,000.00 since she will not be getting her new software this year and the Appraisal District Budget cost for the next budget will be \$227,528.00 which is an increase from last year. James was directed to make the final changes and report back at the next budget hearing.

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.

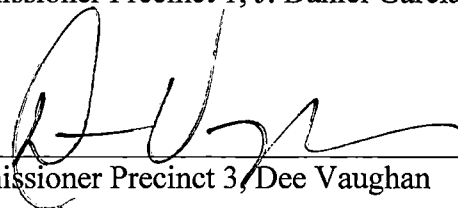
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.



Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia



Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



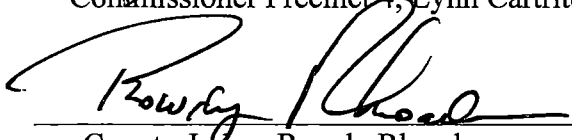
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades