

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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:

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Judge Rhoades opened the meeting for a public hearing at 9:03 A.M. in regards to placing speed bumps on Lena Lane. Commissioner Vaughan stated several of the residents signed a petition that was sent to TxDot asking for the speed bumps on Lena Lane. Judge Rhoades closed the public hearing at 9:05 A.M. Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to install speed bumps on Lena Lane. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

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 Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve a Non-Exclusive and Service Agreement between LGS and Justice of Peace Pct. 1 and Justice of Peace Pct. 2. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney discussed the lease agreement between Moore County and Amarillo College that was signed in 1999. He stated the existing agreement was set to expire in 2020. On March 14, 2011 there was a lease agreement signed with Amarillo College for the vacant lot located west of the Amarillo College Campus. Chris Sharp, Representative from Amarillo College stated they have no use for the property. Judge Rhoades and Commissioner Mixon will meet with the Amarillo College Board of Regents and if they elect not to extend the lease agreement on the vacant lot they will set up a meeting with the other entities to see if they have a use for the lot and if not the court will go out for bid for the property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to pay Rhonda Ollinger 150 hours of un-used vacation time in the amount of \$3,453.00 and accept the resolution from David Green, District Attorney to use asset seizure funds to pay Rhonda 266.25 hours of comp time in the amount of \$6,129.08. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of a Badgepass Intelligent Door Controller to replace the current key code lock on the east door of the Sheriff's Dept. squad room at a cost of \$2,954.99 with expenditure to be paid from employee wages line item. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of a Badgepass Intelligent Door Controller for the Emergency Management office at a cost of \$1,233.00 with expenditure to be paid from the volunteer account. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the hiring of a replacement Deputy to take the place of Chad Goldston who resigned September 2, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$26.35 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a \$100.00 monthly clothing allowance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the promotion of John Fisher from Deputy to Patrol Sergeant at an hourly rate of \$27.69 with a county phone allowance effective October 31, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Kelly Penrod as a corrections officer effective September 2, 2020 with a starting salary of \$21.76 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a \$100.00 monthly clothing allowance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of a 2021 Tahoe for the Sheriff's Dept. with \$30,000.00 to be moved from the defender supply and out of county housing with the remainder of the cost to be paid from the insurance check on a recently wrecked patrol vehicle. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of a 10x20 canopy for the Sheriff's Dept. at a cost of \$1,378.00 with expenditure to be paid from other supplies budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of a floor buffer for the Sheriff's Dept. at a cost of \$1,205.28 with expenditure to be paid from jail maintenance fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve a salary increase for Erica Venzor, Sheriff's Dept. Office Manager to \$3,768.01 per month effective September 24, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the appointment of Kalina Hill and Tammie Fry to the Library Board for three-year terms. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of 3 External Ballot Activation Printers to be used in the November 3, 2020 election in precincts with multiple ballot styles due to the cancellation of the May 2020 election with expenditure to be paid from the HAVA Cares Act Fund at a cost of \$2,206.33. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Dallas stated they are finishing up on Hope Road for the Moore County Resource Center and will order speed bumps for Lena Lane. Commissioner Garcia asked Dallas if everyone was good on their comp time and wanted to make sure no-one was over their 120 hours. Dallas stated he thought everyone was under but might be a few a little over but he would monitor it to make sure they don't go over. Commissioner Cartrite stated TxDot sent a letter in regards to a Missing Load Posting Sign on the bridge located at Lew Haile Road @ Fort Hay Creek. The letter stated TxDot has provided the replacement signs and need to be placed at the bridge. Copy of letter attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of 8 grader tires at an approximate cost of \$10,015.20 with expenditure to be paid from funds moved from fuel budget line item. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to declare the list of equipment as presented by Dallas Green as salvage which includes a tractor located at Sunray Road & Bridge Barn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to amend his motion to accept the list as presented with the exception of the poly patch machine. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of list attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the ADCR rate of 12.40% with the Texas County & District Retirement System. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of proposed plans attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve a 2% salary increase for all full-time and part-time employees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve a salary increase for the District Judge's Court Coordinator in the amount of \$150.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to amend the 2019-2020 budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of amendments on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Cartrite stated he would like to adopt the effective tax rate. He feels like due to unfunded mandates plus the unforeseen the county will suffer. If the county stays with the same rate and generates less money than last year the county is going backwards and he feels like once you reach that point it is harder to catch up.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to adopt the 2020-2021 budget for Moore County as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Commissioners Garcia and Cartrite Voted "No" with Judge Rhoades Voting "Yes" to break the tie. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to adopt the 2020 tax rate of \$0.54400/\$100 which is effectively a -2.05% increase in the tax rate. The tax rate is detailed as follows: General Fund \$459200/\$100; FC&LR \$.069912/\$100; Special Roads \$006900/\$100; Debt(I&S) \$008388/\$100. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Commissioners Garcia and Cartrite Voted "No" with Judge Rhoades Voting "Yes" to break the tie. Motion carried. Copy of tax rate attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite that Amarillo College Moore County Campus adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.05/\$100, with \$.05/\$100 for Maintenance and Operations with no Debt Service. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of tax rate 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.

J. Daniel Garcia
Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia

-Absent-
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

Brenda McKanna
ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

Miles Mixon
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

Lynn Cartrite
Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite

Rowdy Rhoades
County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

