

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 12TH DAY OF JULY, 2021 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; Daniel Garcia, Commissioner Precinct 1; 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:

Commissioner Mixon was absent from the meeting.

During routine announcements and reports Commissioner Cartrite presented his Certificate of Participation from West Texas Association of Judges and Commissioners. Copy of Certificate attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 28, 2021. 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 Garcia. Motion carried

There were three bills presented for Special Handling;
Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the payment to Judge Richard Dambold, Visiting Judge for County Court at Law in the amount of \$7,626.75; Judge John Board in the amount of \$1,442.68; Judge William Sowder in the amount of \$910.62. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated June 28, 2021 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 Commissioners Court Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copies of the Report and Temporary Cash Investments are attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to commit \$2.5 million to Broadband Infrastructure plans as presented by Plains Internet. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to withdraw motion to commit \$2.5 million to Broadband Infrastructure. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to commit \$2 million to Broadband Infrastructure as presented by Plains Internet with the funding to be paid from the American Rescue Funds with \$1 million to be paid in the current year and \$1 million to be paid in the next budget year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of proposal and Letter of Confirmation from CTC Technology & Energy attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the Assessment & Collection Contract with Sunray Indep. School District. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Contract attached & made a part hereof by references.

Brandon Jones, Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff presented a report in regards to the Sheriff's Department vehicles. He would like to earmark any funds they might have left from out of county housing to purchase vehicles. He has two 2016 pickups that had several repairs to them in the last few months.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to allow the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's Dept. with the possibility of funding the vehicle with un-used funds from Out of County Housing budget remaining at the end of the budget year, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Gabriel Garcia as a Corrections Officer effective July 12, 2021 with a starting salary of \$22.22 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a \$100.00 per month clothing allowance, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the salary of Jerod Pingelton, County Court at Law Judge in the amount of \$7,854.00 per month plus \$7,000.00 per month state supplement effective July 1, 2021 and approve the bond for Jerod Pingelton in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Bond on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve Down & Dirty Ditching's permit for a road boar on Cactus Feeders Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve Green Gas Company's permit to cross West Road D in Precinct 1. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made at hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve Green Gas Company's permit to cross West Road G in Precinct 1. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made at hereof by references.

Commissioner Cartrite reviewed the questionnaire that was presented by Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney in regards to the Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement on Co. Road D in Precinct 4. Commissioner Cartrite stated that 2 loads of crushed caliche has been delivered to Sec. 35 which is not a location named in the Memorandum and he is the one who

authorized the delivery. He stated it was done to trade caliche for water. He stated that 26 loads of caliche have been provided to the three locations and did not know the amount of water used by Moore County. He stated that at this point no county equipment has been used to cut a road or spread caliche on any property that is not listed in the Memorandum of Agreement. He stated that no county equipment, resources or personnel has been used for anything other than delivering crushed caliche or obtaining water. He stated that the Sunray Road & Bridge personnel will provide time sheets and equipment logs for hours/time spent in support of the Interlocal Agreement if they are asked to provide the information. He will ask the personnel at Sunray to keep logs & hours of all time, miles, loads and equipment used in support of the Interlocal Agreement with Need It More and turn in logs weekly to the County Judge. The Court suggested that everything is documented in regards to Road D. Copy of questions from County Attorney attached and made apart hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Tim Ollinger as a truck driver for the Road & Bridge Dept. effective July 12, 2021 with a starting salary of \$24.35 per hour with a .50 increase per hour every six months for two years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the employment of Garette Chisolm \$9.50 per hour effective July 12, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissions Garcia. Motion carried.

Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Commissioner Garcia asked if the stop sign was up on Road G & Starkey and Dallas stated it was. Commissioner Cartrite reported that Mike Yanke has acquired a section of land on County Road 29 and has broken it out and drilled irrigation wells on it. He stated Road 29 is now flooded out due to the run-off. They were working on the ditches and crushed the culvert and he told Mr. Yanke to go ahead and put a culvert in. Commissioner Cartrite asked Dallas to replace the culvert that Mr. Yanke had to use. Dallas stated he will utilize the crew he currently has and will not fill the open position at this time but he will leave the position in the budget. The court directed Dallas to hire someone if they apply for the Sunray position. Dallas stated he will use Tim Ollinger to help in Sunray as needed until the Sunray position is filled.

During budget work session James Allen presented the first draft of the budget but has no tax rates to present at this time. James reported the County is not eligible for American Rescue Funds in regards to the loss of revenue. The Elected Officials and Department Heads appeared before the court to present their budget requests. Copy of ARPA Revenue Replacement Calculations 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 Vaughan to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

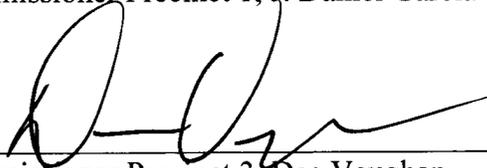
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.



Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia

“ABSTAINED”

Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



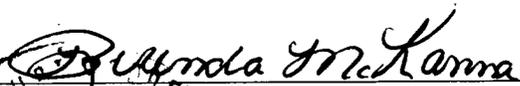
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

