

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 there came on to be held a Special Called Meeting of Commissioners Court, in the Commissioners Courtroom in Dumas, Texas. The following persons were present to wit: County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades; Daniel Garcia, Commissioner Precinct 1; via phone call; Dee Vaughan Commissioner Precinct 3; and Brenda McKanna, County Clerk.

Court having been opened according to law the following proceedings were had to-wit:

Commissioners Mixon and Cartrite were absent from the meeting.

There were several persons from the Amarillo College in attendance through zoom for the discussion in regards to the Tract 2 lease between Moore County and Amarillo College.

Judge Rhoades stated the county is looking at placing Tract 2 back on the tax roll. The original lease was to expire in July and it has been extended until April 30, 2021. Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney stated he would like to separate Tract 1 and Tract 2 lease. He would leave the lease for Tract 1 as it is now and create a new lease for Tract 2. Renee Vincent with Amarillo College stated there was a lot of history with the Amarillo College Building and the lot west of the Amarillo College Building. She stated they originally were going to use it for a truck driving school but it was not feasible to place it in a residential area. She stated she emailed Judge Rhoades several times and left several messages in regards to the lease being paid and she assumed they would be allowed to continue to use of the space.

Judge Rhoades stated if Amarillo College has no plans to use the property the county would like to place it up for sale or possibly re-negotiate the lease for Tract 2 for a period of 5 years and if Amarillo College doesn't build something with 5 years the land reverts back to the county.


Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney wants to get away from the 20-year automatic renewable lease on Track 2 and separate the lease from Tract 1. The question from Amarillo College was if the right of first refusal was applicable to a county. Scott stated the right of refusal would not be applicable because the county would place the property up for bid. Renee stated she would like for the Moore County Advisory Board to have an opportunity to voice an opinion of what the property could be used for. She stated that Amarillo College has invested over \$3 Million on the building that houses Amarillo College and Amarillo College does not own the building or the land that the building sets on. Commissioner Vaughan stated the lot is a prime spot for building possibly a doctor's office or some other kind of offices and that would place it back on the tax roll and bring in revenue for the taxing entities. He stated there are going to be several buildings vacant when the school build new schools and the hospital might be a possibility for Amarillo College to re-purpose those buildings. Renee stated the school buildings are not built for adult use and it was

her understanding the school buildings will be torn down and only the gyms will be left intact. Commissioner Vaughan stated he would like to know if there was something on the horizon time wise that Amarillo College is going to use the property for. The court stated they support Amarillo College but they would like to know what plans Amarillo College has for the property in the near future.

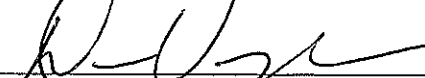
The representatives from Amarillo College stated as of today they have no real term plans to use the land. They stated they would like to have some further discussion with the Amarillo College Board of Regents and Moore County Advisory Board. Judge Rhoades stated the county has no plans at this time but they are not willing to do a 20-year lease which encumbers the county from benefiting from the revenue from the property. It was agreed that they will have a meeting and get back with the county in the near future. Judge Rhoades asked Renee Vincent to share who was on the Moore County Advisory Board.

It appearing that there was no other business to come before the Court at this time, motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan that the meeting stand adjourned. Motion was seconded by Judge Rhoades. 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.



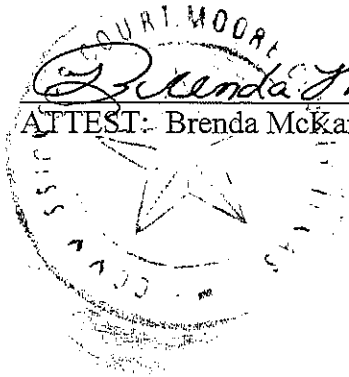
Commissioner Precinct 1, Daniel Garcia



Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



“ABSTAINED”

Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

“ABSTAINED”

Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades