

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY OCTOBER 25, 2021**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 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 Tommy Brooks presented Bobby Cooksey, Emergency Management Service Volunteer with a Certificate of Appreciation and presented Bob Brehm a Certificate of Appreciation for being an outstanding employee for the Emergency Management Service.

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 Garcia to hold bill to the City of Dumas in the amount of \$19,162.13 until Kara Milligan, Treasurer can investigate and prove the county actually owes the amount due. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment to Ideacom in the amount of \$1,263.37 with expenditure to paid out of the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment to Judge Richard Dambold in the amount of \$381.95. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Judge Rhoades declared the meeting open for a public hearing at 9:16 A.M. in regards to reducing the speed limit on Schuman Road between FM 119 and County Road I. Commissioner Mixon stated he had received some concerns from residents in the area in regards to the speed of the traffic on the road. Commissioner Garcia stated he wanted the speed limit reduced to 45 MPH. Judge Rhoades declared the public meeting closed at 9:18 A.M. and opened Commissioners Court for routine business.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of chairs for EOC in the amount of \$1,140.00 from SPC which are budgeted items. Motion was seconded by

Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of quote attached and made a part hereof by references.

Clayton Jenkins, Fiscal Officer for CSCD presented the 69th Judicial CSCD Statement of Financial Position. Copy of Statement attached and made a part hereof by references.

At 10:19 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the court enter in Executive Session according to Govt. Code, Sec. 551.087 for deliberation regarding economic development negotiation to vote or otherwise dispose of the content of the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

At 11:17 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the court reconvene in open court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Judge Rhoades stated no action taken on agenda during Executive Session and certifies to the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to allow Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor to get bid specs on Road 8, West Road G and Buddy Cline Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney presented the court with an alternative for the court if they would like to consider allowing input from the county employees regarding health insurance proposals. He stated they could form a health insurance committee that would consist of 5 voting members that would work to understand insurance issues, provide educational information on health insurance related issues, act in an advisory role to their constituents and make recommendations to the Commissioners Court relating to health insurance. Commissioner Vaughan stated he is not in favor of forming a committee and feels that would be taking the ultimate decision away from the court and taking view points away from the members of the court. Scott presented the information so the court could review the guidelines and think about the proposal of forming the committee. Copy of suggested by laws for the health insurance committee attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Cristal Hernandez as a Deputy District Clerk effective October 25, 2021 with a salary of \$3,465.35 per month with a \$50.00 per month increase every six months for two years based on performance evaluations. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Morgan Hightower, Sheriff reported to the court that there was a jail inspection done and they did pass the inspection. He stated eventually there will have to be updates made to the jail since it was built in 1979 and there are items that are out of date that have to be special ordered and very costly.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment of \$1,551.00 to Tex-Zac Electric for EOC's AC unit with expenditure to be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment of \$7,470.00 to West Texas Heating & Air for EOC's AC unit with expenditure to be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Order for Redistricting of Political Boundaries. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of Order attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Order Establishing Criteria for Redistricting of Political Boundaries. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of Order attached and made a part hereof by references.

There were several employees from the Road & Bridge Dept. present to discuss the item on the agenda in regards to changing the hours to five, eight-hour days effective November 8, 2021. Commissioner Cartrite stated he placed this on the agenda since it is dark when they go to work during the winter months. He would like the department to go back to the five eights during the winter months and look at going to four tens during the summer months. Marc Blackwell stated when Wes left the morale at the department was very low and then when Travis was appointed the morale came back up and continues to stay up with Dallas as the supervisor. Kade Shoulders stated he feels like they would be wasting two hours a day since it takes them an hour in the morning to warm up equipment and takes an hour to shut down. Jimmy Stewart stated they should not get hung up on the time it takes to start up and shut down but working five days a week would only extend the actual time of working by 3 hours. Commissioner Garcia stated with the new equipment it does not take over 15-20 minutes to get equipment ready to go to the job site. He asked why the employees are always saying it is either too wet or too dry to work on the roads. Commissioner Mixon asked if the Sunray employees come over to the morning meetings and it was stated they do not. Commissioner Mixon asked how they know what their work is for the day. Commissioner Cartrite stated they have been doing it on their own. Commissioner Cartrite requested that Dallas present a report of what roads are being worked on and what is being done to the roads. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Cartrite stated he didn't have a problem with the department staying on the four tens. There was no action taken in regards to changing the hours for the Road & Bridge Dept.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve Tim Ollinger's cell phone allowance effective November 1, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the county will be responsible for rebuilding and seal coating Road 6, Road E and Starkey Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

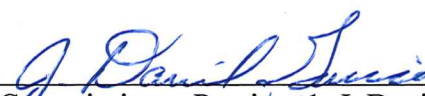
Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. There was some discussion in regards to building the roads that will be used by the new businesses in Moore County. Jimmy Stewart, Road & Bridge employee stated the road hands can build the roads that need to be built. Commissioner Cartrite stated if the county is going to build the roads it will take more resources and possibly additional equipment. He also asked Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney to prepare an agreement in regards to exchanging 10 loads of water for one load of caliche. This agreement will be used when the department is working close to a farmer's land and they would be willing to exchange water for caliche.

Dallas stated they got the flashing stop sign put up at the intersection of Schuman and Road E. He will have Jimmy pull the material up on the roads in Precinct 1 that Commissioner Garcia has


requested work on. He will start on motor grader bids which is a budgeted item and he will be trading in Jimmy's motor grader. Commissioner Cartrite requested Dallas to present a report at each meeting of what roads have been worked on, the time on the roads and who worked on the roads.

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.



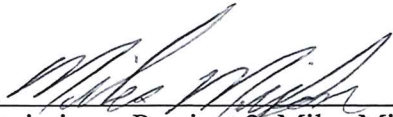
Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia



Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan




ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

