

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 22ND OF AUGUST, 2022 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 Commissioner Vaughan presented his Certificate of Completion for the 2021-22 Cybersecurity Training Awareness Training. Copy of certificate attached and made a part hereof by references. Commissioner Cartrite stated he has completed his Cybersecurity Training but did not have the certificate to present at this time.

There was a report made in regards to removing the curve on FM 722. It was reported that Four Price stated it would take a study to see if they could remove the curve. They did agree they could do some signage and lights to make the public aware of the curve.

It was stated there is no Interlocal Agreement with City of Cactus and a call analysis by agency was presented. Copy of analysis attached and made a part hereof by references.

Commissioner Cartrite stated Colt Farni, Sunray Chief of Police wanted to thank the Sheriff's Dept. for their assistance is assisting with the potential active shooter situation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 25, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite that the bills as presented by Arturo Ortega, 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 two bills presented for special handling:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve a payment in the amount of \$360.68 to Judge Gleason, Visiting Judge. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve a payment in the amount of \$130,491.91 to Ergon Asphalt for seal coat product. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the proposed tax rate of .046319 for Amarillo College for the 2022 property tax rate. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to accept the bid from Adolfo and Criselda Zubia in the amount of \$8,000.00 for Lot 16 Pressley Acres City of Cactus. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to transfer \$3,942.25 from various line items from the Extension Office budget to the Extension Office travel budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the printer contract with SPC for 60 months in the amount of \$203.05 per month for the Emergency Management Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of quote attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to repurpose \$4,605.00 to do roof repairs at the Community Building from the funds that were left over that were budgeted to purchase chairs and paint for the Community Building. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Mark Blackwell presented a bid in the amount \$11,063.50 to upgrade the sound system at the Community Building which will be a budgeted item in the 2022-2023 budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of a HP Color LaserJet Printer in the amount of \$1,071.99 with expenditure to paid from the Library's Operating Capital Improvement Budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the hiring of library subs for the Britain Memorial Library and the Cactus Branch Library. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve a new inmate housing contract between Moore County and Childress County Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$55.00 per day. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the renewal of the Silver County Choice Retiree Medical Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the Order of Election for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of order attached and made a part hereof by references.

Commissioner Garcia discussed the possibility of lowering the speed limit on several county roads. He suggested lowering the speed limit to 55 MPH. After some discussion it was decided to leave the speed limit and post signs of 60 MPH on all county roads.

There were three bids presented for the purchase of a pickup for the Road & Bridge Dept. Bids received were from Witt Motors in the amount of \$34,995.00 for a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado; Hart Chevrolet in the amount of \$48,924.00 for a 2019 GMC Sierra; Jessie Garcia in the amount of \$35,000.00 for a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to accept the bid from Jessie Garcia in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pickup for the Road & Bridge Dept. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Commissioner Garcia "Abstained." Copy of bids attached and made a part hereof by references.

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Raymond stated they have spent approximately \$33,000.00 on repairs for the international tractor and it is back in the shop with transmission problems. He was asked to see if they are going to stand behind the transmission before the court makes a decision in regards to the tractor.

Commissioner Garcia recommends they rip up Road G around to Road I and smooth the road just to get through harvest. He asked how long it will take and Raymond stated it would take at least a week and a half. Commissioner Garcia asked if they could have the road done by next week and Raymond stated it would be done next week. Raymond stated Jimmy is off today so he would only have Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and next week to get it completed. Raymond stated Jimmy is good but he is very slow. Commissioner Garcia stated Jimmy has really placed him in a bind on Road G. Raymond stated he has plenty of people that will be working on the road and will make sure the road will be completed next week.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve Green Gas Company to cross N. County Line Road with a gas line. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

Arturo Ortega Jr, County Auditor was present for the budget work session. He presented the third draft of the budget which does not include the new employees using the .477409 tax rate. He presented the budget requests with a comparison to last years to reflect the increase or decrease in each budget request. Judge Rhoades visited with Judge Gordon and he believes that Sherman County should be paying more of the cost for a new employee for the District Attorney's office since they are using Erin as their County Attorney. Judge Rhoades will setup a meeting between the four counties to see if Sherman County will pay more towards a new employee. Mr. Ortega stated it would cost \$203,364.00 for a 3% cost of living increase for the employees. Commissioner Mixon stated he wanted to take the grader out of the budget in the amount of \$165,000.00. Commissioner Vaughan wanted to remove the Tax Office employee in the amount of \$49,440.00 and remove the pickup for the Road & Bridge Dept in the amount of \$50,000.00. There were some additional funds removed from the maintenance budget. The court directed Mr. Ortega to make the changes as discussed and appear at the next meeting with the fourth draft of the budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to propose a tax rate of .477409 for the 2022-2023 budget year and adopt the tax rate at a later meeting. Motion was second by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of tax worksheets attached and made a part hereof y references.

It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. 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

