

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL CALLED, MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2022 there came to be held a Special Called Meeting of Commissioners Court, in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse in Dumas, Moore County, 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 County Clerk. Brenda McKanna, County Clerk.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 11, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Coy Barton, Outside Auditor presented the court with some necessary information in regards to the American Rescue Plan Funds. He stated in April the funds were declared as a revenue loss. It was then decided to use the funds for the road project and installation of the broad band. Coy stated if the county receives more than \$750,000.00 in federal grants it creates a federal audit which in turn affects every audit in the county. He encouraged the court to use all of the ARPF funds by September 30, 2022 so the county doesn't come under the single audit for the fiscal year 2023. Coy suggested using all of the ARPF to pay for the road project and pay for the broad band out of other funds at which time they come due to avoid the single audit act.

Coy stated that the court can't pre-pay for the purchase of any equipment, the county can only pay when the county actually receives the equipment.

Jace Delgado thanked the court for the use of the Courthouse square for the Crimestopper's Car Show.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to pay for all of the road project out of the ARPF and get the funds down to at least \$300,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vaughan stated he was in College Station and received some information that the counties can turn back the Liaison Officer from the Texas Department of Emergency Management if they choose to. He sated the officer will strictly be there to assist the current EOC and help with grants for the county and to act as a Resource Officer.

Arturo Ortega, County Auditor presented the second draft of the budget based on the maximum tax rate that doesn't require voter approval.

Brandon Jones, Lieutenant looked at a leasing program for the vehicles requested by the Sheriff's Dept. He stated that a 3-year lease for four vehicles would be \$80,000.00 and a 4-year lease would

be \$61,000.00. Brandon will remove the \$220,000.00 requested for the purchase of vehicles and request \$65,000.00 and lease the vehicles for four years.

Erin Anchondo, District Attorney amended her purposed budget and withdrew her request to increase the investigator's salary but would still like to hire an additional attorney. Commissioner Vaughan stated he is not opposed to the new position but until the defense attorney situation is resolved will a new position resolve the issue. Erin stated Mr. Salley is not the only defense attorney that they work with but the majority of the cases are with Mr. Salley. Erin stated that she would be in favor of the jury wheel for court appointed attorneys.

Arturo will make changes as discussed and appear at the next meeting with the third draft.

The court removed the road grader in the amount of \$165,000.00.

Commissioner Garcia asked if it would be possible to contract G&G to finish up the road project. He stated the Road & Bridge department only has 1/2 mile of Road G done. He stated it is taking them way too long for them to get the roads done. Commissioner Vaughan stated they need to instruct the Road & Bridge department to place caliche on the five miles and let it set there for the winter and seal coat it next year. Commissioner Cartrite stated he is not in favor of hiring G&G to finish the roads. Commissioner Garcia stated now is the time to figure out what they are going to do with the roads that the road & bridge employees haven't even touched. Commissioner Garcia stated he will get with Raymond after court in regards to pulling the ditches and getting caliche on the roads.

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

Daniel Garcia
Commissioner Precinct 1, Daniel Garcia

Miles Mixon
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

~ Absent ~
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

Lynn Cartrite
Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite

Brenda McKanna
ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

Rowdy Rhoades
County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades