

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 27TH OF JUNE 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: 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:

Judge Rhoades was absent from the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of May 16, 2022 and the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughn. Motion carried. Commissioners Mixon and Vaughan "Abstained" on the Minutes of May 16, 2022.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite that the bills as presented by Kara Milligan, County Treasurer, be approved for payment and the County Treasurer is hereby directed to issue warrant-checks thereof. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

There were two bills presented for Special Handling:
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the transfer of \$9,229.39 from American Rescue Funds to the TIF Grant for the road project and to approve the payment to John Board, Visiting CCL Judge in the amount of \$9,562.87. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to certify the District Judge's appointment of Arturo Ortega Jr as James Allen's Assistant Auditor to assist him and complete his current term with term to expire on December 31, 2022 with no change in total salary. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of letter attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the 2022 collections contract between Moore County Tax Office and North Plains Groundwater Conservation District. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of contact attached and made a part hereof by references.

Tim Salley, Public Defender presented an update on his case load. There are some concerns about the out of county jail holds increasing. Tim stated he does not hold the keys to the jail in regards to the out of county holds. Tim stated the sheriff will not allow inmates to be brought over from the jail until they have a plea deal and he is having to send an attorney to the jail to visit with the defendants. He feels like if he could get the defendant in front of the prosecutor and a Judge, he could get a plea deal. Tim stated he is willing to answer whatever questions the court might have. Tim stated just for Moore County he has 588 appointments and he has a theory why the jail keeps getting crowded but not willing to discuss the theory in public. Brandon Jones, Lieutenant stated they do try to limit the inmate movement due to safety concerns. He stated they try to work with Mr. Salley but he doesn't believe that attributes to why there are so many out of county holds. Bob Brent, bondsman stated he understands why the sheriff doesn't bring inmates if there is no plea deal. He stated they could hold court on Friday's when a majority of the Courthouse is closed. Tim stated he would not have a problem doing court on Fridays in order to get the inmates before the judge. Brandon Brown, District Attorney Investigator stated this past Friday they looked at the jail population and they made plea deals and got the inmates to court and was able to relief the jail population. He does believe the sheriff's policy has caused a little grief and stated the sheriff needs advance notice that they will need to be bringing inmates before the court. The court stated the Judges, Sheriff's Office and Tim all need to get together and work out an agreement to get inmates to court on Fridays. The court stated there needs to be more communication with all of the office's involved and Tim needs to go to the jail and let the inmate know what the plea is and if they are unwilling to plea bring them in front of the judge.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Sheriff's Office sale of 4 Glock 40 caliber handguns and ammunition to Erwin's Pawn for 6 Glock 9-millimeter handguns subject the approval from the County Attorney. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve a pay increase for Hunter Fithen from Investigator salary of \$28.17 to Sgt. Investigator salary of \$28.52 effective June 14, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve new IRS mileage rates from 58.5 to 62.5 per mile effective July 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to extend the Disaster Declaration for County Road I and Buddy Kline Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of Disaster Declaration attached and made a part hereof by references.

There were two bids presented for a new copier for the courthouse second floor. Bids presented were from Benchmark in the mount of \$259.08 per month and SPC in the amount of \$295.54 per month. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to accept the contract from SPC for a new copier

for the second floor at a cost of \$295.54 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of bid specs attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Leonel Miramontes as a truck driver for the Road & Bridge Dept. effective June 27, 2022 with a starting salary of \$25.69 with a .50 increase every six months for two years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the employment of Eric Spencer as summer help for the Road & Bridge Dept. effective June 28, 2022 with a salary of \$9.25 per hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Travis Juilfs with G&G Operators presented bid specs for a seal coat project for Buddy Kline Road. He explained to the court that it will require a three-course application due to the amount of truck traffic that will be traveling that road. Commissioner Garcia stated they will only be seal coating seven miles of Buddy Kline and will seal coat Road I at a future date.

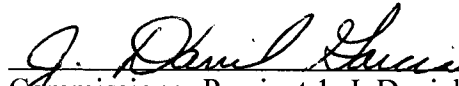
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the bid specs on seal coat project for seven miles of Buddy Kline Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of bids specs attached and made a part hereof by references.

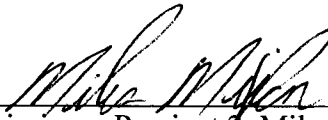
Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on activities of the department. Raymond stated he has a meeting with Jose from the City of Dumas in regards to the seal coat project for the city. Raymond stated that Jimmy wants to open up Road G while he is helping with the seal coat project. Commissioner Garcia stated he does not want the caliche just sitting there he wants Jimmy to work on the road. He told Raymond to keep Jimmy working on Road G and see how far he is within the next month and if they are not getting it done the court will look at another alternative. Commissioner Garcia asked the court if he could visit with G&G to get a cost estimate for them to finish Road G and Road 8 and they did not have a problem with it.

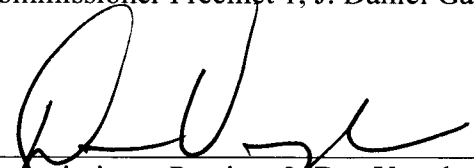
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve Gerald Meshke boring under Schuman Road to repair a ruptured gas line. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

It appearing that there was no other business to come before the Court at this time, motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the meeting stand adjourned. 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 2, Miles Mixon


Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan


Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite


ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



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County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades