

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022 there came to be held a Regular Session of Commissioners Court of Moore County, Texas in the Commissioners Courtroom in 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 County Clerk, Brenda McKanna

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

During routine announcements and reports Brandon Cox stated the Jet A fuel tank pump is going out and he will use RAMP Grant funds to purchase another one at an appropriate cost of \$25,000.00. Judge Rhoades stated the county will be receive an additional \$100,000.00 in Covid Funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 29, 2022 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan "Abstained" on September 12, 2022 minutes.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated October 10, 2022 as presented and the County Treasurer's Report of Cash Disbursements of the same date and duly recorded in the Commissioners Court Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copies of the Report and Temporary Cash Investments are attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to allow Judge Rhoades to draft a letter of appreciation to JBS in regards to the 2022 Pollution Control Exemption. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion caried. Copy of letter attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Dietary Consultant Contract between OmniHealth and Moore County Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$350.00 per year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of two desktop computers for the Moore County Dispatch center in the amount of \$3,628.68 with expenditure to paid out of Sheriff's Dept. communications budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia.
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the employment of Dukeshia Casados as a telecommunications officer effective October 3, 2022 with a starting salary of \$22.72 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the employment of Kailey Trejo as a telecommunications officer effective October 17, 2022 with a starting salary of \$22.72 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Kenneth Houlette as a corrections officer effective October 17, 2022 with a starting salary of \$23.64 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan.
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Inez Sosa as a corrections officer effective October 17, 2022 with a starting salary of \$23.64 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Eric Holt as a patrol deputy effective October 12, 2022 with a starting salary of \$28.02 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Judge Rhoades "Abstained."

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the employment of Eric Quiroz as a patrol deputy effective October 17, 2022 with a starting salary of \$28.02 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve hiring a replacement for patrol deputy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Kim Allen, District Judge reported that she has posted an ad for the position of County Auditor on the county website and in the newspaper with October 31, 2022 being the deadline to receive applications.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of two computers for the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$3,725.96 with \$1,731.98 to be paid out of County

Clerk's Records Management Fund and \$1,993.98 to be paid out of I-Vo Rental Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the bonds for Stephanie Alarcon, Tax Assessor, Chief Deputy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of bonds on file in the County Clerk's office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the Justice of Peace Precinct 1 travel fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$12,360.00 for the County Judge Secretary salary. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Judge Rhoades stated he had a recommendation to place some stipulations in the contract for the Public Defender. He received a recommendation to place a clause stating the Public Defender can't be on vacation if there is a public defender docket taking place. The court discussed doing request for proposals. Erin Lands Anchondo, District Attorney discussed with the court a rotation wheel versus an Indigent Defense Attorney. Erin stated with her experience that when the county uses a rotation wheel the attorney doesn't get paid until the case is resolved. She stated it worked well in Hutchinson County and they were able to get cases resolved in a timely manner. The court asked Erin if she could get a fee schedule on what Hutchinson County is paying attorneys on the wheel.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to explore the option of being on a rotation wheel versus an Indigent Defense Contract. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution for 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve a Resolution Calling for Additional Measures to Secure the Border. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Commissioner Vaughan has been asked if the county would accept a 2-year warranty in lieu of a 2-year waiting period for acceptance of the roads. Commissioner Vaughan stated this has come up due to the new additions in Anderson Acres. Justin Willis was present and he stated he has visited with some bonding companies and they stated they do not like doing a 2-year warranty. He stated Randall and Potter counties will accept a 1-year warranty. Commissioner Cartrite stated the 2-year waiting period is a way to make sure the road work is done correctly before the county accepts the road. Commissioner Mixon stated he would prefer the 2-year warranty versus a 1-year warranty. He stated he is in favor of a maintenance bond for two years or a 2-year waiting period. Commissioner Garcia stated if they start changing the policy it would be a

never-ending policy. Judge Rhoades is also in favor of a 2-year warranty or a 2-year waiting period.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to amend the Sub-Division Rules stating the county will do snow removal upon acceptance of the plat. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Jimmy Stewart as a truck driver for Precinct 4. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Commissioner Vaughan, Commissioner Garcia and Judge Rhoades voted "No." Motion failed.

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the activities of the department. Raymond stated the Fire Dept. has asked for additional RAP and it was stated the Fire Dept. would pick it up. Commissioner Garcia told Raymond he needs to apply for the RAP from TxDot.

Justin Coaly will receive operator pay and will be taking a vehicle home at night. Raymond asked the court if Justin could stop at the grocery store on his way home if he was in the county vehicle. His wife doesn't drive and instead of going home and getting his personal vehicle he would like to be able to stop on his way home. Commissioner Garcia stated he didn't have a problem with it until something happens and then it would become a problem. He stated he doesn't have an opinion one way or another. Commissioner Mixon and Cartrite doesn't have a problem with it. Commissioner Vaughan feels like it is the optics and how the public perceives a county employee shopping on county time. It was decided that Justin Coaly would not be allowed to stop at the store on the way home, it would be the best interest of the county and what the public perceives.

Raymond reported that the speed bumps are worn down on Peggy Lane and they are tearing up the road and he would like to replace those speed bumps with the ones that are built out of asphalt.

Commissioner Vaughan was contacted by David Bownds in regards to placing river rock in the ditches in the Whiskey River Subdivision. The court stated they didn't have a problem with it as long as it is documented that the county will never be responsible for maintaining the ditches. The court asked Raymond to make sure someone from the county is present when a road is being built. Raymond stated he did let Justin Willis know he wanted to be present when they would be seal coating roads in Anderson Acres. Commissioner Vaughan asked Raymond to find out who is inspecting the city roads as they are being built and see what the cost would be to inspect future county roads and if someone would be available.

Raymond stated a clutch went out in one of the water trucks and he had to take it to a mechanic for repairs done since the county doesn't have the proper equipment to change a clutch. He got some quotes on a transmission jack and a clutch jack so in the future the road & bridge mechanic could do the repairs.,

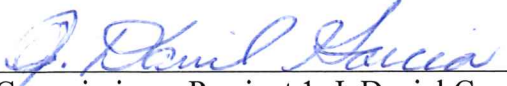
Commissioner Cartrite asked if James Phillips has made any effort to get his CDL. Raymond stated he has not. Raymond visited with James about getting his CDL and James wasn't willing to pay the \$4,500.00 to get his CDL. The court stated it is not the county's responsibility to pay for the CDL class. Raymond stated it is something that should have been enforced within 2 to 3 months or his employment since it was a condition of his employment. Commissioner Vaughan

stated he is more concerned about James not having the ability to perform his job duties as a mechanic.

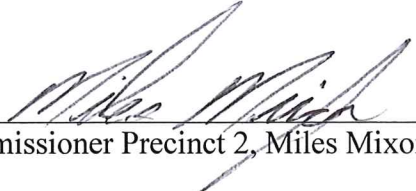
Raymond has visited with Commissioner Cartrite and Commissioner Vaughan about getting comp time as a supervisor. It was stated you can give a supervisor comp time if they are paid hourly and he would have to be on the clock just like everyone else. Kara Milligan, Treasurer stated it is according to how many people are under the supervisor if they are eligible for comp time. Kara feels like it is a very slippery slope because if you do it for one supervisor you have to do it for all. Raymond stated when he started as supervisor, he was given a job description of what his duties are. He stated he has to bring his lunch and work the same as the other employees. He stated he doesn't want to abuse his position but he would like to accumulate comp time. Kara will contact TAC and see what the county can or can not do in regards to comp time based on the labor law.

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 Vaughan. Motion carried.

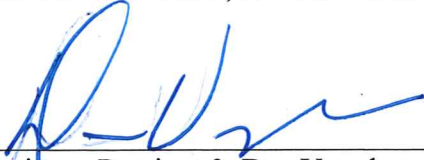
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.



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



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

