

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 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; Colt Farni, Commissioner Precinct 4 and Brenda McKanna, County Clerk.

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

Brandon Cox, Airport Manager stated that Scott would like the restaurant to present proof that all taxes have been paid on a quarterly basis.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the bills as presented by Coy Barton, County Auditor, be approved for payment and the County Treasurer is hereby directed to issue warrant-checks thereof. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Erin Anchondo, District Attorney stated she will be purchasing radios and would like to hire a new investigator with her SB22 funds. She stated she will not be using her funds until January. She stated when she does fill the investigator's position, she will make it clear to the applicant that the position is a grant funded position.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to pay the expenses that will be incurred by SB22 in the District Attorney's office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Sheriff's Dept. to employ two deputies and purchase a radio system for the fiscal year October 1, 2023 with the funds to be reimbursed with the SB22 Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the School Resource Contract between Moore County Sheriff's Office and Sunray ISD effective July 1, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the engineering fee for the airport project in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve a Resolution Nominating Candidates to serve on the Appraisal District Board of Directors with the candidates being David Sykes, Seth Seale, Darren Stallwitz, Carl Speck, Paresh Bhakta and Chris Rivera. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to appoint Judge Rhoades to the Public Defender Oversight Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Proclamation declaring September as Hunger Action Month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of proclamation attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to appoint Lynn Cartrite, John Graves, John Thomas, Danny Goolsby and Bryan Gill to serve on the Moore County/Sunray Rodeo Arena Committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a manual roping chute for the Moore County/Sunray Rodeo Arena in the amount of \$2,829.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to declare County Attorney's Office computer equipment as surplus so the equipment can be wiped clean and returned to Elite Technologies. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney presented information in regards to a Right of Way account that consists of \$100,000.00 currently being held in a 30-day CD at Happy State Bank. He stated the entirety of the Right of Way account consists of excess capital remaining from a bond election held in 1947 for the purpose to fund different road projects. All of the road projects have been fully completed and the excess funds may be used for other purposes including; construction, acquisition, operations or maintenance of county roads within Moore County. Copy of information attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to transfer excess funds in the Right of Way Account to Road & Bridge Account to be used on roads that the court deems necessary. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Raymond stated that Justin Willis will be priming roads in the Blue Mesa Subdivision this week and will seal coat next week. Commissioner Mixon would like to have an engineer to come and inspect the roads. Raymond will contact Justin and have him hold off until they can get an engineer to get a core sample for testing. He stated they will prime Starkey Road to Buddy Kline this week. He will also go look at the road that Max Jantz is building to make sure they use a sheep foot roller to insure there are no soft spots in the caliche before the road is primed.

During budget work session Coy Barton and Melissa Martinez were present for the budget work session. During the budget workshop there was some discussion in regards to the SB22 funds with the Sheriff's Dept. The court reduced the Sheriff's Dept. budget by \$19,000.00 out of their deputy supply budget. The RAMP Grant will be increased by \$10,000.00. There were no more changes and Tax Assessor Collector, Chris Rivera presented the tax rates to be adopted for Moore County and Amarillo College.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the Moore County property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.4671 per \$100 which is effectively a 6.86% increase in the tax

rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 6.86% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$30.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of adopted tax rate attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the Amarillo College Moore County Campus property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.048505 per \$100 which is effectively a 13.61% increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 13.61% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$5.81. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of adopted tax rate attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to adopt the budget for 2023-2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Farni 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.

J. Daniel Garcia
Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia

Miles Mixon
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

- Absent -
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

Colt Farni
Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni

Brenda McKanna
ATTEST, Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

Rowdy Rhoades
County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

