

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 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:

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 27, 2023 and Regular Meeting of April 10, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

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.

Jeff Turner, Hospital Administrator and Ben Maples, Hospital Board Member appeared before the court to request an easement for the parking area on the east side of the Kilgore Memorial Library. They would like to turn the parallel parking into slant parking and designate the parking area for therapy patients. Jeff stated the hospital would be responsible for the total cost of the project. There was some discussion in regards to the city ordinances and the court does have some concerns about losing some of the grassy area of the library where the library has outdoor activities for the children.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to table this item until Jeff Turner can obtain information from the city in regards to ordinances and return at later date with the requested information. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Amy Conner and Joe Morris, representatives from the Rural Public Defenders Office were present to provide some information in regards to Moore County joining the Rural Public Defenders Office. Annie stated if Moore County decides to join the group, they will have an office located in Moore County with dedicated employees. She stated they will have mental health case workers which they believe will help with the jail population problem in Moore County. Moore County would have a board member on the oversight committee. The grant that is available would fund the office at 80% the first year and 60% each year thereafter. Annie stated the resolution that the court would need to approve is a non-binding resolution it is just so they can move forward with the grant application. She stated even if the grant is awarded it does not commit Moore County to accept the grant. Annie will email each member of the court a cost analysis of how much money could be saved if the county does decide to join the Rural Public Defender program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the 2024 Moore County Resolution for a Rural Public Defender Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to table any action on the recommendation of the County Attorney on the 2024 Moore County Resolution Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Commission Farni. Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to rescind his motion to table any action. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Judge Rhoades had stated this resolution was for the current grant funds that the county received for Indigent Defense.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the 2024 Moore County Resolution Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to table any action on the Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program Cooperation Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve two public hearings in regards to placing stops signs at Buddy Klein and West Road G with first public hearing to be on May 8, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the final plat for the Whiskey River Subdivision with the stipulation of not accepting maintenance of roads. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of plat attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of two computers for the Tax Office in the amount of \$3,377.96 which is a budgeted item. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to extend the burn ban which is to expire on May 2, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of burn ban attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the employment of Kiley Flores as a deputy for the Sheriff's Dept. effective April 3, 2023 with a starting salary of \$28.02 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a \$100.00 per month clothing allowance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.


Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Destiny Castillo as a jail cook effective April 14, 2023 with a starting salary of \$3,002.37 per month with a \$50.00 per month increase every six months for two years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to appoint Commissioner Vaughan, Commissioner
Mixon, Kara Milligan, County Treasurer and Coy Barton to the Investment Committee with the
possibility of adding another member. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion
carried.

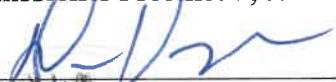
Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Raymond stated there
was an incident of Lena Lane where a vehicle had some tires torn up on the speed bumps.
Raymond would like to take the current speed bumps out and build speed bumps out of hot mix
which will be permanent speed bumps.

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 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 3, Dee Vaughan



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

