

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024 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; and County Clerk Deputy, Cindy Sullivan

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

Commissioner Colt Farni was absent from the meeting.

Motion was made by Commission Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2024 and the Special Meeting of July 22, 2024. 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 as presented by Coy Barton, County Auditor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

There were three bills presented for special handling:
Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the payment to Aviation Laboratories Inc.in the amount of \$1,221.71. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment to LSQ Funding Group in the amount of \$3,967.48 with expenditure to be paid from the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment to Amber Hokanson for travel in the amount of \$211.05. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated August 12, 2024 as presented by Coy Barton, County Auditor, be approved and the County Treasurer's Report of Cash Disbursements of the same date be approved and duly recorded in the Commissioner's Court Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copies of the Report and the Temporary Cash Investments are attached and made a part hereof by references

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the hiring of a part-time employee for Emergency Management. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to declare the old EOC radios as salvage and donate them to the City of Dumas. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to consider the proposal from Tim Salley and take “No Action” at this time and will discuss during budget workshop. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of proposal attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the optional vehicle registration fees for 2025 with the fees to remain the same as the previous year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of fees attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Airport Project Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Order Appointing Election Officials for a two-year period. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of appointment attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Order of Election for the November 5, 2024 General Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of order attached and made a part hereof by references.

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Commissioner Vaughan reported that Road X, Middle Well Road and County Line Road need some work due to the weeds. Commissioner Garcia stated West Subdivision needs some road work also.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Certified County Road Inventory for TxDot as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of inventory attached and made a part hereof by references.

At 9:55 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the court enter into Executive Session for the discussion and possible action on retaining the Underwood Law Firm to represent the County regarding tax abatement applications and agreements as provided in Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

As it relates to the foregoing possible tax abatement agreement, the County reserves the right to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 – 551.088 of the Texas Government Code and specifically, the statutory exceptions below:

Economic development negotiations on tax abatement – TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.087.

Consultation with attorney – TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071
Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

At 10:24 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan that the court reconvene in open court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Judge Rhoades stated no action taken on agenda during Executive Session and certifies to the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to employ Underwood Law Firm to represent the county in references to Economic Development Tax Abatement Application and Agreement according to Govt. Code 551.087 and Govt. Code 551.071 with DEDC bearing the cost and there will be no cost to the county. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

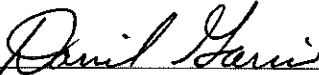
During budget work session County Auditor, Coy Barton, Melissa Martinez and County Treasurer, Kara Milligan were present for the budget work session. Judge Rhoades stated he would like for the employees to get a 4% cost of living increase and wants to keep the two Sheriff's Deputies that was hired with SB22 Funds to remain in that fund instead of in the General Fund. Commissioners Vaughan and Mixon stated with the benefits the employees receive from the county that they are fine with a 3% cost of living increase. Commissioner Garcia suggested a 3 ½% cost of living increase. There was some discussion in regard to taking funds out of reserves to purchase equipment for the Road & Bridge Dept. Commission Mixon suggested purchasing a grader. Commissioner Garcia stated if they are going to take funds out of the reserves, he would rather purchase trucks, he stated there are trucks that are in bad shape that needs to be replaced. The court didn't want to make any final decision since Commissioner Farni was absent from the meeting and will have another budget workshop on Wednesday, August 21st to finalize the budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to propose the 2024 tax rate at the max rate allowed by law without voter approval. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

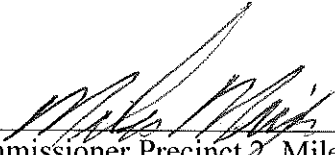
Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to propose the 2024 tax rate for Amarillo College Moore County Campus at .05 which is the max rate increase. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

No further action is to come before the court, motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

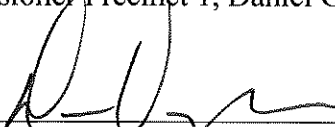
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.



Commissioner Precinct 1, Daniel Garcia




Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



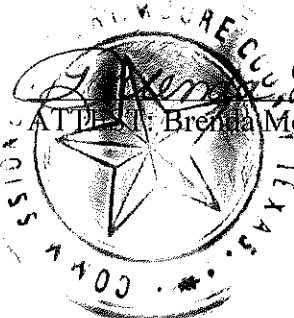
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

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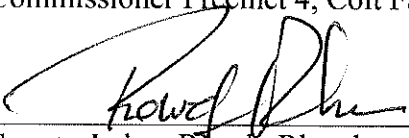
Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



The seal of the County Clerk of Tarrant County, Texas, is circular and features a five-pointed star in the center. The text "TARRANT COUNTY TEXAS" is written around the perimeter of the seal, and "COUNTY CLERK" is written at the bottom.



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades