

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL CALLED, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2024 there came to be held a Special Called Meeting of Commissioners Court, in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse in Dumas, Moore County, 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 County Clerk Brenda McKanna, County Clerk.

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

County Auditor, Coy Barton, Melissa Martinez and County Treasurer, Kara Milligan were present for the budget work session. County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham requested an increase in Andi Duby's salary to \$50,000.00 and he would like to pay her a \$2.00 per hour supplement out of his SB22 Funds. Scott stated this change would be at no cost to the county. Erin Anchondo, District Attorney requested to supplement Trial Attorney, Cullen Cook's salary \$25,000.00; Investigator Jace Delgado \$25,000.00, Investigator Brandon Brown \$30,000.00 and Office Manager, Veronica Mares \$10,000.00 out of her SB22 funds. Coy stated if the SB22 funds go away the supplements will not be funded. Erin stated she did hire a new Assistant District Attorney and the supplement amounts will change and also stated Jace Delgado's salary plus fringe benefits are paid out of SB22 funds and if SB22 is not funded the position will be eliminated. If supplements are allowed all benefits will be paid out of SB22 funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the SB22 expenditure subject to Erin coming back to the court with the courts approval of how the expenditures will be distributed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Commissioner Garcia voted "No."

EOC, Tommy Brooks reported the City of Dumas will not fund their portion of the new vehicle as requested in his budget. He stated the city will only contribute \$90,000.00. Coy suggested the county invoice the city as they normally invoice and if they come back and don't pay what they are billed, then when it comes to seal coating the county will need to take a hard look at assisting them at that time.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to keep the vehicle purchase for EOC in the budget. Commissioner Garcia seconded for discussion. Motion carried. Commissioner Garcia and Judge Rhoades voted "No".

Discussion: Commissioner Garcia stated he would like to take the vehicle out of the budget and push for a 4% salary increases for the employees. He stated the most valuable asset to the county is the employees and he leans towards helping the employees with an extra 1% cost of living

increase. Commissioner Vaughan stated he looked through the salary schedule and believes the salaries and benefits are good. He stated there are numerous people in Moore County that don't make near what the county employees make. Commissioner Mixon stated the benefits are a great asset and he is comfortable with the 3% cost of living increase. Commissioner Farni stated he likes Commissioner Garcia's thoughts but he believes EOC needs a new vehicle.

Motion was made by Judge Rhoades to approve a 3% cost of living increase. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

There was some discussion in regard to purchasing some equipment for Road & Bridge and taking the funds out of the reserves if necessary. It was stated a semi is the most important piece of equipment that needs to be replaced at this time. Commissioner Vaughan suggested going back to five road graders and the question arose what is the role of the Road & Bridge Dept. The question was asked does the department need less equipment and contract out the work and slim down the department. Commissioner Mixon stated if it was a small job and a short length the road & bridge can build the road but if it is a large project it would need to be contracted out by the county. Commissioner Mixon suggested taking funds out of the reserves to replace some of the equipment.

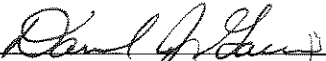
Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve up to \$213,120.00 for a semi-truck and belly dump. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Brandon Jones stated they will pay one deputy out of the SB22 funds and purchase three vehicles out of the SB22 funds and would like to use the funds left over to make a down payment on an armored vehicle.


Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to finance \$335,520.00 over a three-year period for an armored vehicle to be paid out of SB22 funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Commissioner Mixon voted "No."

It appearing that there was no other business to come before the Court at this time, motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the meeting stand adjourned. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

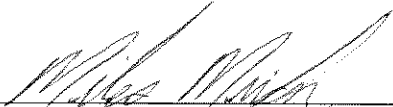
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.



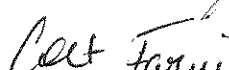
Commissioner Precinct 1, Daniel Garcia




Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



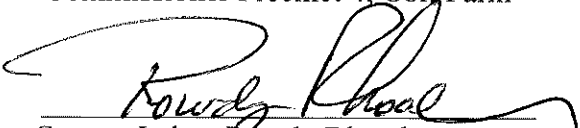
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni



TEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

