

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

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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; Colt Farni, 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 Coy Barton, County Auditor stated the outside auditors were required to take extra time on the audit due to the county having 26 leases. Coy stated due to the details auditing leases there will be an additional cost in the future.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2024, Special Meeting of January 22, 2024 and the Special Called Meeting of February 2, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Commissioners Vaughan and Mixon "Abstained" on the minutes of January 22, 2024 and Commissioner Mixon "Abstained" from the minutes of February 2, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni 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 Vaughan. Motion carried.

There were two bills presented for Special Handling:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment of \$153,173.47 to Omega Electronics with expenditure to be paid from SB22 Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the payment of \$6,140.23 to Central Motors. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated February 12, 2024 as presented by Coy Barton, County Auditor 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 Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve appointing Shannon Gillespie, Tom Moore and Dr. Carmen Purl to the Moore County Hospital District Board for a term of three years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Emilio Chavez and Bob Stone appeared before the court to discuss the possibility of Emilio Chavez purchasing Gemstone Aviation. Mr. Chavez has an interest in hiring Mr. Stone to work for him at Alpha Aviation which would be located at the airport as well as other airports. Alpha Aviation would like to lease the same hangar that Gemstone Aviation is currently leasing. Commissioner Mixon asked Mr. Stone if he would be willing to fulfill his lease agreement with the county. Mr. Stone stated he would fulfill his lease and stated he was approached by Mr. Chavez to purchase the assets to his business. Brandon Cox, Airport Manager stated having a mechanic located at the airport is a big asset but the mechanic business is not going to grow until there is an additional hangar at the airport. The court stated they would like some time to think about allowing Mr. Chavez to take over the lease the county has with Mr. Stone. Commissioner Garcia asked Mr. Stone how much time he would be willing to continue and he stated it would be according to how much time the court needs to evaluate the proposal. Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney stated the lease is a month-to-month lease and there is nothing in the agreement that would prohibit Mr. Stone from transferring to a 3rd party. Scott did state since it is a 30-day lease agreement the court can give a 30-day notice to the party that the lease would be terminated.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to table any action until March 11, 2024 to allow the court to accumulate more information and obtain a new airport manager. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the payment of \$465.00 to Moore County News for an ad in the business guide for the airport and restaurant with expenditure to be paid from dues & publications. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the appointment of Brittany Esses to the Library Board for a three-year term. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the payment in the amount of \$409.08 to Kel-Tex Electric to reroute server power to a different room with expenditure to be paid out of the 69th Judicial District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Account. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve a line-item transfer from axon funds to SB22 line item in the amount of \$8,917.00 for body cameras and storage for two deputies and one courthouse security deputy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the 2024 exemption rates to remain as the current rates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of exemption rates attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to appoint Judge Rhoades, Coy Barton, County Auditor, Chris Rivera, Tax Assessor Collector, Morgan Hightower, Sheriff and Kara Milligan, County Treasurer to work out the security details of deposit transfers from the Tax Office to the bank. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that no county employee including airport employees is to accept any cash tips or any non-cash item with a value of more than \$50.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Commissioner Farni voted "NO". Copy of written law as presented by Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to accept the joint ballot for voting to accept the seconded plan of reorganization of Endo International PLC and proxy for voting on scheme of arrangement of Endo International PLC, regarding the Opioid Settlement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of plan attached and made a part hereof by references. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the phone contract with Plains Internet in the amount of \$2,698.44 per month effective November 1, 2023-November 1, 2026. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve general and no litigation certificate with Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Certificate attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve services agreement with TAC for website hosting and support in the amount of \$3,500.00 to be paid out of County Judge's budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of Agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the Joint Election Services Agreement between the City of Dumas and Moore County for the May 4, 2024 election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of Agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

There was some discussion in regards to the requirement for plats in regards to groundwater. Commissioner Vaughan stated those rules are a part of the subdivision rules that are currently in place and the court needs to make sure they are enforced. Copy of the requirements of the use of groundwater attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to table updating subdivision rules until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Raymond Tate, Road and Bridge Supervisor gave a report of the department. Raymond discussed with the court about hauling additional caliche to Lonestar Farms. The court stated the county will not provide any additional caliche to Lonestar Farms. Raymond has been checking with Mr. Harvey from Borger in regards to the 6 ply roller tires and Mr. Harvey suggested they start foam filling the tires with 40-50 lbs. so the tires will have some give to them.

At 11:45 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Farni that the court enter into Executive Session according to Government Code, Sec 551.074 to discuss personnel matters regarding airport personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

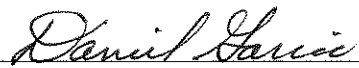
At 12:01 P.M. motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the court convene in open session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Judge Rhoades certifies to the agenda and stated no action taken on the agenda during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to take no action on hiring an airport manager and continue to search for qualified candidates and keep the application open for another 30 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

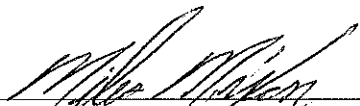
Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to pay Brandon Cox a lump sum travel cost of \$75.00 per week to drive back and forth during the interim period. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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.

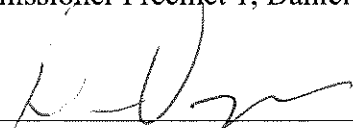
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.




Commissioner Precinct 1, Daniel Garcia



Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



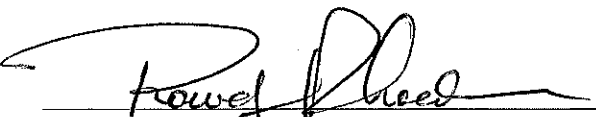
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

