

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS  
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 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

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

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During routine announcements and reports Commissioners Garcia and Farni presented their Certificates of Participation for the Panhandle County Judges & Commissioners Conference. Copy of certificates attached and made a part hereof by references. Tommy Brooks presented an update on the wildfires along with a Spring & Summer outlook for the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle area. Copy of presentations attached and made a part hereof by references.

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

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There was one bill presented for special handling:  
Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the payment in the amount of \$3,812.57 to LSQ Funding Group to be paid from the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated March 11, 2024 as presented by Coy Barton, County Auditor with the purchase of 3 CDs one at an interest rate of 5.10% and two at 5.0% and the County Treasurer's Report of Cash Disbursements of the same date. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. CD information attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the official bond and oath of Coy Barton, County Auditor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of bond on file in the Bonds & Deputation records of the County Clerk's Office.

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Mr. Pinkham of Perdue & Brandon presented an update on tax collections for the Tax Office. Brent Sherrod updated the court on fine & fees collections for the Justice of Peace Offices. Perdue & Brandon presented the court with a \$1,000.00 donation for the recovery fund due to the wild fires. Copy of reports attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Paul Jenkins appeared before the court to ask for an additional engine brake sign to be posted on the SW corner of his property and stated he would be willing pay for sign. Blake Tate with TXDot stated he would have to find out if the state would allow two signs and get back with the court.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to set public hearings to install an additional brake engine sign of FM2589. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Coy Barton, County Auditor stated the outside auditor has a conflict with Wheeler County on March 25<sup>th</sup> and he stated he would be presenting a rough draft of the audit report on March 25<sup>th</sup> and the outside auditor will appear before the court on April 8, 2024 to give a report on the audit.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan that the county enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dumas to purchase the One Step GPS system for road & bridge road graders at a cost of \$781.20 for 8 graders through October 1, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni that the county not make any agreements with Emilio Chavez or Alpha Aviation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to accept current rates as per parcel collection rates for 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of rates attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to declare computers from the Treasurer's office as salvage. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve moving Cullen Cook to the District Attorney's Trial Attorney position with a salary of \$8,583.33 per month effective March 4, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the April Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of proclamation attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the employment of Myranda Newcomb as a corrections officer effective March 4, 2024 with a starting salary of \$24.38 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Kimberly Ramirez as a dispatcher effective March 4, 2024 with a starting salary of \$23.43 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.  
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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve a gas line permit for Scout Energy on County Road U in Precinct 2. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

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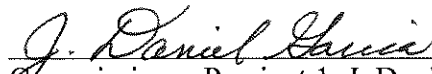
Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Raymond will be sending operators to a pipeline gas meeting on March 26, 2024. Carlos Medrano called and was asking about a culvert that wasn't large enough in the Anderson Acres. The court directed Raymond to install an additional culvert and let the land owner know it will be at his cost. Raymond reported that during the fires the graders kept running out of diesel and he had to call in additional staff to deliver fuel. He would like to purchase a fuel tank and mount it on a pickup and use it when necessary and when it is not in use the fuel tank will be removed. The court asked Raymond to continue to do additional research on a fuel tank in regards to the cost of the tank. Raymond has funds in his miscellaneous fund he can purchase the fuel tank from.

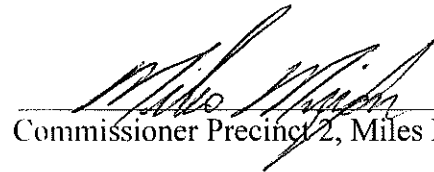
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It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

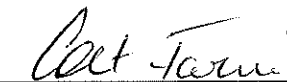
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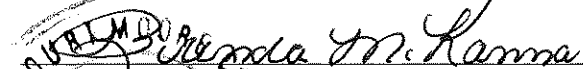
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

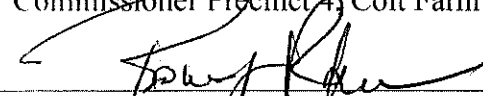
  
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Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni

  
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ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

  
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County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

