

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, MAY 28, 2024**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY, 2024 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; 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:

Commissioners Garcia and Mixon were absent from the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan that the bills as presented Motion 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 Farni. Motion carried

There were two bills presented for special handling:

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Cowboy Classis Rodeo Association. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the payment in the amount of \$1,197.98 to OLVS Inc with expenditure to be paid from the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the sublease with Cowboy Classic Rodeo Association on the rodeo arena for the upcoming rodeo. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of lease attached and made a part hereof by references.

The Public Defender's office stated at this time there are no changes to the contract unless they get a 3% COLA. The court did let them know they would need that information during the budget process. Judge Pingelton stated the Panhandle Area Public Defender's Office is doing a good job and he is very pleased with the way the cases are moving. Judge Allen also stated she has no complaints with the Public Defender's Office.

Motion was made by Judge Rhoades to approve the 2025 Moore County Resolution Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program Rural Public Defender. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Tim Salley was present to discuss his current contract with Moore County concerning legal service for criminal defendants. Judge Rhoades stated because of the budget the county can't

afford two separate indigent defense contracts. Tim stated he has been doing the public defender work for a number of years and he doesn't feel like there has been a lot of complaints but he knows due to the number of years that he has been doing the job there are going to be some complaints. He would like the county to renew his contract. Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney asked the court if they would consider doing a contract with Mr. Salley just for felony cases. Commissioner Vaughan stated if they did another contract with Mr. Salley the court would need to re-negotiate the contract for just felony cases. Judge Allen stated she works well with Mr. Salley and feels like he does a good job. Commissioner Vaughan stated there are a lot of needs that must be taken into consideration with a public defender which include the defendants, tax payers, victims as well as the judges. Erin Anchondo, District Attorney stated she has worked well with the Public Area Public Defender's Office and feels like they are very focused on getting the jail taken care of. She stated the two attorneys with the public defender's office are doing a very good job. Commissioner Vaughan stated the court must give Mr. Salley notice concerning his contract by June 1, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to give notice to Mr. Tim Salley the current contract between Moore County and Mr. Salley to provide legal services to indigent defendants in the criminal courts of Moore County will not be renewed. The Commissioner's Court will, as part of the fiscal year 2025 budget deliberations, continue discussion with all relevant parties, including but not limited to Mr. Salley, the Panhandle Area Public Defender's Office, Judge Pingleton and Judge Allen. The outcome of these discussions must be a public criminal defense plan which provides all accused individuals with adequate and professional legal services, is justifiable to the tax payers of Moore County, and provides confidence to Judge Pingleton and Judge Allen the jury findings and judgments rendered in their respective courts are not in question due to inadequate legal defense of the accused. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the purchase of a tablet pc for the County Court at Law in the amount of \$1,070.99. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a new Passport Photo Solutions Printer and camera bundle along with photo paper and ink for the District Clerk's Office in the amount of \$1,205.00 to be paid from the District Clerk's Office Supply Budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the payment of \$5,349.00 to TechShare for the District Attorney's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of invoice attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the extended warranty with SPC for the District Attorney's office copier. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of extended warranty attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of three jail toilets in the amount of \$4,917.00 with expenditure to be paid from the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to table discussion on comp time policies and procedures until budget discussions. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to get additional bids concerning hiring Hansome Mud to pour a concrete pad for the roping chute at the Sunray Rodeo Arena. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to allow the Sunray Rodeo Committee to sell the old roping chute and use the revenue from the sale for ground maintenance at the arena. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Raymond stated that the Sunray Barn needs a power washer and he has funds in his miscellaneous account to purchase one.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a power washer at an approximate cost of \$4,999.00 with expenditure to be paid from the Road & Bridge Dept. miscellaneous account. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farni stated he received a call in regards to the ditch around Texas Beef being used as a dump and the department to needs to get the ditch cleaned out.

During budget work session Coy Barton, County Auditor, Melissa Martinez and County Treasurer, Kara Milligan were present for the first budget work session. The Elected Officials and Department Heads appeared before the court to present their budget requests. The next budget workshop will be held June 10, 2024.

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 Farni, 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.

---ABSENT---

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Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia

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Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

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Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

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Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni

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ATTENT: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

