

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS  
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 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 Commissioner Vaughan presented his Certificate of County Commissioner Continuing Education for the year 2023. Certificate is attached and made a part hereof by references.

Morgan Hightower, Sheriff presented a letter of compliance for the Moore County Jail from the Texas Commissioner on Jail Standards. Copy of letter attached and made a part hereof by references.

Kara Millgan, Treasurer presented her Certificate of Completion for Texas Public Funds Investment Act & Related Investment Issues. Copy of certificate attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

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

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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 Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated January 8, 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.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the bid from David Calvin in the amount of \$13,500.00 for Lots 5-6 Blk 147 OT Dumas. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the bid from Oscar and Connie Martinez in the amount of \$3,000.00 for S/44' Lot 25 Blk 3 Sanders. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to implement a burn ban effective January 8, 2024 for 90 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of burn ban attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to clarify the \$1.00 per hour payment for Emergency Management implemented on October 1, 2017 for the SCRAM program was intended to be considered a supplement and will continue as a supplement for the SCRAM program and the supplement does not qualify for a cost-of-living increase: effective January 8, 2024 no supplements will receive a cost-of-living increase on the supplement amount and this will be placed in the employee manual. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

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Coy Barton, County Auditor stated the rules have changed in regards to leasing vehicles and or equipment. He stated when a vehicle is leased the total cost of the vehicle has to be placed in the budget with the payments being budgeted as principal and interest. He stated in the current budget the Sheriff's Dept. will spend more that what was budgeted for vehicles. He also made the court aware of the fact when they are doing lease contracts, they are committing future courts and future budgets for the next four years. He stated future courts may not be in favor of leasing vehicles. Coy stated if the county continues to lease vehicles the auditing fee will increase due to the amount of work involved in the audit process. Coy will amend the budget to reflect the cost of vehicles in September.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to accept the bid from Z Concrete in the amount of \$9,074.00 for concrete drains at the airport with expenditure to be paid from the RAMP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to accept the bid from Garcia's Industrial in the amount of \$12,300.00 for spray foam insulation in two t-hangars at the airport with expenditure to be paid from the RAMP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.  
Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the purchase of 2 Getac MDTs for the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$6,200.00 to be paid out of Asset Forfeiture Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve MBW Serv Corporation to restore/service and restore the mold in the jail kitchen with a minimum cost of \$2,511.48 and a possible maximum cost of \$3,069.09 to be paid out of jail maintenance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to table designating the Moore County grand jury room until first meeting in February at such time the court can hear from Judge Allen. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the updated investment policy with changes as presented Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of policy attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve appointment of Rowdy Rhoades, Hunter Fithen, Kara Milligan, Jared Pingelton and Brenda McKanna to serve on the sick pool committee for a term of two years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to table any action on the Xcel invoice for the Community Building in the amount of \$8,748.67 until the court can get further clarification from Xcel on what the final invoice will be. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Joint Resolution for the Joint Primary to be held on March 5, 2024 and for the Joint Primary Run-Off to be held on May 28, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Copy of Joint Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Brenda McKanna, County Elections Officer and Moore County Republican Party for the March 5, 2024 Primary and May 28, 2024 Primary Run-Off. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Brenda McKanna, County Elections Officer and State Democratic Party for the March 5, 2024 Primary and May 28, 2024 Primary Run-Off. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve Fiberlight LLC's permit to boar on County Road 7 in Precinct 1. 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 and Bridge Supervisor presented a report on the department. Raymond was instructed to go look at the alley on Norma & 10<sup>th</sup> but not to do anything since it is not a county road. Raymond asked if the county could make the gas companies bury their pipeline deeper than 48 inches and it was stated they could, but the policy would need to be changed.

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At 10:38 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the court enter in Executive Session according to Govt. Code, Sec. 551.074 to discuss personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

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At 11:02 A.M. motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the court reconvene in open court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Judge Rhoades stated no action take on agenda during Executive Session and certifies to the agenda.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to interview applicants and use a base salary of \$60,000.00 annually with an increase every six months for two years based on performance evaluations and consider moving the airport manager to a salaried position if possible. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

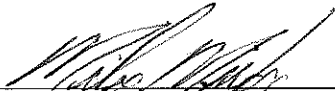
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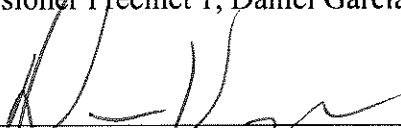
It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon Motion carried.

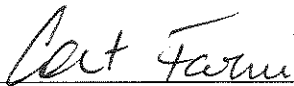
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THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

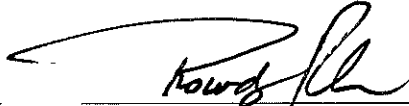
  
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Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni

  
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ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

  
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County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

