

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 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:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 25, 2024 and the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan “Abstained” from the November 25, 2024 meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni 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

There was one bill presented for special handling:
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment in the amount of \$491.35 to John Board, Visiting Judge. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated January 13, 2025 as presented by Coy Barton, County Auditor with no changes and the County Treasurer’s Report of Cash Disbursements of the same date. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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

Barbara Mulanax, Justice of Peace Pct. 1 and Britt Marquez, Justice of Peace Pct. 2 presented an Order Adopting a Youth Diversion Plan to show they are in compliance with HB 3186 under the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to take “No Action”. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of order attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve a Resolution supporting the proposed legislative amendment Sec. 152.1171 of the Human Resources Code, as it relates to staffing the Moore County Juvenile Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of the resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Moore County Investment Policy for the year 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of policy attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the change in the federal mileage rate from .67 to .70 cents per mile. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a new laptop in the amount of \$1,849.98 for the District Attorney with expenditure to be paid from the miscellaneous line #10-436-499. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve Brandon Jones moving to Chief Deputy Sheriff with a pay increase to \$33.53 effective January 1, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve moving Ricky Casanova to Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff with a pay increase to \$32.30 effective January 1, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to accept rifle resist vest grant in the amount of \$16,790.19 which is a 100% refunded grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve using the budgeted JAG Grant Funds to purchase message board trailers for the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$20,343.75. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to allow Judge Rhoades to work with Furman Land Surveyors to get an estimate on the full cost of a survey to identify the ownership of the properties located in and around McDade Park. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Hangar Rental Agreement with Mike Shockey. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of rental agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the payment of \$163,930.00 for the Ramp Grant Project 2504Dumas with \$150,000.00 to be paid from the RAMP Grant and \$13,930.00 to be paid out of reserves. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the employment of Erika Ortega as the County Attorney Administrative Assistant effective January 13, 2025 with a starting salary of \$3,805.23 per month with the opportunity of a \$50.00 salary increase every six months for two years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a new computer tower for the Road & Bridge Dept. in the amount of \$1,200.00 to be paid out of office supplies. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the sale of the Caterpillar steel wheel roller back to Caterpillar in the amount of \$30,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Dumas ISD and allow the county to do dirt work on the south side of the Community Building/Rodeo Arena parking. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

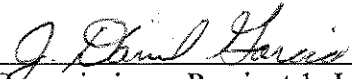
Judge Rhoades presented a copy of the Hemphill County Comp Policy and stated the county needs to revisit how they are going to handle comp time. There was some discussion in regards to an employee being called in during their vacation and as to whether they should receive comp time or given their vacation hours back. Commissioner Garcia questioned why a supervisor would call someone that is on vacation to do a job instead of using the personnel that is already on the job. Judge Rhoades stated the policy states in order to receive comp time an employee must work 40 hours per week and an employee that is on vacation did not work their 40 hours that week and should not be eligible for comp time according to the policy.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to table any action until Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor could be in attendance for the discussion on comp time. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.


Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the VYN Land & Cattle permit for Schuman Road to cross an 8-inch water line below the road using a directional bore, without cutting the road located in Precinct 1. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

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.

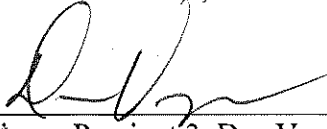
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.



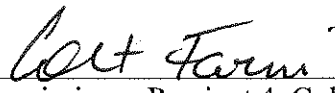
Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia



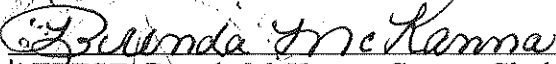
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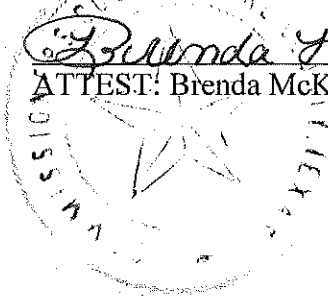
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

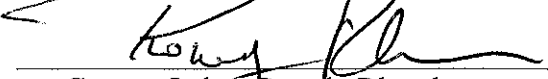


Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk





County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades