

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, JANUARY 27, 2025**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 there came to be held a Special 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 announcement and reports, Coy reported the audit process is moving forward and the fund balances in some areas had increased. He stated the county is in a good financial standing and part of it is due to the interest rates being up.

Judge Rhoades reported he will meet with the new City Manager regarding the McDade Park and the exchange of properties between City of Dumas and Dumas ISD.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of January 1, 2025 and Regular Meeting of January 13, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Commissioner Mixon "Abstained" from the meeting of January 1, 2025.

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated January 27, 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 2025 Property Homestead Tax Exemption Rate at the current rate as presented by Chris Rivera, Tax Assessor Collector. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of tax exemption rates attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a new computer for the tax office in the amount of \$1,568.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Commissioner Garcia stated that Raymond had allowed Nitrate Road to be closed without notifying the court. Commissioner Garcia stated when he found out the road had been closed, he notified all interested parties and informed them that the road would be closed until the end of March. He stated that the Rail Works Track System has done all the crossings on the road without obtaining a permit from the county which he is presenting today for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Rail Works Track System work on Nitrate Road out of Secs. 12 and 15 in Precinct 1 with the road being closed until the end of March. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the purchase of several items in the amount of \$2,604.56 for the Victim Assistant Coordinator in the District Attorney's Office with half of the expenditure to be paid out of the JAG Grant and half to be paid out of the SB22 Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of list of items purchased attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Resolution for the year two Crime's Against Family Unit JAG Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the Hangar Rental Agreement with Jacobo Friessen dba UP AV LLC in the amount of \$400.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve guard one cell check system in the amount of \$3,715.00 to be paid out of SCAAP Grant with an annual fee of \$557.25 to be paid from the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the amended contract to the Law Library Software as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of amended agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Karlie Goodwin as a communications officer for the Sheriff's Dept. effective January 13, 2025 with a starting salary of \$24.16 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a clothing allowance of \$50.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the employment of Noe Estrada as a corrections officer for the Sheriff's Dept. effective February 3, 2025 with a starting salary of \$25.14 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a clothing allowance of \$100.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Raymond Tate, Road & Supervisor presented a report for the department. Judge Rhoades asked about the GPS that hasn't been placed on a pickup that Raymond stated it would be placed on. Raymond stated it is being placed on there today. Commissioner Garcia wants the edges to be


cut on Starkey Road and Raymond stated he would have J.R. to start that today. Commissioner Garcia stated Cactus Feeder, Stone and Trails End Roads need some work done on them. There was some discussion in regards to an employee being called out when they were on vacation instead of calling someone that was already working. Raymond wanted to give the employee 3 hours overtime and Kara stated the policy states you must work 40 hours per week to be eligible to earn comp time. She did give the employee six hours of vacation back. The court directed Raymond not to call employees that are on vacation and to use the employees that are on the job. Commissioner Garcia stated it falls back on the supervisor and they should not be calling in employees that are on vacation when they have employees working that are qualified to do the same job. Commissioner Garcia stated he did not want the court to be placed in this position again and did not want Kara to be put in the position that she was put in.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan that language is developed within the personnel manual that addresses Road & Bridge personnel being called out within three criteria; (1) in an emergency situation (2) if an employee is on vacation or a holiday that they will get comp time or overtime pay (3) if an employee is on vacation they will only be called as a last resort and will be approved on a case by case basis Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.


Motion was made by Judge Rhoades to add three hours of comp time to Charlotte Mixon's time for being called out when she was on vacation on an emergency situation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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

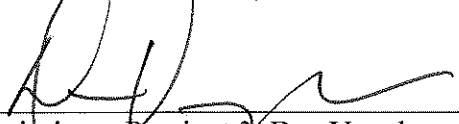
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.



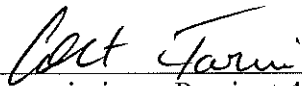
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Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon



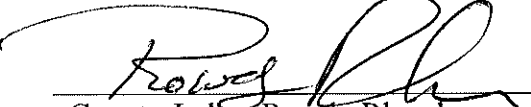
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan



Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni



ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

