

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 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 Teresa Henry, Deputy County Clerk.

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 Meetings of June 30, 2025 and July 31, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon 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 Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated August 11, 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 Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Resolution with Panhandle Region Mutual Aid. 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 Panhandle Mutual Aid Agreement. 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 table any action regarding a contract with SpyGlass Group LLC until County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham can review contract with SpyGlass Group LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Optional DMV Registration Fees for 2026 remain the same as last year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Garcia stated that Nitrate Road is currently open and Scott Higginbotham, County Attorney stated the next step is to create a railroad crossing agreement for Nitrate Road with TXNW. Commissioner Vaughan stated that the RFID option is not an option that he is in favor of. Commissioner Mixon stated he is not in favor of the county paying for a crossing. Commissioner Vaughan stated he does not want to set a precedence for the county to start paying for railroad crossings and he feels every railroad crossing is essential and cannot allow one to be closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to give County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham the authority to draft an agreement with TXNW on Nitrate Road crossing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the employment of Rylie Blackwell in the District Attorney's office with a monthly salary of \$3,642.42 effective August 18, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the Order of Election for the November 4, 2025, General Election. 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 allow the airport manager to do some research regarding a meter to monitor the usage of water during the apron extension at the Moore County Airport and visit with the City of Dumas to see if it is possible to get a meter to monitor the water usage during the airport project and bill Ti-Zack Concrete for water usage monthly. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the grass bid from TJ Steele/Steele Hay and Bailer Services for a two-year contract. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave an update on the department. Raymond reported that the City of Dumas and City of Cactus seal coat projects are completed. Judge Rhoades stated that he has received an application for the Road & Bridge Supervisor position. The court discussed setting up a meeting with the applicant soon. Judge Rhoades will contact the applicant to see what a suitable time would be to meet with the court.

During budget work session Coy Barton, County Auditor, Brenda Barton and County Treasurer, Kara Milligan were present for the budget work session. During budget work session there were several cuts made to the budget. The court directed Mr. Barton to make the cuts as discussed and report back at the next budget work session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a 2024 John Deere tractor at a cost of \$110,500.00 and a John Deere Shredder at a cost of \$11,000.00 and see if they will reduce the cost to \$10,000.00 and allow the Treasurer to go ahead with a check to be paid from

excess un-used funds out of the Road & Bridge Departments' current budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia 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.

- Absent -

Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia

Miles Mixon

Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

Dee Vaughan

Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

Colt Farni

Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni

Brenda McKanna

ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

Rowdy Rhoades

County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

