

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025, 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; Daniel Garcia, Commissioner Precinct 1; Miles Mixon, Commissioner Precinct 2; 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:

During routine announcements and reports Sheriff, Morgan Hightower reported they passed the annual jail inspection. Commissioner Mixon reported the investment committee met and there are three bonds coming due and they will purchase three CDs in the amount of \$750,000.00 with a range of interest of approximately 4%.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the bills 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 Farni. Motion carried.

There were two bills presented for special handling:
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment in the amount of \$2,147.98 for to Stidham Insurance for a bond for Jerod Pingelton, County Court at Law Judge. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the payment in the amount \$16,790.20 to AR Bill Service with expenditure to be paid out of Homeland Security Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the Proclamation Declaring September as Hunger Action Month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of proclamation attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to table for further discussion any action nominating candidates to serve on the Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of letter from Chief Appraiser attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve a permit for Down & Dirty Ditching for a water line on County Road 3. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve a contract with SpyGlass Group LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the employment of Lori Alexander as the Children's Librarian effective August 25, 2025, with a starting salary of \$3,660.03 per month with a \$50.00 increase every six months for two years based on performance evaluation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve a 60-month lease/service agreement with SPC for a Konica/Minolta Biz Hub 451i in the amount of \$187.20 per month for the County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by reference.

There were two bids received for the EOC camper. Bids received were from Miguel Rivera in the amount of \$1,299.00 and from Alix Lucero in the amount of \$251.00.
Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to accept the bid from Miguel Rivera in the amount of \$1,299.00 for the EOC trailer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy bids attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the 287 G agreement for the Sheriff's Office. 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 a new contract for out-of-county housing between Childress County and Moore County at a cost of \$60.00 per day. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a food warmer for the jail kitchen in the amount of \$1,019.00 to be paid out of the medical/boarding account. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the MOU with Homeland Security regarding assigning a deputy to assist with Homeland Security operations. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of MOU attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of communication equipment and ammunition with payment to paid from the remaining SB22 funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

During budget work session Coy Barton, County Auditor, Brenda Barton and County Treasurer, Kara Milligan were present for the budget work session. Mr. Barton went over each department's requests. Commissioner Vaughan suggested eliminating a position in the Sheriff's Office,

reducing the purchase of ammunition by \$10,000.00, cutting the EOC trailer and proposed going up on the tax rate by 0.0025. There was some discussion regarding the cuts, tax increase and using funds out of the reserves to balance the budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve a 0.0025 tax rate increase with no cuts to the budget as presented by Coy Barton with a 3% cost of living increase for all employees and pay the deficit out of reserves to adopt a balanced budget and will adopt the tax rate at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan voted "No".

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to propose the tax rate for Amarillo College Moore County Campus at .05 per \$100 valuation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the amendment of the final budget FY2024-2025 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of final budget amendment filed in the County Clerk's Office.

At 10:51 AM motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to enter in Executive Session according to Govt. Code, Sec. 551.072 to discuss real estate. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

At 11:23 AM motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to reconvene into open session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to take "No Action" on real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

At 11:25 AM motion was made by Commissioner Farni to enter in Executive Session according to Govt. Code, Sec. 551.074 to discuss personnel matters regarding Road & Bridge Supervisor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

At 11:30 AM motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to take "No Action" regarding Road & Bridge Supervisor personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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 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.

- Absent -

Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia

Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk



Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni

County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades