

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS  
SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025**

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 31ST DAY OF JULY, 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.

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Court having been opened according to law the following proceedings were had to wit:

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Commissioner Vaughan requested a verification on a motion regarding the June 30, 2025 minutes concerning Nitrate Road.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to table the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 30, 2025 and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan "Abstained" from the minutes of the July 14, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni 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 Mixon. Motion carried.

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There was one bill presented for special handling:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment in the amount of \$4,780.84 to Time Keeping Systems Inc. to be paid from the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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Three young individuals Karsyn King, Rylee King and Bristol Brinkman who demonstrated compassion and leadership were presented with Certificates of Recognition for their role in raising funds for the July 4, 2025 flood victims.

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There were some retirees present to request the court to consider giving the retirees a cost-of-living increase this year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to table the request and look at it during the budget process regarding a 1% cost-of-living increase for retirees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve a gas line permit for West Texas Gas on Peggy Lane in Precinct 3. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Commissioner Garcia and County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham visited with Joey regarding the opening of Nitrate Road. There was some discussion between them to place gates up and anyone crossing the railroad tracks would be required to have an RFID tag that would open and close the gate. There was some discussion regarding a grant. Commissioner Vaughan asked why we are negotiating with them since back in 2019 the court denied the closing of Nitrate Road and that should have been end of the discussion. Scott did state there could be an injunction filed for the railroad to open the road, but the railroad is considered interstate commerce. Commissioner Vaughan stated there must be some action that can be taken and asked Scott to consult with Jim Allison to see what is on the books regarding closing the road. He believes they are trying to wear the court down until they give in and allow them to close the road.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to allow County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham to contact Jim Allison and continue to research the laws necessary regarding the railroad closing the road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Subdivision Participation and Release Form for Purdue Opioid Settlement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of form attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Regional Public Defender and Moore County for the year 2026-27. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to accept the bid from Double Diamond Property Owners Association in the amount of \$250.00 for Lot 303 Unit 6 Double Diamond Estates. 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 Garcia to accept the bid from Double Diamond Property Owners Association in the amount of \$300.00 for Lot 350 Unit 6 Double Diamond Estates. 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 Mixon to accept the bid from Double Diamond Property Owners Association in the amount of \$250.00 for Lot 378 Unit 6 Double Diamond Estates. 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 Farni to accept the bid from Double Diamond Property Owners Association in the amount of \$250.00 for Lot 39 Unit 7 Double Diamond Estates. 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 Garcia to accept the bid from Double Diamond Property Owners Association in the amount of \$250.00 for Lot 405 Unit 6 Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. 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 Double Diamond Property Owners Association in the amount of \$250.00 for Lot 46 Unit 1 Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to accept the bid from Double Diamond Property Owners Association in the amount of \$250.00 for Lot 47 Unit 7 Double Diamond Estates. 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 accept the bid from Double Diamond Property Owners Association in the amount of \$250.00 for Lot 53 Unit 7 Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to accept the bid from Double Diamond Property Owners Association in the amount of \$250.00 for Lot 58 Unit 1 Double Diamond Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to declare the Sunray ISD Tahoe salvage and transition the Moore County Tahoe to Sunray Police Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to table the purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle for the Sheriff's Dept using SB22 Funds until budget discussion in order to consider all of SB22 Funds in the budget process. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Farni and Judge Rhoades Voted "No." Motion failed.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle for the Sheriff's Department using remaining SB22 Funds at a cost of \$47,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan Voted "No."

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to take no action on the hiring of Desiree Thomas. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Hangar Rental Agreement between Moore County and Jeff Hutchings. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve a separate contract between Happy State Bank for the Tax Office Account and the Sheriff's Office Account. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve participating in Requests for Capital Credits from Electric Cooperatives. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of request attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the bonds for Judge Rowdy Rhoades and Judge Jerod Pingelton with amounts increasing from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of bonds on file in the County Clerk's office.

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Marcel Fischbacher and Carolyn Cummings were present regarding the Better Living for Texans Education Program Funding being eliminated statewide due to tax cuts. Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to provide up to \$1,000.00 in matching donations with Carolyn to document the funds that she raises and report to the court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

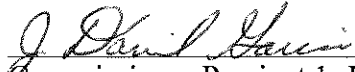
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Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Raymond reported that the CTIF Grant expired and there will be no funds for the grant this year. He stated they will start helping the City of Cactus seal coat Monday. Commissioner Vaughan stated that Middlewell Road and Road X still have not been sprayed and he did mention the need for these roads to be sprayed in the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Justin Willis presented a letter from OJD Engineering recommending that the roads in Blue Mesa be accepted as built. He asked if the county needed an independent engineer to make sure the road is compliant before the road is accepted by the county. Commissioner Mixon stated he has been in contact with an engineer from Dalhart that will possibly be inspecting the road today.


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During budget work session Coy Barton, County Auditor, Brenda Barton and County Treasurer, Kara Milligan were present for the budget work session. Coy went over what each department has requested. The court made various cuts as needed and directed Coy to make necessary changes and report back to the court at the next budget work session.

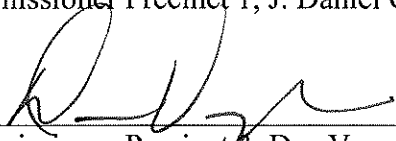
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It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

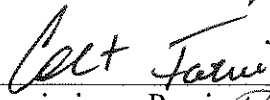
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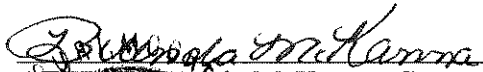
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

  
Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia

  
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

  
Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

  
Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni

  
ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

  
County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

