

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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; 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:

Commissioner Garcia was absent from the meeting.

During routine announcements and reports Commissioner Vaughan stated he attended a Port to Plains meeting and there are three resolutions that need to be placed on a future agenda for approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2025, Special Called Meeting of August 15, 2025 and Special Meeting of August 25, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated September 8, 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 Vaughan. Motion carried.

Judge Rhoades declared the meeting open for a public hearing at 9:06 A.M. regarding the proposed 2025 tax rate. There was no public comment. Judge Rhoades declared the public hearing closed at 9:07 A.M. and opened Commissioners Court for routine business.

There was a presentation from Dakota Shaw with TxDot regarding future IJA funds. Dakota explained to the court what the funds could be used for. He reported that there is \$397,000.00 available for Moore County which would require local participation of \$19,850.00 for Moore County to gain access to the funds. Moore County would have until 2026 to use the funds. For TxDot to act as the agent they will need a notice of intent and that would allow them to draft a project, and they would submit the application to FAA on behalf of the county. He stated the

funds will not be granted until the project is defined. Dakota stated the current ALP has expired, and the FAA wants to see that all airports maintain a current airport layout plan, which will always need to stay current. He stated the approximate cost to get the plan in place would be \$400,000.00 and the plans are good for 20 years. He stated if the ALP is not up to date it could be a barrier for any future funding for the airport. Don Willingham, Airport Manager, stated there would be enough funds left out of the \$150,000.00 that was previously approved for the airport project to meet the county's participation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to take the \$19,850.00 out of the \$150,000.00 that has been approved and leave the budget as is for the airport and participate in the IJA Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the appointment of Kay Chrisite to the Library Board for a three-year term. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the employment of Esmeralda Escobar as a substitute librarian for the Moore County Library System with a starting salary of \$15.00 per hour effective September 8th, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to allow Judge Rhoades to contact the City of Dumas and discuss what options there are regarding some kind of signs to be placed on Bliss Avenue in front of the library to alleviate the parking problem. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the Sheriff's Fees for 2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of fees attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the AirMed Renewal for 2025-2026. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of renewal attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the Subdivision Participation and Release Form for Secondary Manufacturers Opioid Settlement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of form attached and made a part hereof by references.

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave an update on the department. Raymond stated he would like to advertise for an operator and one other employee. The court stated he could go ahead and advertise. Commissioner Vaughan stated that the mowing looked good in his area and where Marc Blackwell sprayed looked good. He did state there is a pothole in front of the dairy in his area.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan voted "No". Copy of budget on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.483735 per \$100 which is effectively a 0.51% increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 0.51% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$2.50. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan voted "No".

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.

- ABSENT -

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