

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026**

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF MOORE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026 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 Brenda McKanna, Moore County Clerk.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 23, 2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan “Abstained”.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia 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 Farni. Motion carried.

There was one bill presented for special handling:
Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the payment in the amount of \$222.75 to Don Harrington Discovery Center. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash and Investments dated April 13, 2026 as presented by Coy Barton, County Auditor and the County Treasurer’s Report of Cash Disbursements of the same date, be approved and duly recorded in the Commissioner’s Court Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Marcel Fischbacher was recognized as the 2026 Outstanding County Extension Agent-Beef. Marcel thanked the court and producers for all the support he receives. Carolyn Bennett gave a report on the state qualifiers in the 4-H program. Copy of report attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Proclamation for the Soil and Water Stewardship Week. 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 approve the action from NACO on the Proclamation declaring April 2026 as National County Government Month in Moore County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Copy of proclamation attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to pass on the approval to accept the bid from Ballard Plumbing in the amount of \$298,434.00 for Fire Suppression & Domestic Water Line Installation until the court receives an itemized breakdown and place the item on the next agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of bid attached and made a part of hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the employment of Carlos Perez as Investigator for the District Attorney's office effective April 13, 2026 with a monthly salary of \$6,416.67 to be paid out of SB22 funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve assisting the City of Cactus with their seal coat project with Commissioner Farni meeting with Cactus City Manager, County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham and Randy Kelso, Road & Bridge Supervisor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve assisting the City of Sunray with their seal coat project with Commissioner Farni meeting with Sunray City Manager, County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham and Randy Kelso, Road & Bridge Supervisor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve assisting the City of Dumas with their seal coat project with Commissioner Farni meeting with Dumas City Manager, County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham and Randy Kelso, Road & Bridge Supervisor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Judge Rhoades stated he has received a complaint from a former employee regarding Meals on Wheels. County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham stated in this instance the county is not the employer, the county is the landlord. As the landlord they must remind any tenant that any type of harassment or discrimination will not be tolerated on county property. Commissioner Farni asked who oversaw the program and Nancy Grundy, board member, stated there is a Board of Directors for the program. Scott suggested the board conduct their own investigation and report back to the court. Commissioner Farni asked Mrs. Grundy if they were aware that they had shut Sunray down. Mrs. Grundy stated they were aware and stated they had no one to deliver to Sunray. Commissioner Farni stated it was in the contract that it is the responsibility of the board to make sure meals get delivered. Mrs. Grundy stated the board was not aware of the problems and if they had known they would have addressed the problems with Tish Tobias and Sheila Haltom. There was a contract presented to Mrs. Grundy for City of Cactus and City of Sunray Meals on Wheels services. It was stated there has not been a tenant lease found between Moore County and Meals on Wheels. Scott stated he can create a lease contract going

forward. Scott stated if a suit was brought against Meals on Wheels the county would not be liable since the county has no control over the Meals on Wheels personnel policy or who they hire.


Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to continue to look for a lease agreement between Moore County and Meals on Wheels and if none is found adopt one and give the Board of Directors time to research the allegations and report back by May 26, 2026 to discuss the findings of the board and discuss the lease agreement at that time. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Randy Kelso, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave an update on the department. Randy stated they have finished the dead end on Schuman Road, finished caliche on several county roads. They hauled caliche to Zofness, repaired some signs in different areas. Randy stated he would like to hire a foreman from within the department to be over the Sunray barn. He would like to hire a full-time operator to replace the person he will be sending to Sunray. He stated he has had several young men come in for summer help. He stated he is having trouble with several trucks and would like to get a lift so they could rewire the trucks and be able to work on them without crawling under them.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve Eduardo Hernandez as the Sunray foreman effective April 20, 2026 with a \$1.00 per hour pay increase. 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 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.




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

