

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE, 2026 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: County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades; Daniel Garcia, Commissioner Precinct 1; 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 Mixon was absent from the meeting.

During routine announcements and reports Ballard Plumbing gave an update on the plumbing project. He stated services are in the ground, vault is dug and they will be making taps in locations today. He stated the vault will be poured after the taps are made and within the next two weeks the project should be close to being completed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 26, 2026 and the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2026. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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 Garcia. Motion carried.

There was one special handling presented for approval:
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the expenditure to Ron Enns, Visiting Judge in the amount of \$1,027.47. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Judge Rhoades declared the meeting open for a public hearing at 9:03 A.M regarding establishing consolidated polling places in Moore County that would allow voters to make use of any polling place in Moore County which would move the county from precinct-based voting to county wide voting. During the meeting County Clerk, Brenda McKanna stated that the proposal allows voters to make use of any polling place in the county with electronic controls to prevent voter fraud. The move would also reduce the total number of polling places in the county from seven to five. Of all the counties the clerk has visited with they all love it and their voters love it. She stated she is looking at the implementation of HB2753 and trying to reduce the number of polling place that would have to be set up when there will be no break between early voting and election day voting. There will be no new polling locations, all that would happen is two of the

current locations will be closed. During the March 2026 Primary Election, the election judge for Precinct 101, First Street Annex kept a count of how many voters were turned away from that location which is also the early voting location. First Street Annex is the early voting location, and voters assume if they voted early during past elections they naturally come to where they voted in past elections with the thought in mind that where they would vote on election day. During the March 2026 Primary Election there were over 100 voters who were turned-away at that location that had to go to other locations to vote, with voting centers that won't happen. Brenda stated she will close Girl's Center and Hillcrest School in Dumas and keep the Community Building and First Street Annex as voting locations in Dumas as well as keep Sunray City Hall, Cactus City Hall and Double Diamond Estates as voting locations. There was no public comment. Judge Rhoades declared the public meeting closed at 9:13 A.M. and opened Commissioners Court for routine business.

Moore County Chamber appeared before the court with a request to be added to the Moore County Budget for media and marketing of Moore County. The amount requested was \$10,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the District Attorney's office to transition from LexisNexis to TLOxp for investigative database services at a cost of \$120.00 per month which would be a cost savings of \$80.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve to dispose of salvage property in the Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 office with IT UpTime removing the hard drives before disposal. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. List of items to be disposed of are attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the contract between Moore County Sheriff's Dept. and Deaf Smith County for inmate housing effective June 22, 2026 at a cost of \$75.00 per day. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of replacement computers for the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$27,450.62 with expenditure to be paid out of County Clerk Records Management Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the expenditure to ES&S for six curbside express assist voter carts in the amount of \$10,671.32 with \$6,500.00 to be paid from the I-Vo Rental Fund and \$4,471.32 to be paid out the 2025 HAVA Election Security Grant that was approved in June 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the expenditure to ES&S for nine Express Poll Tablets with a 1-year warranty in the amount of \$12,375.00 to be paid from the 2025 HAVA Election Security Grant that was approved in June 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Randy Kelso, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave an update on the department. Randy stated they have cleaned up Roads 7, 27, 28 and 29. They are cleaning cattle guards on Keith Road; he will have road hands map out all the culverts in the county. Had to replace the air conditioner blower motor on one of the graders. He will have Justin work on ditches on Road I and clean up ditches on County Line Road. Commissioner Garcia stated there are several potholes on Road E that need to be filled in. Randy presented a drainage report for the Country Club Estates and stated when it was developed, they did their due diligence when they platted Country Club Estates. Randy would like to see additions to the drainage studies that are required by the court. Commissioner Vaughan stated the developer is required to do a drainage study and they could require the study to be presented to the court. Randy stated he would like to see additional rules implemented for subdivisions which would benefit future home buyers. Randy stated the state is currently in the process of performing a drainage study for Moore County. He stated he and Judge Rhoades have met with them regarding the study. Randy stated the water truck that was repaired is still not working and the company is wanting additional monies to do more repairs with no guarantee that the truck will be fixed. Commissioner Garcia stated he would meet Randy in Amarillo and go visit with the company regarding the repairs on the truck. Copy of the Country Club Estates drainage study attached and made a part hereof by references.

During budget work session Coy Barton, County Auditor, Melissa Martinez and County Treasurer were present for the first budget work session. Budgets were presented by the following Elected Officials and Department Heads:

District Judge: Increase in office supplies, copier lease, Westlaw and requested a new computer for her Court Reporter at a cost of \$2,500.00 and a cost-of-living increase for her employees if the county does an increase.

County Judge: Computer assessments, doing audits regarding the current computers in the county, there are a total of 177 total computers in the county and currently 52 are at a critical stage that need to be replaced. Clint stated the Texas DIR recommends replacing computers every 4-5 years and after that the equipment is going to be obsolete. He also stated there are several of the computers that do not have the security chip in them. Clint discussed with the court the need to migrate the emails to a .gov domain. Judge will have website management, insurance, mental health, cyber security training, public defender and IT services in his budget.

Community Building: Requested \$17,000.00 to replace the interior of the sign along with the software, ice machine, reach in freezer, floor scrubber. Coy suggested Mark look at leasing an ice machine.

Maintenance: Requested AC for the annex, got an estimate of \$270,000.00 to replace windows in the Courthouse, possibly replace one floor at a time, steamer and requested a part-time employee at a cost of \$25,000.00.

Tax Assessor: Budget down approximately 6%, will replace one computer and replace three in the next budget.

EOC: Requesting to move part-time pre-trial service employee to full-time, full-time assistant at \$25.00 per hour plus \$1.00 supplement for pre-trial services with a .50 per hour increase every six months for two years with a total of \$27.00 per hour, new computer and laptop, ¾ ton pickup at a cost of \$60,000.00, drone at a cost of \$12,000.00.

Sheriff Jail: Requested a \$3,000.00 per year salary increase for a chief assistant dispatcher, 13 new computers, \$10,000.00 increase in the training budget, and dispatch software at a cost of \$14,500.00 with a yearly cost of \$3,000.00 per year.

Sheriff Enforcement: Increased training, vehicle maintenance, online software, data base that tracks stolen items that are being sold in pawn shops, selling copper or metals, replace K-9 at a cost of \$20,000.00, school resource officer at a cost of \$25,000.00 with school possibly paying 80% of the cost, overtime for special events, \$3,000.00 per year salary increase for Brandi Long, \$6,000.00 for evidence room audit.

District Clerk: 2 new computers, no other changes

Extension Office: No new request

Library: Possible increase in the cost of utilities

District Attorney: Axon expenses

At 12:00 P.M. motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the court enter in Executive Session according to Govt. Code Sec. 551.074 to discuss personnel matters regarding County Treasurer personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

At 12:44 P.M. motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the court reconvene in open court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to authorize the County Treasurer, Kara Milligan to pay Rainy Trujillo, Chief Deputy Treasurer time & half overtime for work performed past 40 hours per week. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

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

Daniel Garcia
Commissioner Precinct.1, Daniel Garcia

OUT - "Abstained"
Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

- Absent -
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

