REGULAR MEEETING AUGUST 28, 2017

Be it remembered on the 28^h day of August, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., there was Begun and Holden a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner's Court in the Courthouse, in the town of Farwell, with the following members present, To-wit:

Kirk Frye Steve Cockerham Kenny White Lloyd Bradshaw Trey Ellis Gerri Bowers Commissioner Pct. #1 Commissioner Pct. #2 Commissioner Pct. #3 Commissioner Pct. #4 Judge

County Clerk

When the following was had and done, To-wit: **Call to Order**

1. Prayer

Commissioner Frye led the Court in prayer to begin the Meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag

The Court pledged their allegiance to the flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

3. Consider Proposal from Rick Anderson for New Air Conditioners

Motion by Frye, seconded by White to approve the purchase of two air conditioner units for the District Courtroom at a cost of \$10,000.00. Both units will be installed by Rick's Comfort Solutions, LLC. Motion carried. See attached.

4. Read and approve Minutes

Motion by White, seconded by Frye to approve the minutes with noted corrections from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

5. Consider Approval and Payment of Accounts Payable - Larry Johnston

Motion by Bradshaw, seconded by Cockerham to approve the payment of Bills/Accounts as presented by Mr. Johnston. Motion Carried.

6. Consider Treasurer's Report – Altha Herington

Motion by Cockerham, seconded by Frye to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Ms. Herington. Motion carried.

7. Consider Adopting the 2018 Parmer County Budget

Motion by Bradshaw, seconded by Frye to approve the adoption of the 2018 Budget. The vote is as follows: Commissioner Frye, Aye, Commissioner Cockerham, Aye, Commissioner White, Aye, Commissioner Bradshaw, Aye and Judge Ellis, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider Adopting the 2017 Tax Rate

Motion by Judge Ellis, seconded by White to adopt the 2017 Tax Rate per \$100.00 valuation for property within Parmer County to be set as follows: General fund 0.4352, Farm to Market 0.1153, Debt 0.0276 with the total being 0.5781. The tax rate will raise fewer taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 0.67% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on \$100,000.00 home by approximately \$5.20. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Frye, Aye, Commissioner Cockerham, aye, Commissioner White, Aye, Commissioner Bradshaw, Aye and Judge Ellis, Aye. Motion carried unanimously. See attached.

9. Consider Adopting Employee Handbook

Motion by Judge Ellis, seconded by White to table this matter. Motion carried.

10. Consider Transferring and Use of Suburban from the Sheriff's Office to the Extension Office

Motion by White, seconded by Bradshaw to approve the transfer of the suburban to the extension office for the use by Wendy Case to and from home to her office and for extension activities. Motion carried. 11. Consider Trade-In and Purchase of Roadgrader for Precinct #2

Motion by Bradshaw, seconded by Frye to approve the purchase of a roadgrader for precinct #2. The bid price is at \$147,000.00 after an \$110,000.00 trade in. Motion carried.

12. Consider the 2018 Sheriff's Fees

Motion by White, seconded by Cockerham to approve the Sheriff's fees for 2018. After consulting with Sheriff Geries the fees will remain as is. Motion carried.

13. Consider Request from Friona ISD to use Permanent School Funds to Pay for Phone System

Motion by Frye, seconded by Cockerham to approve the use of Permanent School Funds to purchase a new phone system at the cost of \$19,931.10. Motion carried. See attached.

14. Consider Inter-Local Agreement between Parmer County and Lubbock County for the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases

> Motion by Bradshaw, seconded by White to approve the inter-local agreement between the counties. Motion carried. See attached.

15. Consider Any and All Matters Concerning the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center

Sheriff Geries had no concerns for the Court.

With no further business to come before the court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Frye seconded and adjournment was called at 12:20 o'clock P.M.

County Clerk

County Judge