

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Be it remembered on the 11th day of September, 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	Commissioner Pct. #1
Steve Cockerham	Commissioner Pct. #2
Kenny White	Commissioner Pct. #3
Lloyd Bradshaw	Commissioner Pct. #4
Trey Ellis	Judge
Gerri Bowers	County Clerk

When the following was had and done, To-wit:

Call to Order

1. Prayer

Commissioner White 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. Read and approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

Motion by Cockerham, seconded by White to approve the placement of a gas line by Henry Clark at CR 17 1.1 miles south of US Hwy. 60 behind Parmer County Implement. Motion carried. See attached.

Motion by Frye, seconded by White to approve the placement of a 8" water line ½ mile west on CR 22 and EE. Motion carried. See attached.

4. Consider Approval and Payment of Accounts Payable – Larry Johnston

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

5. Consider Treasurer's Report – Altha Herington

Motion by White, seconded Cockerham by to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

6. Consider the Consolidation of the JP Precincts

Motion by Cockerham, seconded by White to discontinue the discussion to consolidate the Justice of the Peace Office in Bovina with the Friona and Farwell. With a vote of three to two the court voted to leave the office open. The vote was as follows: Frye-Nay, Cockerham-Aye, White-Aye Bradshaw-Aye and Judge Ellis Nay. Motion carried.

7. Consider Additional Changes to Proposed Employee Handbook

In reference to Vacation Pay in Lie of Time Off; Motion by Frye, seconded by White to leave this matter as is. Motion carried.

In reference to The Beginning Date of Insurance for All New Employees; Motion by Bradshaw, seconded by Frye to make the County insurance available upon hire to all new employees. Motion carried.

In reference to a CDL for Road Crew Employees; Motion by Frye, seconded by White to have all newly full time hired employees have a current CDL or obtain one in the first sixty days after being hired or face immediate termination. Motion carried.

8. Consider Appointing County Auditor

Motion by Cockerham, seconded by White to approve the District Court order #2017-23 to appoint Larry Johnston as County Auditor for a term of two years beginning September 1, 2017. Motion Carried. See attached.

9. Consider Order for Compensation of County Auditor

Motion by Bradshaw, seconded Frye to approve District Court order #2017-24 for compensation of the County Auditor. The auditor's annual salary will be \$54,075.00 beginning January 1, 2018. Motion carried. See attached.

10. Consider Amended Order of Compensation of Official District Court Reporter

Motion by Cockerham, seconded by Frye to approve the District Court Amended order #2017-27 for compensation of the court reporter whose annual salary will be \$42,500.00 beginning January 1, 2018 and said salary will be split by the counties in the district as follows:
Bailey County (40%) - \$17,000.00
Parmer County (60%) - \$25,500.00
Motion carried. See attached.

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

Sheriff Gerries had no concerns for the Court.

With no further business to come before the court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded and adjournment was called at 11:45 o'clock A.M.


County Clerk


County Judge