

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

Be it remembered on the 9TH day of September 2019 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
Charles Wilkins	Commissioner Pct. #2
Kenny White	Commissioner Pct. #3
Casey Russell	Commissioner Pct. #4
Trey Ellis	Judge
Sharon May	County Treasurer
Susie Spring	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. Open Forum for Public Comments

No members of the public were in attendance.

4. Read and Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion by White, seconded by Frye to approve the Minutes from the August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting with one correction. Motion passed.

5. Consider Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable – Sharon May

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for September 3rd and 9th. Motion by Russell, seconded by Wilkins to approve Payment of the Accounts Payable. Motion carried. See attached.

6. Consider Treasurer's Report-Sharon May

Motion by Frye, seconded by White to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for August 30th. Motion carried. See attached.

7. Consider and Approve County Clerk's Archive Fee

Motion by White, seconded by Frye to approve the County Clerk's Archive fee of \$10 as part of the 2020 budget process. Motion carried.

8. Consider Adopting the 2020 Parmer County Budget

Upon motion by Frye to adopt the Parmer County 2020 Budget for a total of \$6,262,845.36 and a second by White, the vote was as listed below:

Commissioner Frye-Aye
Commissioner White-Aye
Commissioner Russell-Aye
Commissioner Wilkins-Nay
Judge Ellis-Aye

Motion carried.

9. Consider Adopting the 2020 Parmer County Tax Rate

Consider Adopting the Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate
Consider Adopting the Interest & Sinking Tax Rate

Judge Ellis moved that the Property Tax Rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.5492 which is effectively a 0.9534% increase in the tax rate. Upon a second by Commissioner Frye, the motion passed
As listed below:

Commissioner Frye-Aye
Commissioner White-Aye
Commissioner Russell-Aye
Commissioner Wilkins-Aye
Judge Ellis-Aye

Included in the above tax rate, the motion was made by Judge Ellis that the General Tax Rate be set at 0.4135, seconded by Frye. Motion passed unanimously.

Also included was a motion by Judge Ellis that the Farm to Market Tax rate be set at 0.1095, seconded by Frye. Motion passed unanimously.

Judge Ellis also made a motion that the Interest and Sinking Fund Tax Rate be set at 0.0262, seconded by Frye. Motion passed unanimously.

This Tax Rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. This tax rate will effectively be raised by 0.9534% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$32.59.

10. Consider Parmer County Burn Ban

A discussion was held considering enacting the burn ban. Upon motion by White, seconded by Wilkins to table the issue until the next meeting, motion carried.

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

Sheriff Geris had nothing to report at this time.

With no further business to come before the court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 10:52 o'clock A.M.


County Clerk




County Judge