

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 23, 2020

Be it remembered on the 23rd day of March 2020 at 10:09 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 March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting with two corrections. Motion passed.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for March 17th and 23rd Motion by Russell, seconded by Wilkins to approve payment of the Accounts Payables as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

6. Consider Treasurer's Report-Sharon May

Motion by Frye, seconded by Wilkins to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for March 15th. Motion carried. See attached.

7. Consider COVID-19 Virus Restrictions

Judge Ellis read a Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency. It follows closely the State of Disaster Declaration for the State of Texas by Governor Abbott. Discussion was held and the consensus was to be proactive in response to this global health emergency. Judge Ellis made the motion for Parmer County to enact the Disaster Declaration. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See attached.

County Clerk, Susie Spring informed the Court that she was closing her office to the public, but work would continue as usual via email, regular mail, phone and fax. The office will be staffed during our regular hours.

Treasurer, Sharon May informed the Commissioner's she was limiting access to her office to those that have business with the Treasurer.

Judge Ellis proposed a plan to allow county employees an additional 80 hours of sick leave to help employees cope with any quarantine of themselves or their family members as well as any illness associated with the COVID-19 virus. This would remain in effect until the crisis with the virus is resolved. Commissioner Frye made the motion White seconded and the motion passed.

8. Consider Closing County Road B1 and a Part of County Road 29

Having posted all required notice and having no objection from the public, upon motion by Frye, seconded by White to close the road, the motion passed. See attached.

9. Consider Purchase of a Shredder for use in Pct. #2

Commissioner Wilkins proposed buying a shredder for \$22,227.06 for PCT. #2. Upon motion by White, seconded by Russell to purchase the shredder, the motion passed.

10. Consider Water Line under County Road

Coleman Young made application to place a 6" PVC water line under CR 21 one half mile north of FM 145. Upon motion by Frye, seconded by Russell, the motion passed. See attached.

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

Sheriff Geris reported a total of 22 total inmates, 11 of which are from Deaf Smith county. See attached.

He presented the Racial Profiling Report as required by law. See attached. Upon motion by Russell to approve the report and a second by Frye, the motion was approved.

The Sheriff warned of scams over social media and in person in response to the Covid-19 virus and warned the Court to carefully assess social media. He said the Sheriff's Office had implemented additional cleaning procedures and closed the jail to visitors during this virus crises. He stated he had sanitizing wipes but was trying to obtain PPE for his officers.

He reported that a small AC unit had been placed on the roof of the building to cool the computer room that houses various servers for the Sheriff and the Courthouse. Prior to this it had no ventilation and the rising temperatures were an issue for the longevity of the servers.

With no further business to come before the court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Frye seconded and adjournment was called at 11:46 o'clock A.M.


County Clerk




County Judge