

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 24, 2020

Be it remembered on the 24th day of August 2020 at 10:03 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
Kenny White	Commissioner Pct. #3
Charles Wilkins	Commissioner Pct. #2
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. Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate

No members of the Public were in attendance.

5. Discuss/Adopt County Budget

Judge Ellis reported that the Probation Department suggested two items be added to the budget but did not follow-up with a bid or cost of the project or equipment to him by today's deadline.

A motion to adopt the proposed 2021 Parmer County Budget was made by Commissioner White, Frye seconded. The Motion was passed unanimously.

6. Discuss/Adopt the Proposed Tax Rate

Judge Ellis reminded the Commissioner's that the Maintenance and Operations proposed rate is 0.4019, the Interest and Sinking fund proposed rate is 0.0254, and the Farm to Market proposed rate is 0.1064

A motion to adopt the general or M&O rate of 0.4019 was made by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Russell. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adopt the I&S rate of 0.0254 was made by Judge Ellis, seconded by Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adopt the FM rate of 0.1064 was made by Commissioner Frye, seconded by White. Motion passed unanimously.

Thus resulting in an overall tax rate of 0.5337

7. Read and Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Upon reading of the Minute of the last meeting, on a motion by Russell, seconded by Wilkins to approve the Minutes from the August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting, motion passed.

Upon reading of the minutes from the Special Meeting held August 3, 2020, on a motion by Frye, seconded by White, the motion passed.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for August 17th and 24th 2020. Motion by Wilkins, seconded by Frye to approve payment of the Accounts Payables as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

9. Consider Treasurer's Report-Sharon May

Motion by White, seconded by Russell to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for August 14, 2020. Motion carried. See attached.

The Treasurer also presented a name change for one of the County Clerk's bank accounts and two of the District Clerk's accounts. This change was on recommendation of the auditors. Upon motion by Judge Ellis, seconded by Frye to accept the change for the County Clerk, the motion passed.

Upon motion by Russell, seconded by White to approve the name change in the two District Clerk's accounts, the motion passed.

10. Consider Approval of Precinct Judges and Alternates for the November 3, 2020 Election

Upon presentation of names by the County Clerk, a motion to accept the names presented was made by Frye, seconded by Wilkins. Motion passed. See attached.

11. Consider Approval of Early Voting Ballot Board members and Central Counting Station Personnel for the November 3, 2020 Election.

Upon presentation of names by the County Clerk, upon motion by Russell, seconded by White to accept the names of those presented, the motion passed.

12. Consider Parmer County Burn Ban

Upon motion by Wilkins, seconded by Frye to extend the Burn Ban for 90 days, the motion passed.

13. Discuss CRI consulting on Policy and Procedure Manual

Discussion was held on engaging CRI to consult on financial policy and procedures for the County. A letter of engagement was presented for the Commissioners to review and discuss at the next meeting.

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

Sheriff Geries stated that five employees have tested positive for COVID-19. Three have recovered and have returned to work. Two are recovering and should be cleared to return to work soon. As a result, the Sheriff hired a firm to disinfect the office last week.

The Sheriff reported 20 inmates at present. Five inmates who had been awaiting transfer were sent to the state penitentiary. He reported he has an opening for a dispatcher.

The new generator is on site and in the process of being installed. Commissioners discussed moving the old generator to the Courthouse for use. The Sheriff will explore what that entails and will have it moved as the new generator comes on line.

With no further business to come before the court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Frye seconded and adjournment was called at 11:23 o'clock A.M.


County Clerk




County Judge