

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Be it remembered on the 8th day of February 2021 at 10:02 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

Also Present: Deena Leuea JP Pct. 2
Pam Haseloff JP Pct. 3
Rob Pomper, Stateline Tribune

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

Mr. Pomper had no comments.

4. Discuss JP Pct. 1 Vacancy

Judge Haseloff stated that she and Judge Leuea wanted to do what was best for the County. They also wanted to do what was legally necessary. Judge Haseloff stated whatever was decided must be approved by Commissioners' Court. Judge Ellis stated that the everyday workflow should be addressed by the two JPs. Judge Haseloff stated that they had decided that JP Pct 3 would do all criminal work for Pct 1 and Judge Leuea would do all civil cases for Pct 1.

The Judge stated that he had worked with the Postmaster to get the mail forwarded.

Judge Leuea stated that all the tax cases were done in Pct. 2 because the Tax Appraisal Office was located in Bovina and to close that office and move those cases anywhere else would be inconvenient. She indicated that there was a necessity for all three precincts to keep their offices open.

Judge Ellis stated that no decision had been made and the Commissioners would like to wait to see who was interested in filing for that position in the 2022 election.

Judge Haseloff also informed the Court of issues with the NetData software in both of them doing cases for Pct. 1. There is a workaround and NetData is working to resolve the issue.

Judge Ellis made the motion to accept the JPs plan to have JP Pct. 2 do the civil cases for Pct. 1 and JP 3 do the criminal cases for Pct 1. Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed.

Judge Haseloff brought up the issue of compensation. Judge Ellis made the motion for compensation to be tabled until he could talk to legal counsel, Wilkins seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Wilkins brought up the issue of maintenance in the office of JP Pct 1. He stated several ceiling tiles need replacing. Judge Ellis said he would follow up on this issue.

5. Read and Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Upon reading of the Minutes of the last meeting, on a motion by Frye, seconded by Russell to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting on January 25, 2021 with the corrections suggested, the motion passed.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for February 3rd and 8th . Motion by Wilkins, seconded by Russell to approve payment of the Accounts Payables as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

7. Consider Treasurer's Report-Sharon May

Motion by Frye, seconded by White to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for January 31, 2021. Motion carried. See attached.

8. Consider Permanent School Fund Lease Extension

Judge Ellis reported that he and Jeff Actkinson, County Attorney had a conference call with Carl Stroud and Henry Green of Basin Oil and Gas. Judge Ellis stated that Basin Oil and Gas had convinced the County that the seismic study was worthless to the County. The County in the best interest of the School Districts could not accept the lease extension for nothing. Judge Ellis proposed an extension of the lease at no cost for the certainty that Basin Oil and Gas would commit to drilling a viable oil or gas well by the extension time of November 2022 or pay the County \$150 per acre.

The Commissioners discussed this issue and agreed that that was a reasonable alternate. Judge Ellis then called Henry Green so that the Commissioners could participate in the discussion.

Mr. Green opposed this proposal, stating he could not guarantee a viable well. Discussion ensued. Judge Ellis then stated that the extension could take place for \$150 per acre payment. Again, discussion ensued. At the conclusion, Mr. Green stated that the company would do what they could by November 2021 which is the date on which the existing lease ends. The Commissioners agreed and the discussion ended.

9. Consider Dam Inspection Report

Judge Ellis presented the watershed inspection report from the Natural Resources Conservation Service dated December 3, 2020. Inspections were done on Running Water Draw site 2 and 3. On site 2, it was noted that the west side of the dam may need repair. See attached.

Upon motion by Frye to approve the report, seconded by White, the motion passed.

10. Consider Bonds for Parmer County Elected Officials and Employees

The following bonds were presented for approval:

Commissioner Kenny White
County Attorney Jeff Actkinson
Sheriff Randy Geris
District Clerk Deputy Rose Longley

Upon motion by Frye, seconded by White to approve all of the above bonds, the motion passed. Bonds are filed in the office of the County Clerk.

11. Consider Water and Gas Lines under County Roads

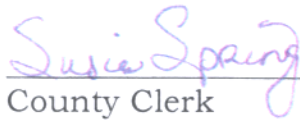
Three applications were received for placement of two water lines and one gas line under county roads. Henry Clark applied for a water line from SE to NW across the intersection of CR L and CR 21. David Norton applied for a water line 2551 feet North of Hwy 60 on CR 4 and a gas line 2192 feet North of Hwy 60 on CR 4. Upon motion by Russell, seconded by Wilkins to approve all of the applications, the motion passed. See attached.

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

Sheriff Geries presented the State required Racial Profiling Report for 2020. He discussed the results, indicating all of the statistics followed the ratio of races present in the County. See attached. Upon motion to accept the report by White, seconded by Russell, the motion passed.

Sheriff Geries reported 26 inmates as of today. He indicated that 6 inmates from Deaf Smith County are now housed in the Parmer County Jail.

With no further business to come before the court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Frye seconded and adjournment was called at 12:23 o'clock P.M.


County Clerk




County Judge