

## REGULAR MEETING MAY 24, 2021

Be it remembered on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 at 10:01 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

Also present:

Jimmy Burns, Friona ISD  
Steve Wolf, Lazbuddie ISD  
Brent Sherrod, Perdue Brandon

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

### **Call to Order**

1. Prayer

Judge Ellis 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 had comments.

4. A Public Hearing on Intention of Parmer County to designate the Lazbuddie Wind Energy II, LLC Reinvestment Zone, Establish Boundaries thereof and Provide for an Effective Date Pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code was held at 9:30 AM.

There was general agreement for this Reinvestment Zone and no opposition.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Parmer County to designate the Lazbuddie Wind Energy II, LLC Reinvestment Zone, Establish Boundaries thereof and Provide for an Effective Date Pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code

Having discussed this issue in the public meeting, Commissioner Frye made the motion to adopt the Resolution to Designate the Lazbuddie Wind Energy II, LLC Reinvestment Zone, Establish Boundaries thereof and Provide for an Effective Date Pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Wilkins seconded the motion and the motion passed. See attached.

6. Discussion and Consideration regarding Tax Abatement Agreement with Lazbuddie Wind Energy II, LLC, Pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Frye made the motion to accept the Tax Abatement Agreement between Parmer County, Texas and Lazbuddie Wind Energy II, LLC. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed. See attached.

7. Read and Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting.

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

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Motion by Wilkins, seconded by White to approve payment of the Accounts Payables as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

9. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

Motion by Frye, seconded by Russell to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for May 14, 2021. Motion carried. See attached.

10. Consider Contract for Court Collection Services

Judge Ellis presented a contract from i3-Bearcat, LLC dba Graves Humphries Stahl, LTD (GHS) for collection of court costs and fees for the Justice of the Peace Offices.

He then asked Brent Sherrod of Perdue Brandon to comment on their collection services as they serve as delinquent tax collector for the county and for the County and District Court.

A discussion was held in regard to having the JPs meet with Brent and compare the two options. Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to table the issue until the JPs had time to do further research into the options. Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed.

11. Consider Continuing Education Hours for JP#3

Judge Ellis presented a certificate from Judge Haseloff for ten hours of continuing education. On motion by Russell to approve the hours, seconded by Frye, the motion passed.

12. Consider Bond for Deputy Treasurer

Judge Ellis presented the bond for Luciana Martinez, Deputy Treasurer. Upon motion by Frye to approve the Bond, seconded by White, the motion passed.

13. Consider Joining NACO

Judge Ellis related a meeting with Kim Hall a representative of the National Association of Counties Organization. He presented some of the benefits to the County of joining and reported that Swisher County just joined. He also talked to a number of other County Judges that recommended membership in the organization. Normally the annual dues are \$450 but they would prorate this year's dues for \$300. After discussion, Commissioner Frye made the motion to join the NACO, Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed.

14. Discuss and/or Consider JP #1 Position

Judge Ellis questioned if the Court wanted to budget for the open JP office for 2022 or consider other options. Discussion ensued. Commissioner White made the motion to budget for the vacant office as we normally would and to leave the office vacant until next year's election. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

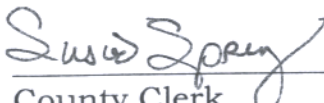
Sheriff Gerries reported 18 inmates as of today with one inmate housed in the Lubbock County Jail and 2 being housed for Deaf Smith county.

He reported that the preventive maintenance on all the doors and locks in the jail had been done. He reported he is also considering a soft water system for the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. The hard water is causing the need for replacement of plumbing parts. He stated Muleshoe has done that in their jail and has been very pleased with the system.

He informed the Court that he is buying a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe to replace a 2014 vehicle. This purchase is in his budget for this year. He requested that he be allowed to trade in the 2014 vehicle for the 2021 one. This brings the new purchase price to \$28,516.00.

Commissioner Wilkins made the motion to trade in the 2014 vehicle for the 2021 Tahoe. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business to come before the court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:43 o'clock A.M.

  
County Clerk



  
County Judge