

## REGULAR MEETING JUNE 14, 2021

Be it remembered on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 at 10:10 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:

Wendy Case, County Extension Services  
Janelle Duffey, County Extension Services  
Wendy Carthel, Parmer County Heritage Society

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

### Call to Order

#### 1. Prayer

Commissioner Frye 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. Update from IPM Agent – John Thoebe

John Thoebe was unable to attend.

#### 5. Update on Extension Activities

Wendy Case presented an update for the past six months. See attached. Janelle Duffey reported two teams attended the State competition. The livestock team and the meat team went to state.

6. Consider Renovations to the American Legion Building in Friona

Wendy Carthel the Director of the Parmer County Museum presented the background of the American Legion Building. She detailed the needed renovations and presented a previous bid detailing the work needed. She stated that that bid was no longer valid and the scope has since changed. They were only replacing the roof and adding a large door at present. She stated the Museum had paid \$23,000 as a first payment. She expects the Economic Development Corporation in Friona to donate \$25,000. She is asking for the county to contribute \$25,000. Once the roof and door are completed, the remaining money will be utilized to configure the building as needed.

The Museum receives a \$17,000 stipend from the County yearly to pay operating costs. Discussion ensued. The Commissioners were in agreement that they would like to contribute but wanted the budgeting process that will be taking place this next month to be completed before considering the amount of money that could be donated. Ms. Carthel was in agreement that the donation could wait until the budget process was complete.

Upon motion by Commissioner White to table this issue until after the budget process, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, the motion passed.

7. Read and Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting.

Upon motion to approve the minutes by White with the noted correction, seconded by Russell, the motion passed.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for June 3rd and 14<sup>th</sup> Motion by Frye, seconded by Wilkins to approve payment of the Accounts Payables as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

9. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

Motion by Russell, seconded by Frye to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for May 28, 2021. Motion carried. See attached.

10. Discuss and Consider JP Pay for Pct. #1

Judge Ellis reported that JP Pct. #2 and JP Pct. #3 have requested additional compensation for adding to their workload with JP Pct. #1 office vacant.

Judge Ellis made a motion to compensate the JPs \$200 per month each beginning in June until the JP Pct. #1 vacancy is filled. His motion included the statement that this compensation would not be considered in the application of any raises for the next budget year.

A discussion was held considering the precedents that had been set in relation to vacancies in the JP offices in the past. For want of a second, the motion died.

Commissioner White made a motion to table this issue, Commissioner Russell seconded and the motion passed.

11. Consider Contract for Collection Services for JP courts

After discussion at the last meeting in regard to this issue, the JPs considered Perdue, Brandon but preferred to stay with the GHS contract. Commissioner Russell made a motion to accept the GHS contract. Judge Ellis seconded and the motion passed. See attached.

12. Consider Bond for Deputy County Clerk

Judge Ellis presented the bond for Breann Saenz, A Deputy County Clerk. On a motion by Frye to accept the bond, seconded by Wilkins, the motion passed.

13. Consider Parmer County Burn Ban and Discuss Fireworks

Discussion was held. The Burn Ban remains in effect until August, therefore no action was taken on this item.

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

Sheriff Geries reported 17 inmates as of today with one inmate housed in the Lubbock County Jail.

The Sheriff presented a list of fifty-two items that are obsolete or beyond repair and requested permission to remove them from the County Inventory and dispose of the items.

On a motion from Wilkins to approve removing these items from the County Inventory and disposing of them, seconded by Frye, the motion passed.

The Sheriff reported that an opportunity had arisen to purchase another car for the Department. Due to the many shortages and increasing costs

of vehicles based upon the COVID pandemic, he expressed this was an opportunity to update the rotation of Sheriff's vehicles. He stated as did Judge Ellis that they believe the money to pay for this vehicle could possibly come from the Rescue America money. The price of the vehicle would be \$36,004.00

Upon motion by Frye to approve the purchase of this vehicle, seconded by White, the motion passed.

The Sheriff discussed the movement of the old generator to the Courthouse. He stated he had to get another bid as prices have changed and the original bidder has been non responsive. The price has significantly increased and the Commissioners may want to reconsider keeping that generator. Once he receives a firm bid, it will be placed on the Court's Agenda.

He also reported on bids to place a water softener system in the Law Enforcement Center. He received one bid for \$20,128 and another for \$19,527. He is doing further research and may place this on the next budget cycle.

With no further business to come before the court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 1:12 o'clock P.M.

  
County Clerk



  
County Judge