

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 10, 2022

Be it remembered on the 10th day of January 2022 at 10:00 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:

Trey Ellis	Judge
Kirk Frye	Commissioner Pct. #1
Kenny White	Commissioner Pct. #3
Charles Wilkins	Commissioner Pct. #2
Casey Russell	Commissioner Pct. #4
Sharon May	County Treasurer
Susie Spring	County Clerk

Also Present:

Isabel Carrasco
Jeff Actkinson, County Attorney
Jayme Schlabs, Sheriff Deputy
Eric Geske, Chief Deputy
Wendy Case, Extension Agent

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

There were no comments.

4. Read and Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting.

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 21, 2021 by White, seconded by Russell, the motion passed.

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on December 30, 2021 by Wilkins, seconded by Frye, the motion passed.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for December 3, 2021 and January 3 and 10, 2022 . Motion by Russell seconded by Wilkins to approve payment of the Accounts Payables as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

6. Consider Treasurer’s Payroll Report-Sharon May

Motion by White, seconded by Frye to approve the Treasurer’s Payroll Report for December 30, 2021. Motion carried. See attached.

7. Consider Regular Meeting Schedule for Commissioners Court

Judge Ellis proposed keeping the meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month with the exception of August and September. Due to laws requiring tax rates and their approvals, he proposed setting a meeting for every Monday in those two months. He stated we may not hold a meeting but in case we need an approval that must be done in a Regular Meeting, we would be prepared.

Upon motion by Commissioner White, seconded by Russell, to approve the proposed schedule, the motion passed.

8. Consider Appointment of County Judge Pro Tem

Upon a motion to appoint Commissioner Frye as Judge Pro Tem by Judge Ellis, seconded by White, the appointment was approved.

9. Consider Lap Top Computer for Veterans Service Officer

Upon a motion to approve the computer for Richard Villarreal, VSO, by Wilkins, seconded by Russell, the motion passed.

10. Consider Holiday Schedule for 2022

Commissioner Frye moved to approve the holiday schedule for the Courthouse, seconded by Judge Ellis, the motion passed. See attached.

11. Draw Names for the 2022 Salary Grievance Committee

The Court drew names for the Salary Grievance Committee. See the attached list.

12. Consider Estimate for Electrical Work for the Extension Office/J.P.#2 Office

Wendy Case presented an estimate to get the electrical work done to place two small water heaters in the bathrooms at the Extension Building. After discussion, Commissioner Frye made the motion to approve the bid for the electrical as well as approval to order the two water heaters for the bathrooms. Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed.

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

Sheriff Gerries reported 23 total inmates as of today. 8 are being housed for Deaf Smith County.

The Sheriff also presented a clarification and update to the 207 k compensation policy for Sheriff Office Deputies and Jailers. After consultation with TAC the attached policy was presented for consideration.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to approve the policy but to further clarify that the vacation hours would be taken first and after they are exhausted the hours would be taken from sick time to make up for the minimum hours worked if needed. Judge Ellis seconded the motion and the motion passed. See attached.

Also discussed was the seven minute rule to round the time sheet out to the nearest 15 minute increment. Upon motion by White to table the policy at this time until more information is obtained, seconded by Wilkins, the motion passed.

The Commissioner's Court then convened in an Executive Session in accordance with V.T.C.A. Gov. Code 551.074 to deliberate personnel matters.

Commissioner's reconvened in Regular Session at 11:55 A.M.

14. Consideration of Appointment of County Sheriff

Judge Ellis asked for a motion in regard to the discussion in Executive Session.

Commissioner Frye made the motion to appoint Eric Geske as Sheriff for the unexpired term of Sheriff Gerries. Commissioner White seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Ellis and the Commissioners thanked Sheriff Geries for his service. They expressed the fact that all the candidates were good choices and expressed their thanks for their interest and service to the county in their current positions.

Sheriff Geries indicated that his service as Sheriff was a great honor and the decision to retire a difficult one.

Judge Ellis also thanked the Commissioners for their support during his medical leave and stated he hoped to be back full time soon.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 12:03 o'clock P.M.


County Clerk




County Judge