

REGULAR MEETING JULY 25, 2022

Be it remembered on the 25th day of July 2022 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:

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

Absent: Casey Russell Commissioner Pct. #4

Also Present:

Monty Schueler, Rhea-Hollene Fire Dept.
Robert Chad Lydick
Kolter Defoor
Amy Dudley

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

There were no comments from the public.

4. Consider Garage for Fire Trucks at Rhea

Monty Schueler informed the Court he had obtained a bid for a 30 X 60 addition to the north side of the existing fire department building. He stated it would not have concrete flooring but caliche. He said the bid was approximately \$39,000 for the structure, \$7471.50 for the foam insulation, and approximately \$500 for the electrical. This would enable

the department to park all vehicles under cover with additional space for the future. This would bring the approximate total to \$50,000.

Commissioner White made the motion to approve \$50,000 from the ARPA monies with receipts due prior to transferring the money to the Fire Department. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed.

Monty Schueler also reported on discussions with Curtis and Debbie Allen as to a lease for the building or transferring the deed to the fire department so that no taxes are owed on that property that is deeded over. They are still exploring this option.

5. Consider Subdivision Rules – Chad Lydick

Chad Lydick and Kolter Defoor discussed a planned subdivision by the Country Club area. It would consist of 178 acres divided into 52, one to three acre lots. The majority of the lots would be for single family residences with a small portion that may be commercial.

They came before the Commissioners to discuss any applicable county rules for that area. In discussions with the City of Farwell, they were informed no city water would be provided. They discussed building of roads for this area. The Commissioners stated that the County would not maintain any roads for the subdivision.

Discussion was held in regard to forming an HOA to handle the cost of maintenance of roads. Each lot owner will also have to provide a well for water and have a septic system. The septic system will be permitted by the state.

Commissioner Wilkins asked that the County Attorney draw up an agreement that the County would not maintain the roads. All parties were agreeable to that. The Judge will follow up with the County Attorney.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

6. Consider and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 11, 2022, with one correction, by Commissioner Frye, seconded by White, the motion passed.

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on July 19, 2022 by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by White, the motion passed.

7. Consider Approval and Payment of Accounts Payable-Sharon May

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for July 15th and 25th Motion by Frye, seconded by Wilkins to approve Payment of the Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

8. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

Commissioner White made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for July 15, 2022. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed. See attached.

9. Consider Treasurer's Quarterly Report

Sharon May presented the 2nd Quarter Report. See attached. After review, upon motion by Commissioner Frye to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, the motion passed.

10. Consider CSI Plan from Stacey Bruington

This program was presented in the last Commissioner's Court meeting. It is a Texas Association of Counties incentive to promote "Healthy Counties". TAC allows the County to use \$5000 of TAC funding to offer employees incentives for participating in challenges in activities to promote health.

Judge Ellis made the motion that Parmer County agree to participate in the program. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed.

11. Consider COVID-19 Administrative Leave Policy

Each quarter, the Court assesses the need for continuing this policy. With the COVID numbers again on the rise, Commissioner Frye made the motion to continue the policy for the 3rd quarter. Commissioner Wilkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

12. Consider Parmer County Burn Ban

With the recognition that the County is still in drought conditions, Commissioner White made the motion to continue the burn ban for the next 90 days. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed.

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

In Sheriff Geske's absence, Amy Dudley made the Sheriff's Office Report.

She reported thirty inmates with 14 of those from Deaf Smith County. She reported there is still a Deputy position vacant.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Frye seconded and adjournment was called at 11:20 o'clock A.M.

The Court was called back to order at 11:40 A.M. for the Budget Workshop.

Judge Ellis presented the "Certification for the 2022 Appraisal Roll" for both the taxable property and the FM Road taxable property from Jill Timms, Chief Appraiser.

At 12:05 P.M., Judge Ellis made a motion to adjourn for lunch and reconvene at 1:30 P.M. commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed.

At 1:34 P.M., the Court reconvened to continue the Budget discussion.

The Capital Budget was reviewed.

The proposal for the addition of a part time position for an Election Clerk was reviewed.

Each Precinct budget was reviewed.

Due to the fact that final numbers have not been received from the Appraisal District the court was unable to go further in their discussions. Judge Ellis proposed a Special called meeting to continue the budget discussion next Wednesday. All were in agreement.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Judge Ellis seconded and adjournment was called at 4:03 o'clock P.M.

Susie Spring
County Clerk



Jay Ellis
County Judge