

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Be it remembered on the 26th day of September 2022 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:

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

Absent: Casey Russell Commissioner Pct. #4

Also Present:

Eric Geske, Sheriff
Izzy Carrasco
Sid Felon, Juvenile Probation
Jose Martinez, Juvenile Probation

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 from the public.

4. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 12, 2022, with corrections noted, by Commissioner Frye, seconded by Wilkins, the motion passed.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for September 15th and 26th. Motion by White, seconded by Frye to approve Payment of the Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

6. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

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

7. Consider Re-Scheduling Commissioner's Court on October 10,2022 because of the Columbus Day Holiday

Commissioner Frye made the motion to reschedule the meeting to October 11, 2022. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed.

8. Consider Bond for Justice of the Peace #1 Clerk

Judge Ellis reported that this person serves in the Friona Municipal Court and will perform the same duties as Michelle Agee does for Justice of the Peace #3, here at the Courthouse.

Upon motion by White to approve the bond for Marie Samarron, seconded by Frye, the motion passed.

9. Consider Continuing Education Hours for Justice of the Peace #2

Upon motion from Judge Ellis to approve the 20 CEUs, seconded by Frye, the motion passed.

10. Consider Proclamation for National night Out October 4, 2022

Judge Ellis read the proposed proclamation. Upon motion from Frye, seconded by White to approve the proclamation, the motion passed.

11. Consider Vehicle for Juvenile Probation Office

Mr. Felon reported that he had received approval from the Bailey County Commissioner's Court to purchase a vehicle for \$35,000. Bailey County would be responsible for \$14,000 and Parmer County would be responsible for \$21,000.

The Court questioned who would pay for insurance, maintenance and gas. Mr. Felon stated that in checking with other probation offices around the

state, that his office would use the budget amount for mileage and would pay for the insurance, maintenance and gas.

Judge Ellis made the motion that the Court approve the \$21,000, which is Parmer County's share of the \$35,000, from the ARPA money for the Juvenile Probation Office to purchase the vehicle. Commissioner Frye seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

The Sheriff reported 24 inmates with 13 of those from Deaf Smith County. He reported that year to date he has billed Deaf Smith County \$199,665.00 for housing the inmates from that County.

He reported that AT&T was upgrading their phones and furnishing an iPad at no cost to the County. The new AC unit is now in place on the roof of the Enforcement Center. He reported that the Sheriff's Office will be conducting a table top emergency drill with the Farwell Nursing Home. He stated that he will have the Sheriff's Office participate in more drills of this type in the future.

The Judge reported that John Gurley, Emergency Management Coordinator wishes to step down from that position. Sheriff Geske has agreed to take on that responsibility. This will be presented formally in the future to the Court.

The Judge also presented the email from Evan Horn, Ernst & Young, LLP in regard to the Lazbuddie Wind Project. They are anticipating the majority of the work will take place in 2024. The tax abatement expires in December of this year and will require an extension. This will come before the court later this year.

Commissioner Frye informed the Court that any work between local entities under \$15,000 will not require an interlocal agreement.

Sharon May reminded the Court that open enrollment for benefits is Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Frye seconded and adjournment was called at 11:16 o'clock A.M.

Susie Sprung
County Clerk



Troy Ellis
County Judge