

REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Be it remembered on the 14th day of November 2022 at 10:03 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:

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| 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:

Eric Geske, Sheriff
Izzy Carrasco
Cesar Marquez, Bovina FD
Joe Orozco, Bovina PD
Wendy Case
Janelle Duffy
Deena Lucero
Amy Dudley

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. Consider Request for ARPA Funds for the Bovina Fire Department

Cesar Marquez from the Bovina FD requested funds for bunker gear and a washer and dryer specifically for that type of gear. He stated that approximately \$21,000 is needed for the purchase.

Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to utilize ARPA funds for this request. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed.

5. Update on Extension Activities

Wendy Case and Janelle Duffy reported on their past 6 months of activities for the Extension Office. See attached reports.

6. Consider copier for Extension Office

Wendy Case asked for funds to purchase a new color copier/fax machine. See attached estimate. She stated that they can no longer obtain parts for their existing copier. She asked if ARPA funds could be used.

A discussion was held as to how to pay this unbudgeted expense. General consensus was that ARPA funds did not need to be used and a line item transfer in the existing budget could be utilized. Upon further discussion Wendy and Janelle thought they would have approximately \$10,000 left over in this years budget. The Judge urged them to look at their budget and see if that was possible to fund the purchase through their existing budget.

Commissioner Russell made a motion for the Extension Office to purchase the copier/fax machine and for the decision to pay for it made after looking at the funding available. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed.

7. Consider Parking Lot & Sump Pump at JP #2 Office

Deena Lucero presented a proposal to fix the standing water and hole at the entrance to the office parking lot. She had worked with the Bovina City Manager to develop this plan. Judge Ellis stated that the actual hole may be on DOT right of way. He said that he would prefer to speak to the DOT area engineer before proceeding.

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

8. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes with one correction, from the Regular Meeting on October 24, 2022, by White seconded by Russell, the motion passed.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for November 2nd and 14th Motion by Frye, seconded by White to approve Payment of the Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

10. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

Commissioner White made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for October 31, 2022. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed. See attached.

11. Canvass of the November 8, 2022 General Election

A final results spread sheet was presented to the Court to include precinct by precinct reports. Upon review of the numbers, Commissioner Frye made the motion to approve the results of the canvass, commissioner White seconded and the motion to approve passed.

12. Consider Purchase of Additional Equipment for the Elections

Election Administrator, Susie Spring and Voter Registrar, Awyna Sanchez, discussed the effectiveness of the election process in the November 8th Election. Both realized that we were unprepared for breakdowns or larger than expected turnout. They requested four additional ExpressVotes and four additional Pollbooks. The approximate cost will be \$25,000 total.

After discussion, upon a motion by Judge Ellis to approve the purchase of the additional equipment using the ARPA money, seconded by Commissioner Frye, the motion passed.

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

The Sheriff reported 34 inmates with 12 of those from Deaf Smith County and 10 from Dawson County. He said to date this year he has billed Deaf Smith County \$247,415 and Dawson County \$21,335.

He reported that his office now has a new Facebook page. He stated that he will have a "Stop the Bleed" Class on November 23rd

He also notified the Court that there had been an attempted murder in Bovina but all suspects were in custody.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 12:32 o'clock P.M.

Susie Spang
County Clerk



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County Judge