

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2022

Be it remembered on the 12th day of November 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
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
Awyna Sanchez, Tax Assessor-Collector
Daniel Kaltwasser, Farwell FD
Weldon Kube, Farwell EMS
Amy Dudley

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

Call to Order

1. Prayer

Commissioner White 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 Farwell Fire Department and Farwell EMS

Daniel Kaltwasser from the Farwell Fire Department requested the County provide ARPA Funds for the purchase of an extractor to wash bunker gear, three sets of additional thinner gear and three sets of

bunker gear for the Farwell FD. Total cost of the entire request is \$20,033.45.

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

Weldon Kube presented a request for a LUCAS Chest Compression System for the Farwell EMS. Due to a shortage of personnel, this equipment can be life saving in the event of the need to resuscitate an individual. Total cost of this request is \$19,323.12.

Commissioner White made a motion to utilize ARPA funds to purchase this equipment for the Farwell EMS. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed.

5. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes with one correction, from the Regular Meeting on November 28, 2022, by Russell seconded by Wilkins, the motion passed.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for December 5th and 12th Motion by White, seconded by Frye to approve Payment of the Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

7. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

Commissioner Russell made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for November 30, 2022. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed. See attached.

8. Consider Request from Parmer County Employees for Payment on Unused Vacation Hours

This item was tabled during the last meeting. The general consensus with input from TAC is that the County needs to follow the existing Employee Handbook.

Discussion was held as to how to change the wording in the Handbook.

After discussion, a motion was made by Judge Ellis to approve the request from both employees and to change the wording in the handbook at the next meeting. Commissioner White seconded.

Upon a vote of three ayes to two nays, the motion passed.

9. Consider Fire Reports

Fire Reports were presented from the Cities of Farwell, Bovina and Friona and from the communities of Lazbuddie and Rhea-Hollene.

The following number of County calls were approved for each Fire Department as follows:

Farwell-69

Bovina-37

Friona-81

Lazbuddie-27

For a total of 214 calls. Rhea-Hollene had 9 calls.

Rhea-Hollene is subsidized at the first of each year. \$40,000 remain to be divided by the other Departments. Based upon the total number of calls. Each call will be subsidized at the rate of \$186.92.

The following amounts would be distributed:

Farwell-\$12,897.48

Bovina-\$6,916.04

Friona-\$15,140.52

Lazbuddie-\$5,046.84

Upon a motion to distribute the money as discussed by Russell, seconded by Wilkins, the motion passed.

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

The Sheriff reported 37 inmates with 8 of those from Deaf Smith County and 8 from Dawson County.

He reported that the new car is here and almost outfitted for patrol.

He said the "bleed kits" for the Courthouse are here and will be installed at various locations throughout the building. The kits include a tourniquet, gauze, scissors and wrap.

He discussed the issue regarding the radio tower by the Courthouse. PRPC wants to install a repeater on the tower. In an attempt to obtain a permit, the SEC had no record of the tower after the year 2000, when apparently some renovation took place. The Sheriff is working to resolve this issue.

The Sheriff informed the Court that the control board of the equipment that controls the jail door locking system had gone out. He said it would be about \$4000.00 to replace it.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 12:21 o'clock P.M.

Sue Spring
County Clerk



Jerry Ellis
County Judge