

## REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2022

Be it remembered on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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  
Aspen Fleming, Friona EMS  
Jeannie Martin, Friona EMS  
Cesar Marquez, Bovina EMS  
Debbie Weir, Lazbuddie EMS  
Yurban Salinas, Deputy  
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 Friona EMS

Aspen Fleming made a request for the Friona EMS to receive funding for a LUCAS Chest Compression System. She also wanted to include a Life Pac 15 for the Friona EMS third ambulance. The LUCAS equipment is a total of \$18,221.54 and the Life Pac is \$36,334.16.

After discussion, it was suggested that due to other requests today and in the future that the LUCAS equipment be considered today and the Life Pac at a future time if there is sufficient funding left. A motion was made by Commissioner Frye, seconded by Judge Ellis that the County purchase the LUCAS equipment for the Friona EMS from the ARPA funds. The motion passed.

5. Consider Request for ARPA Funds for the Bovina EMS

Cesar Marquez appeared before the Court to ask that the County approve funds for a LUCAS Chest Compression System and four sets of rescue gear. After discussion of the cost of the gear at \$910.93 for one set and the number of persons usually responding to a call, Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to approve two sets of gear and the LUCAS equipment for a total of \$20,043.40 from the ARPA fund. Judge Ellis seconded and the motion passed.

6. Consider Request for ARPA Funds for Lazbuddie EMS

Debbie Weir asked the Commissioners to consider making the remaining payments on the Lazbuddie EMS Life Pac which consists of five payments of \$6,535.55 each for a total of \$32,677.75. She stated the Commissioners willingness to obtain LUCAS Equipment for the other EMS Departments in the County and stated if they would rather provide that it would be great.

After discussion, Commissioner Russell made a motion to provide the LUCAS equipment and one payment of the Life Pac rather than the entire five payments, for a total of \$24, 757.09. Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed.

7. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes with one correction, from the Regular Meeting on December 12, 2022, by Frye seconded by White, the motion passed.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for December 19<sup>th</sup> Motion by Russell, seconded by Wilkins to approve Payment of the Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried. See attached.

9. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

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

10. Consider Revision of Vacation Pay-Out Policy

Sharon May, Treasurer presented a suggested revision to the Vacation Pay-Out policy. See attached. After discussion, Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to strike the suggested accrual for any accrual over 10 years. Commissioner Russell seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to change the wording of "additional work" days to "vacation" days and to then accept the policy as written. Commissioner White seconded and the policy was adopted.

Sharon May also presented two forms to meet the requirements of this change in policy. The forms are to be filed in their Human Resource employee file in the Treasurer's Office.

11. Consider ARPA Funds for County Employees

Upon discussion with several of the surrounding counties' Judges, Judge Ellis wants to consider a premium pay from the ARPA funds for employees. He discussed this with Alan Bristol from TAC, as a result, Judge Ellis made the motion that full time employees, employed as of this date, December 19, 2022, receive a one time payment of \$1000.00 for premium pay from the ARPA Fund. This would be paid through the payroll system, in their regular paycheck for December 30, 2022.

Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Consider accepting John Gurley's Resignation and Appointment of Eric Geske as Emergency Management Coordinator.

Upon motion from White, seconded by Frye to accept John Gurley's resignation and appoint Eric Geske to replace him, the motion passed.

13. Consider Re-scheduling Commissioners Court January 9, 2023

Due to the fact that the incoming County Judge and one Commissioner will be attending a continuing education event on January 9<sup>th</sup> Commissioner White made the motion to move the meeting to Friday, January 6, 2023. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed.

14. Consider Appointees to the County Historical Commission

Judge Ellis stated that these appointments are the responsibility of the Commissioner Court. Gladys Spring is the Chair of this Committee at present and has made a recommendation that the following be considered for membership on the Commission:

Gladys Spring-Bovina  
Richard Carson-Bovina  
Wendy Carthel-Friona  
Tommie Fulcher-Farwell  
Gay Goettsch-Farwell  
Hollis Horton-Friona  
Bonnie Howard-Farwell  
Joe Bob Mann-Friona  
Mary Lee Mitzelfelt-Farwell  
Don Spring, Sr.-Bovina  
Sharon White-Friona  
Teresa Ancira-Farwell

All have agreed to serve. Commissioner Frye made a motion to appoint the list as presented. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed.

15. Consider Bonds for Parmer County Elected Officials and Employees

Eight elected officials and three employees were presented  
The following list of individual bonds were presented for approval:  
County Judge- Isabel Izzy Carrasco  
Treasurer-Sharon May  
District Clerk-Sandra Warren  
County Clerk-Susie Spring  
JP Pct. 2-Deena Lucero  
JP Pct. 3-Pam Haseloff  
Charles Wilkins-Commissioner Pct. 2  
Casey Russell-Commissioner Pct. 4  
Matthew Ancira, Deputy District Clerk  
Mayra Chacon, Deputy County Clerk  
Mary Kelly, Deputy Tax Assessor Collector

Upon motion by Wilkins to approve all the bonds listed above, seconded by White the motion carried. Bonds are filed in the County Clerk's Office.

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

The Sheriff reported 34 inmates with 8 of those from Deaf Smith County and 7 from Dawson County.

He said the "bleed kits" for the Courthouse are installed at various locations throughout the building. The Commissioners also received a kit for each of their precincts

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:45 o'clock A.M.

*Sue Spring*  
County Clerk



*W. Russell*  
County Judge