

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MAY 22 2023

Be it remembered on the 22nd day of May 2023 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:

Isabel Izzy Carrasco	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:

Mario Vidaurri, Chief Deputy Sheriff
Awynna Sanchez, Tax Assessor-Collector
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. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 8, 2023, by Commissioner Frye seconded by Commissioner Russell, the motion passed by majority vote.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for May 12th and May 22nd 2023. Motion by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Frye to approve Payment of the Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried by majority vote. See attached.

6. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

Commissioner Russell made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for May 15, 2023 Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

7. Consider and Discuss Line-Item Transfers

Treasurer, Sharon May presented the Line-Item Transfers necessary to zero out the 2022 County Budget.

Commissioner Frye made the motion to approve the Line-Item Transfers Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider and Discuss Budget Amendments for the 2022 County Budget

With the Line-Item Transfers approved, the Treasurer presented the Budget Amendments to complete the process of zeroing out the 2022 Budget.

After discussion, Judge Carrasco made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments presented. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote. See attached.

9. Consider and Discuss Taking Bids to Chip Seal and Re-build Shoulder for CR 19 and Cemetery Road

Commissioner Frye explained the need to repair this county road. He obtained an estimate that was over the \$50,000 amount necessary for a bid. The estimate came in at \$61,000.

Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to bid this project and to pay for it using ½ ARPA Funds and ½ from Precinct #1 funds. Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

10. Consider and Discuss the Demolition and Removal of Two Old County Dwellings in Precinct #4

Commissioner Russell explained the need to demolish these old buildings on County property. They were used as housing for employees at one time but are now in dilapidated condition. Commissioner Russell stated that County employees would do the demolition.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to approve the demolition of the two buildings. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote. See attached.

11. Discuss Renovations in the Old Jail

Commissioner Wilkins expressed the desire to consider building offices or a meeting room in the old jail. He stated we do need to keep some storage area, but wanted to consider other uses. He said the first step should be to obtain a contractor to establish if the old jail contains asbestos.

Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to hire a contractor to do the necessary work to establish if there are any hazardous materials present. Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

12. Discuss TxDOT Notice of Virtual Meeting with In-Person Options

Judge Carrasco presented a letter from TxDOT regarding a proposed project to place a bridge over the railroad at one of the Farwell crossings. The flyer accompanying the letter explained the time and place of the meetings. See attached.

13. Consider and Discuss Full Time Secretary for Juvenile Probation Office

Judge Carrasco informed the Commissioners that as a member of the Juvenile Probation Board, he has been requesting information on the funding for the Juvenile Probation Office. He detailed his meeting with the financial accountant for that office. He reported that the office gets a yearly grant from the State. It is in the form of a matching grant requiring both Bailey and Parmer Counties to also contribute funding per year. This funding is a 60/40 split with Parmer paying the 60%.

A recent audit was conducted of this office and at present there are approximately \$260,000 in reserve. This money is money contributed by the counties, not the state grant. Judge Carrasco has proposed a cap on the money held by the Juvenile Probation Office from the counties at

\$150,000. Any money remaining at the end of the year over that amount would be returned to the counties.

This money contributed by the counties is utilized to fund housing for any juvenile needing inpatient housing. Judge Carrasco also has asked the accountant to keep the money from Parmer County separate from Bailey County money. Each county would pay for the juveniles from their respective counties for housing. If additional money is needed in any given year, the county responsible for the juvenile would be asked to contribute the additional amount.

The state grant money is to pay for operations of the office, at the present time, the grant money would cover the secretary salary for this year. Next year the additional cost would be about \$25,200 for moving to the full-time position. This amount would be split 60/40 by the two counties with Parmer County paying approximately \$15,000.

During the recent audit, it was found the counties did not match the grant money at the required level so that we would have to increase next year's contribution to continue to receive the grant.

Commissioner Russell made the motion to approve making the part time position a full-time position. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

14. Consider and Discuss Agreement between Parmer County and John Gurley

The County has had an agreement with John Gurley to rent office space in Friona for Central Plains of Plainview MHMR office and the Community Supervision probation office for many years. At present, neither entity is utilizing that office space.

Commissioner Frye made a motion that Parmer County not renew that lease as the space is no longer needed. Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

15. Consider and Discuss Budget Workshop Dates

Judge Carrasco brought up this topic and asked the Commissioners for their input. Commissioner Frye suggested that we schedule meetings for every Monday in August as we did last year. The Court discussed that the June and July regular court dates would work for reviewing the budget until that time.

Commissioner Russell made a motion to add August 7th and August 21st as regular meeting dates for the budget workshop. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

16. Consider and Discuss FY 2022 Region O Regional Water Planning Dues

Judge Carrasco presented a letter and invoice he received from the South Plains Association of Governments for regional water planning. The county receives this invoice each year. After discussion, Commissioner Frye made the motion to not pay these dues. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

17. Consider and Discuss Bond for Tax Assessor/Collector Deputy Clerk

On a motion by Commissioner Frye, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins to approve the bond for Kathy Vargas, the motion passed with a majority vote. Bond is on file in the Clerk's office.

18. Consider Any and all Matters Concerning the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center Including but not Limited to:

(A) Consider and Discuss Mutual Aid Agreement between Parmer County and Bailey County

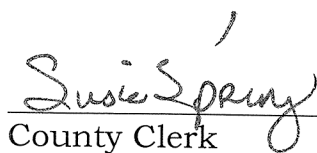
Mario Vidaurri presented the Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Agreement in the Sheriff's absence. Commissioner Frye made the motion to approve the Agreement with Bailey County. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote. See attached.

Chief Deputy Vidaurri stated that the Parmer County jail is housing 19 inmates.

One of which is from Dawson County.

He informed the Court that numerous wrecks were worked by the Department after the rain caused slick roads.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:56 o'clock A.M.


County Clerk




County Judge