

REGULAR SESSION MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2023

Be it remembered on the 23rd day of October 2023 at 10:02 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
Charles Wilkins	Commissioner Pct. #2
Casey Russell	Commissioner Pct. #4
Sharon May	County Treasurer
Susie Spring	County Clerk

Absent: Kenny White Commissioner Pct. #3

Also Present:

Weldon Kube
Awyna Sanchez, Tax Assessor-Collector
Eric Geske, Sheriff
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. Consider and Discuss Emergency Sirens for Farwell, Lazbuddie and Rhea

At present, Lazbuddie and Rhea do not have sirens. Farwell has three but two are old and have been refurbished. The proposal is to move the one in the park to north of the post office on city land. This enables better coverage for the Country Club area.

Discussion was held on the option of moving the one in the park or just getting a whole new one. The original quote was moving the old one and utilizing some of the components. The original quote was approximately \$26,000.

Mr. Kube offered to work with Lazbuddie and Rhea to see if, by buying three, we could save some money. The court agreed and Judge Carrasco made the motion to table this issue until next meeting. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed by majority vote.

5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2023, by Judge Carrasco, seconded by Commissioner Frye, the motion passed by majority vote.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for October 13th and 23rd 2023. Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Russell to approve Payment of the Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried by majority vote. See attached.

7. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

Commissioner Russell made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for October 13th 2023 Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

8. Consider Treasurer's Quarterly Report

Sharon May, Treasurer, presented the Receipts and Expenditures from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 inclusive. See attached.

Judge Carrasco made the motion to approve the Quarterly Report. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

9. Consider and Discuss Flu Shots

Judge Carrasco reported that 38 County Employees want flu shots. Spouses may also receive the shots but they must pay \$20 each.

Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to approve purchasing flu shots for County Employees. Judge Carrasco seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

10. Consider and Discuss the Parmer County Jury Selection Plan

Sandra Warren, District Clerk, submitted the plan to Judge Carrasco who, in turn brought it to the Commissioners for approval. It has been approved by Judge Gurley, 287th District Court.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to accept the Jury selection Plan as written, seconded by Commissioner Russell. The motion passed with a majority vote. See attached.

11. Consider and Discuss Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution

This indigent grant application is made yearly to assist the County in the implementation and improvement of the indigent criminal defense services in the County.

Upon motion by Judge Carrasco to approve the Resolution for application to the Indigent Grant Program, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, the motion passed with a majority vote. See attached.

12. Consider and Discuss the Parmer County Burn Ban

After discussion and the hope for additional moisture this week, Commissioner Frye made the motion to table this issue until the next meeting. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed by majority vote.

13. Consider Any and all Matters Concerning the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center

Sheriff Geske stated that the Parmer County jail is housing 31 inmates. 15 of which are from Lubbock County. The remaining 16 are Parmer County inmates.

He reported that the Sheriff's Office was involved in a pursuit of a vehicle this weekend.

He stated that the County Emergency Manual should be complete with the updates by next week. He invited the Commissioners to the County-wide Emergency Preparedness meeting to be held tomorrow night at the XIT Center in Bovina at 6:30. He said the group would address winter preparedness at this meeting.

He informed the Court that the jail is down to just 2 COVID cases at present.

Sheriff Geske stated that four jailers would be attending the Armed Correction Officers' training in Lubbock this weekend.

With no further business to come before the Court, Judge Carrasco moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:03 o'clock A.M.

Susie Spruy
County Clerk



Wes Carrasco
County Judge