

REGULAR SESSION MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2023

Be it remembered on the 11th day of December, 2023 at 10:00 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
Kenny White	Commissioner Pct. #3
Casey Russell	Commissioner Pct. #4
Sharon May	County Treasurer
Susie Spring	County Clerk

Also Present:

Awyna Sanchez, Tax Assessor/Collector
Eric Geske, Sheriff
Amy Dudley
Clint Mears, Friona Star
Robert Goff, NewTex IT Solutions
Loren Martin

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 and Discuss Service Agreement with NewTex IT Solutions LLC

Robert Goff, owner of NewTex informed the Court that Southwest Business Solutions, the County's long term IT services provider has closed due to retirement of the owners of December 1, 2023. Robert,

who was an employee and the County IT technician, has taken over the clients and business from SWB Solutions.

He presented an agreement for his new business to fill the void left by the dissolution of SWB Solutions. Costs remain the same as the previous provider of the services as do the hours on site.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to pay the new business for the month of December 2023 and to enter into the new contract for the calendar year of 2024 with yearly renewals. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote. See attached.

5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 27, 2023, by Commissioner Frye, seconded by Commissioner Russell, the motion passed by majority vote.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for December 4th and 11th 2023. Motion by Judge Carrasco, seconded by Commissioner Frye 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 White made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for November 30th 2023 Commissioner Russell seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

8. Consider and Discuss the Avenue Contract Renewal

Susie Spring, County Clerk informed the Court that Avenue is our vendor for filing documents for open Public Records for the County. The contract was due for renewal in June but Avenue did not submit the new contract until this month.

The new renewal is for five years, with yearly renewals. The price increase is \$150.00 over what we have been paying for the last several years. This was added to the 2024 budget approved earlier this year.

Included in this renewal is new equipment furnished by Avenue. Judge Carrasco made the motion to approve the renewal with Avenue, Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

9. Consider and Discuss 2024 Parmer County Open Public Records Fee Schedule

10. Consider and Discuss Records Management Fee and Records Archive Fee

Upon the County Clerk's suggestion, these two items will be considered together. The 88th Legislature repealed some of the fees the Clerks were able to charge. Susie Spring, County Clerk informed the Court that as she was removing those fees, she decided to review all the fees.

Since she has been in office the \$10.00 fee for Archives and \$10.00 fee for Records Management have been utilized but, since she was unaware of when the Commissioners Court actually approved those in the past, she is asking that they be re-approved.

As far as the additional updated fees are concerned, they are all authorized by LGC 118.001 thus, need no vote by the Commissioners.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wilkins to approve the \$10.00 Archive Fee and \$10.00 Records Management Fee, seconded by Commissioner Frye, the motion passed by majority vote.

11. Consider and Discuss Fire Reports

A discussion was held in regard to the fact that each year, the County budgets \$150,000.00 for the five Fire Departments in the County. Each one receives a portion of the money in January of each year. The remaining money of \$40,000 is then divided at the end of the year based upon the number of responses outside the municipalities and in the County.

Judge Carrasco noted that Rhea-Hollene traditionally only collected their upfront money and nothing for the additional runs. He suggested they begin receiving payment for those. He also said he had reviewed the reports from each Department and reported the following number of runs:

Bovina	23
Friona	57
Farwell	48
Lazbuddie	28
Rhea-Hollene	3

Each Department will receive \$251.57 per call.

On a motion by Judge Carrasco to approve the above stated numbers, Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

12. Consider and Discuss Parmer County Burn Ban

A discussion was held as to whether the burn ban should be reinstated. Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to not reinstate the burn ban. The motion died for lack of a second.

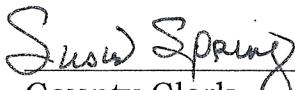
Commissioner Russell made a motion to reinstate the burn ban. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

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

Sheriff Geske stated that the Parmer County jail is housing 41 inmates. 15 of which are from Lubbock County. The remaining 26 are Parmer County inmates.

The Sheriff reported he is working on the agreement with the City of Friona to provide coverage.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:10 o'clock A.M.


County Clerk




County Judge