

## REGULAR SESSION MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2024

Be it remembered on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February at 10:07 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:  
Eric Geske, Sheriff

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 members of the public present.

#### 4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on February, 13, 2024, by Commissioner Frye, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, the motion passed by a 2-0 vote with Commissioner Russell and Judge Carrasco abstaining as they were not present at that meeting.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for February 16<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> . Motion by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins 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 Frye made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for February 15, 2024, Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

7. Consider and Discuss Bond for Deputy district Clerk

Judge Carrasco made the motion to accept the bond for Ruby Valenzuela. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. Bond is filed in the County Clerk's Office.

8. Consider and Discuss Allowing Political Signs to be Displayed on Courthouse Lawn

A discussion was held in regard to political signs on the Courthouse lawn as a candidate in the March Primary has put out signs. Commissioner Frye felt this had come before the court previously years ago. No documentation was found on a vote taken prior to now. Texas Association of Counties has informed the court that most counties in Texas have this ban.

Upon a motion by Judge Carrasco to not allow any display of political signs on county property, seconded by Commissioner Russell, the motion passed with a majority vote.

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

- A. Consider and Discuss Spark Good Program through Walmart
- B. Consider and Discuss K-9 Program for Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Geske stated that the Parmer County jail is housing 33 inmates. 16 of which are from Lubbock County. The remaining 17 are Parmer County inmates.

The Sheriff reported that he had applied for a dog from the JIREH K-9 Academy and had been awarded a dog. He stated this was not a grant. There is no financial cost to the County to receive the dog. The group that

provides the dog only request to have first right of refusal of the dog if Parmer County discontinues the program.

He indicated that we are receiving a German short-haired pointer that will function as a drug dog as his sole purpose.

The Sheriff stated that in addition to the two donated kennels and the car insert, Cargill has donated dog food. The District Attorney's office is paying the training fee for Deputy Yurban to go for training.

The Sheriff also discussed that at present, forfeiture money is divided 70% for the Sheriff's office and 30% for the DA's office. The DA wants to reverse that if the case goes to trial. The Sheriff will come back to the Court when an agreement is worked out with the DA.

The Sheriff also indicated an agreement would be signed with any other agency requesting the use of the K-9. Cost would likely be set at 1/3 of the other departments percentage of forfeiture funds.

Judge Carrasco made a motion to approve the K-9 program for Parmer County. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

The sheriff also informed the Court he is applying for the Walmart Spark Good Program that distributes \$5000.00 if chosen as a participant. There are five opportunities a year to receive the money.

He discussed with the Court the possibility of moving the dispatchers to the 171 hours for payroll.

He stated the Parmer County Jail was back in compliance after being out of compliance for a paperwork issue earlier last month.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner Wilkins moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 10:50 o'clock A.M.

*Susie Spring*  
County Clerk



*Walter Carrasco*  
County Judge