REGULAR SESSION MEETING APRIL 8, 2024

Be it remembered on the 8th day of April at 10:04 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 Kirk Frye Charles Wilkins Kenny White Casey Russell Sharon May Susie Spring

Judge Commissioner Pct. #1 Commissioner Pct. #2 Commissioner Pct. #3 Commissioner Pct. #4

County Treasurer County Clerk

Also Present:

Awyna Sanchez, Tax Assessor-Collector Mario Vidaurri, Chief Deputy 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 members of the public.

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 25, 2024, by Judge Carrasco, seconded by Commissioner Russell, the motion passed by a majority vote.

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

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for April $3^{\rm rd}$ and $8^{\rm th}$. 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

Judge Carrasco made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for March 28, 2024, Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

7. Consider and Discuss Purchase of Backhoe for use in Pct. #1

Commissioner Frye stated that he is planning to purchase a 2024 Caterpillar backhoe for his Precinct use. He stated the total cost for the backhoe is: \$126,500.00. He is using \$42,320 received for his old piece of equipment for payment of the new model as well as \$30,000 from the capital budget. He is planning to finance \$54,180 from Security State Bank for the remaining purchase amount.

Commissioner Russell made a motion to approve the purchase and financing of the equipment for 2 years. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote. See attached.

8. Consider and Discuss County Attorney SB 22 Grant Distribution

The County attorney opted to have his SB 22 money held by the County rather than open a separate bank account in his name. He is requesting to use \$10,000.00 as salary for a Misdemeanor Crime Victim's Coordinator. He has appointed Stacey Lamb to that position in addition to her current duties. See attached.

Commissioner White made a motion to approve this expenditure from the County Attorney's SB 22 monies. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

9. Consider and Discuss Construction Procedures for CR 15, CR RR Road and CR K1.

Commissioner Wilkins wanted to discuss the possibility that TXDOT would be needing to cross CR 15 and a need to build up the roadway to accommodate the new entrance to Cargill from the new overpass. He was also concerned in regard to closures of CRs. A general discussion was held on the construction scheduled to start next week.

Judge Carrasco said that TXDOT had set up trailers as offices and that the Commissioners would be welcome to visit and discuss any concerns and coordination of the project. He also stated that he would be attending meetings with TXDOT and would keep the Commissioners informed.

10. Consider and Discuss Change to the Parmer County Employee Handbook

Judge Carrasco presented two policy changes for review by the Commissioners. One is for progressive discipline. One is to clarify credit card responsibility for employees. See attached.

After review, Judge Carrasco made the motion to accept the changes in policy and add them to the Employee Handbook. Commissioner Frye seconded the motion and it passed with a majority vote.

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

A. Consider and Discuss Changing Credit Limits on Credit Cards

In Sheriff Geske's absence, Chief Deputy Vidaurri stated that the Parmer County Jail is housing 28 inmates. 6 of which are from Lubbock County. The remaining 22 are Parmer County inmates.

He presented the change in credit card limits and explained the reasoning behind the change. See attached. Commissioner White made the motion to approve the changes in limits to the Sheriff's Office credit cards. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:09 o'clock A.M.

County Judge

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