

REGULAR SESSION MEETING DECEMBER 23 2024

Be it remembered on the 23rd day of December 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
Kenny White	Commissioner Pct. #3
Casey Russell	Commissioner Pct. #4
Sharon May	County Treasurer
Susie Spring	County Clerk

Also Present:

Eric Geske, Sheriff
Awyna Sanchez, Tax Assessor-Collector
Clint Mears, Friona Star
Jessica White, Election Administrator
Amy Dudley

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 members of the public.

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 9, 2024, by Commissioner Frye, 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 and December 12th, 18th and 23rd 2024. Motion by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Russell 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 December 13, 2024, Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

7. Consider and Discuss OCA Mandate to Integrate NetData (i3Verticles) with reSearchTX and eFileTX

County Clerk, Susie Spring, explained that the Texas Supreme Court amended the rules of civil procedure and the rules of appellate procedure re: electronic filing in civil and criminal cases. This mandates the OCA require all counties in the State of Texas to integrate their case management system with reSearchTX and eFileTX. See attached.

The Clerk requested that the expense for this integration be accomplished with the remaining ARPA monies. The cost for initial set up and ongoing maintenance is \$30,000 for the first year. This includes both the District's and County Clerk's offices. See attached.

Judge Carrasco made the motion to pay for this unfunded mandate for the initial year 2025 with ARPA funds. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed by majority vote.

8. Consider and Discuss Service Agreement with NewTex IT Solutions LLC

This is our yearly agreement for IT services from Robert Goff. The price is the same as the current agreement. See attached.

Upon a motion from Commissioner White to approve the Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, the motion passed with a majority vote.

9. Consider and Discuss Agreement of Understanding Regarding Youth Diversion Plan between Deaf Smith County and Parmer County

HB 4186 passed during the last Legislative session mandates that every Municipal and Justice court in the State of Texas. Deaf Smith County

has adopted a Youth Diversion Plan and offers Parmer County the opportunity to participate with them as opposed to developing their own plan. This saves the County money, time and effort.

Deaf Smith would retain the Administrative Fee parents are required to pay. Parmer County would only pay Deaf Smith if a juvenile required a trip to Parmer County by the Deaf Smith office conducting the program. Mileage would be paid at IRS rates.

Upon motion by Commissioner Frye to approve the Agreement between Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties for the Youth Diversion Plan, seconded by Commissioner Russell, the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

10. Consider and Discuss purchase of an additional DS200 machine for Elections

At present, the County has five DS200 scanners. This leaves us without a spare in case of malfunction. The Legislature is scheduled to consider several bills rescinding the County Wide Polling Place Program. If this passes, we will need to go back to 7 polling places. (six if we can combine 301 and 303).

This would force the County to purchase additional equipment for those additional polling places. In an effort to save the County money and still meet the needs of the Election Code if the Legislature changes the rules, Jessica White, soon to be County Election Administrator, is proposing purchasing the one DS200 utilizing ARPA money. The cost for the machine is \$8951.00

After discussion in regard to still needing another machine for back up if the County Wide program is disallowed, Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to buy two machines utilizing the ARPA funds. Commissioner White seconded the motion and the motion passed on a majority vote.

11. Consider and Discuss Parmer County Burn Ban

After discussion, a motion to institute a 90 day burn ban in the County by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner White, the motion passed by majority vote.

12. Consider and Discuss Water/Manure Line Under County Road

Clinton Alag requested approval to place a water/manure line $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of Hwy 86 on CR 25.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Frye to approve placement of the line, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, the motion passed with a majority vote.

13. Consider Any and All Matters Concerning the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center Including but not Limited to:
 - A. Consider and Discuss Firetrol Contract
 - B. Consider and Discuss senate Bill 22 Budget

The Sheriff reported 19 inmates housed in the Parmer County Jail. Seven of the inmates are from Lamb County.

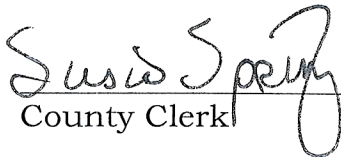
Sheriff Geske brought forth the Firetrol Contract that was tabled in the November 12th meeting. It was tabled to allow for the adding of the additional fire extinguishers in the County Barns.

The Sheriff brought the original contract back for approval. No additional extinguishers had been added. To accommodate the Sheriff, who insisted that he needed this contract, Judge Carrasco made a motion to approve this contract asking the Sheriff to bring back an amended contract to include the additional extinguishers. Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed on a majority vote.

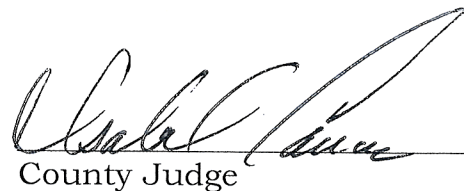
The Sheriff presented the utilization of the \$250,000.00 from the SB22 monies. See attached. The majority goes for SO employees in the form of stipends with the remaining used for a new vehicle, watch guard and equipment.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to approve the expenditures of the SB22 monies. Commissioner Russell 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 11:03 o'clock AM.


County Clerk




County Judge