

REGULAR SESSION MEETING JANUARY 27, 2025

Be it remembered on the 27th day of January 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
Jessica White, Election Administrator
Rosa Mendez, Deputy County Treasurer
Amy Dudley
Jeromy Bechtold, Invenergy
Alex Chandler, Invenergy
Conor Bates, Invenergy
Rusty Smith, Invenergy
Clint Mears, Friona Star
Rob Pomper, State Line Tribune

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. Sharon May, Treasurer took this opportunity to introduce the new Deputy Treasurer, Rosa Mendez.

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 13th, by Judge Carrasco, seconded by Commissioner Frye, 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 January 27, 2025 for both 2024 and 2025 invoices. 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

Judge Carrasco made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for December 31, 2024, Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

7. Consider Treasurer's Quarterly Report

Sharon May, Treasurer presented the Quarterly Report for October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 inclusive. See attached.

Commissioner White made a motion to approve the Quarterly Report. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote.

8. Consider and Discuss 2025 Holiday Schedule

Judge Carrasco presented the 2025 Holiday Schedule that was tabled at the last meeting. It is two and a half days fewer than the 2024 schedule. A discussion was held.

Commissioner Russell made a motion to accept the schedule as presented. It died due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to move the Juneteenth Holiday to give Christmas Holidays an extra day. It died due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to strike the Juneteenth Holiday with Commissioner White seconding the motion. The motion was defeated on a vote of 2 to 3.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to accept the Holiday Schedule as presented. Commissioner Russell seconded and the motion passed on a 3 to 2 vote.

9. Consider and Discuss Resolution in Regard to Election Security and Cost

This resolution addresses the costs to the county to changes in Election Law that would require the County to obtain resources for security measures that are beyond our means. If such resources are required the county asks that appropriate funding be provided by the state. See attached.

Judge Carrasco made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider and Discuss Resolution Opposing Legislation to Eliminate the County Wide Polling Place Program

Jessica White, Election Administrator presented the resolution to oppose the Legislature eliminating electronic pollbooks and machine printed choices on ballots and eliminating County wide polling places. See attached.

On a motion by Commissioner Frye, seconded by Commissioner Russell to approve the Resolution, the motion passed unanimously.

11. Consider and Discuss Purchase of a Roadgrader for use in Pct. #1

Commissioner Frye presented a buy back option for a new grader. Total cost of the grader is \$395,000. With the buy back option, cost of the grader is \$170,000 which the County will enter into a loan agreement with Security State Bank to pay. See attached.

Commissioner White made the motion to approve purchase of the grader and enter into the financial agreement with Security State Bank. Commissioner Russell seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

12. Consider and Discuss Agreement for Road Use, Repair and Improvements between Lazbuddie Wind Energy II LLC and Parmer County

Alex Chandler and Conor Bates from Invenergy gave an update on Lazbuddie Wind Energy I and Lazbuddie Wind Energy II. Projection for construction of LWE I is expected to begin in April or May of this year with commercial operation projected for August 2026.

LWE II is in the final planning stage with road inspections and improvements the next step. Land acquisition has completed and governmental surveys and geotechnical studies are underway. Construction is projected to begin in late 2026.

The agreement for road use and repair is needed at this time. This agreement mirrors the one signed for Lazbuddie Wind Energy I except for a few exceptions. The Attorney for Parmer County wind energy issues has reviewed and approved the agreement.

Commissioner Frye clarified that the County required 24-inch culverts. Commissioner Wilkins clarified that lines under the County Roads must be measured from the bottom of the ditch on the sides of the roads not the road itself.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to approve the agreement for Road Use and Repair and Improvements between Lazbuddie Wind Energy II LLC and Parmer County. Commissioner Russell seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

13. Consider and Discuss office Space for Adriana Stowers Regional Representative for Economic Development Tourism Office

Judge Carrasco explained that Adriana Stowers simply needs an office address in the County. She will not be occupying the office. She will not need office furniture and will use her cell phone as her office phone.

Judge Carrasco proposed using the office in Bovina located in the Ag Extension Office that he used as DPS trooper.

A motion by Commissioner Frye to approve that office for Adiana Stowers, seconded by Commissioner White passed with a majority vote.

14. Consider and Discuss Request for Distribution and Release to Friona ISD their portion of the Permanent School Funds

Friona ISD has \$364,800 in the permanent school funds. They have requested all of money to help with the \$397,000 renovation to the tennis courts.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to release the money to Friona ISD. Commissioner Russell seconded and the motion passed by majority vote.

15. Consider Any and All Matters Concerning the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center Including but not Limited to:
- A. Consider and Discuss 2024 Asset Forfeiture Report
 - B. Consider and Discuss Vehicle Purchase

The Sheriff reported 11 inmates housed in the Parmer County Jail. Two of the inmates are from Lamb County.

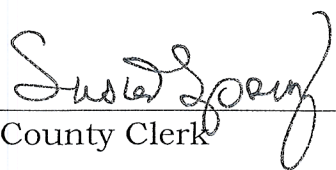
The Sheriff reported the Asset Forfeiture Report. He stated nothing was forfeited for the 2024 calendar year. Two expenditures were made out of the fund for ammunition and uniforms in 2024. See attached. There is \$11,214.12 remaining in the fund.

Upon a motion by Judge Carrasco to approve the Asset Forfeiture Report, seconded by Commissioner Frye, the motion passed with a majority vote.


The Sheriff present 4 bids for a new vehicle to be purchased with SB22 Funds. See attached. He requested the bid for the 2024 Ford F-150 be approved. See attached.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russell to approve the bid for the 2024 Ford F-150, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, the motion passed by majority vote.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:14 o'clock AM.


County Clerk




County Judge