

## REGULAR SESSION MEETING APRIL 14, 2025

Be it remembered on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April at 10:06 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  
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 a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 24, 2025 and the Special Meeting on April 4, 2025, by Commissioner Frye, seconded by Commissioner White, 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 March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 14<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 April 14, 2025, Commissioner White seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

7. Consider and Discuss Treasurer's Quarterly Report

Judge Carrasco made a motion to table the Quarterly Report as it is not complete. Commissioner Frye seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote.

8. Review County Election Precincts

Jessica White, Election Administrator reported the status of the County's Election Precincts per EC 42.031.

At present the Election Precincts are in line with the Election Code in every category. Precinct 303 only has 63 active voters. The minimum requirement for an election precinct is 50. If this changes prior to the next review in two years, she will inform the Court.

9. Consider and Discuss Insurance Coverage

Judge Carrasco reported on information received from TAC on the County's existing insurance coverage. Two issues were noted. In regard to damage to County property from the wind storm last month, the speed of the wind becomes a factor. Winds of over 59 mph moves the claims into the disaster category. This increases the deductible to \$50,000 per claim.

The second issue is cybersecurity insurance. Previous cyber security was covered under the existing policy but now will cost \$5,000 for \$500,000 coverage. Higher coverage levels are higher premiums.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to approve the \$5000 per year premium for coverage of \$500,000 for cyber insurance. Commissioner Russell seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

10. Consider and Discuss CDL Policy

Judge Carrasco presented the existing policy for CDL for precinct workers. Commissioner Wilkins discussed how difficult it has been to find candidates for positions that have a CDL. Commissioner Russell discussed how hard it was to get employees to obtain a CDL given 60 days to do so.

Discussion ensued with the consensus to ask at their next Regional Commissioners meeting for some ideas to help solve this issue.

Commissioner White made a motion to table this issue until the next meeting. Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed by majority vote.

11. Consider and Discuss Purchase of Pickup for Pct. #2

Commissioner Wilkins stated he is still waiting for additional quotes on this vehicle and requested that it be tabled at this time. He made a motion to this effect and Commissioner White seconded the motion. It passed by majority vote.

12. Consider and Discuss Minimum Wage Policy

Commissioner White proposed raising minimum wage for part-time employees from \$15 per hour to \$18 per hour. Discussion was held. Questions were raised about the cost to the County as this is not in the budget. Commissioner Wilkins suggested we table this until more information was available. Commissioner Russell made a motion to table this issue, Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

13. Consider and Discuss Parmer County Burn Ban

At present the Burn Ban is in place. Commissioner Russell made a motion to leave the Burn Ban in place. Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed with a majority vote.

11. Consider Any and All Matters Concerning the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center

The Sheriff reported 21 inmates are housed in the Parmer County Jail. Eight of the inmates are from Lubbock County; one is from Lamb County; three are from Bailey County and the remaining nine are Parmer County inmates.

He reported that a meeting to discuss the Hazard Mitigation plan for Parmer County was held. This plan is for natural disasters that might befall Parmer County. To comply with Emergency Management guidelines this plan should be reviewed every 5 years. Several more meetings are planned with the final plan being submitted to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:30 o'clock AM.

*Susie Sprung*  
County Clerk



*Osah P. Russell*  
County Judge