

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular SESSION

December 09, 2019

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 09th day of December 2019, the Commissioners' Court of Motley County met in Regular Session in the Courthouse in Matador, Texas. The following members present:

Jim Meador	County Judge
Douglas Campbell	Commissioner, Pct. #1
Roegan Cruse	Commissioner, Pct. #2
Franklin Jameson	Commissioner, Pct. #3
	Commissioner, Pct. #4
Lindsey Aldrich	County Clerk

Also, in attendance was County Attorney Tom Edward and Tyler Kennedy from Bollinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss. Judge Meador called the meeting to order and Commissioner Cruse gave the invocation.

No. 237

Clerk Aldrich read the minutes from the previous regular session. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Cruse. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

There wasn't anyone from TXDOT to give a report

The outstanding bills and monthly reports were reviewed by the commissioners. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve all other bills. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Jameson made the motion to approve the Extension Agent, Justice of the Peace, Library, Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector reports. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 238

Mr. Kennedy presented the court with the 2018-2019 Audit for Motley County. Mr. Kennedy stated that the letter presented with the audit points out changes that were made. He made the point that there were no major changes or anything out of the ordinary found. He directed the court to look at Journal Entry #5 was the larger amount but is was nothing major. Treasurer Jones stated that those adjustments had already been made. Attorney Edwards asked if the county was ok. Mr. Kennedy said the county is absolutely in good shape and that there were no addition findings for this past year. Judge Meador took the opportunity to share with the court that the auditors make sure there is accurate accounting in the tax office for the county money only. Mr. Kennedy affirmed that the firm does not look at the other entities, school, city, hospital district or appraisal district, as they are not contracted with them. Therefore, does not give an opinion to the court. Mr. Kennedy went on to share that there is a lot of risk for the Tax Assessor/Collector because of everything going through that office and that they have to keep up with who has money

from the county due; but, Bollinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss has nothing to do with verifying that any of that is accurate. Commissioner Jameson asked if the sheriff was still the Tax Assessor/Collector would it be different. Mr. Kennedy stated that the bank account would have to be under county control for the auditors to look at it and if the county isn't in control of it, it's not fair for the county to be held responsible for it. The court reviewed the Financial Statements. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Audit that was presented. Commissioner Jameson seconded the motion. The vote passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 239

The next item on the agenda was a request from Clerk Aldrich to consider a pay increase for the election workers. She stated that the state approves up to \$12.00 per hour and our workers just received \$8.00 per hour for the November 5, 2019 Amendment Election. Clerk Aldrich suggested \$10.00 per hour since they are there for 12 hours on election day and it is very difficult to find workers. Judge Meador stated that he didn't feel like the election workers should get paid the same amount or more than some of our full-time employees. Clerk Aldrich stated that she had considered the fact that she was asking for an amount that was equal to some of our employees but pointed out the difficulty in finding people willing to work that number of hours in a single day and that none of us in the room would have our jobs without people willing to work an election. Commissioner Cruse made a motion to increase the pay to \$9.00 per hour and Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote. Clerk Aldrich thanked the court.

No. 240

Judge Meador then presented the bond for the Tax Assessor/Collector. He pointed out that this is an annual bond that is required. Commissioner Cruse made a motion to approve the bond and Commissioner Campbell seconded that motion. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 241

The last item of business was to review and accept the bids received for the bridge in Precinct 1 that had been advertised in the newspaper. There was one bid received for \$760.00 from Travis Jameson. Commissioner Campbell motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

There was no further business or discussion at this time. Commissioner Jameson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote. Court adjourned at 10:40 am.

Signed: _____ County Judge

_____ CommPct#4

ATTEST: _____

County Clerk