

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular SESSION

July 13, 2020

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 13th day of July 2020, 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
David Stafford	Commissioner, Pct. #4
Lindsey Aldrich	County Clerk

Also, in attendance was County Attorney Tom Edward, Liz Adams with the Caprock Courier and Crawford Mason with TXDOT. Judge Meador called the meeting to order and Commissioner Campbell gave the invocation.

No. 281

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 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Mason shared with the court where some sealing projects were going to begin shortly and stated that he is not sure of a finish time for FM 94.

The outstanding bills and monthly reports were reviewed by the commissioners. Commissioner Stafford made the motion to approve all bills. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Jameson made the motion to approve the reports for the District and County Clerk, Extension Agent, Justice of the Peace, Library and Tax Assessor-Collector. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 282

The first item on the agenda was the discussion of the election precincts. Judge Meador apologized for not having any more information, but he had not been able to get ahold of Paul Miles. He assured the court that he would continue working on it and put it on the agenda once he got more information.

No. 283

The next item on the agenda was to consider selling the white GMC dump truck. Commissioner Campbell stated that he had considered working on the dump truck some to try to get it going up and down again and then taking it to Plainview to the harvest sale. He went on to say that he didn't expect to get much for it but he would like to see what

could be done. Commissioner Cruse made a motion to sell the dump truck. Commissioner Jameson seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 284

Next, Commissioner Campbell also shared with the court the desire to sell the guardrail pieces. He stated that he thought there were about 50 to 60 joints and would put them in stacks of 10. He said he would keep some for the county just in case they were needed. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to sell the guardrail pieces, seconded by Commissioner Jameson. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 285

Clerk Aldrich then presented the court with the proposals for new election equipment from Hart and new service with CTSI for IT support and security setup. She explained that if the proposals were accepted both companies had assured her that they would do their best to have us ready before the November General Election. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve purchasing the new election equipment from Hart and contracting with CTSI for election security. Seconded by Commissioner Jameson. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

The court took a ten-minute break from 10:08-10:18

No. 286

Judge Meador then asked Tax Assessor-Collector Marshall to join the meeting to discuss the call received from the Texas Comptrollers office. Judge Meador shared with the court that last week Deputy Assessor Mora had received a call in the tax office from the Texas Comptroller stating that the county owed them around \$53 thousand. Deputy Mora went to Treasurer Jones who then began working on the situation. Elaine Hart came in the next day to review the reports Treasurer Jones had done to verify they were correct. Treasurer Jones was able to fax the reports and a copy of the payment to the Texas Comptroller and the warrant, fees and fines were all dropped.

Attorney Edwards took the opportunity to ask Assessor Marshall a few required questions. He started with saying that to his understanding these reports and payments are something that are to be done monthly by the 10th of each month. His first question to Assessor Marshall was if an audit of her office were done would it reveal misuse of any funds. Assessor Marshall answered no. The next question was, why did this happen. To which Assessor Marshall answered she simply forgot them. She stated that the letters come in from the Texas Comptrollers office in the middle of the month and she had set them to the side until the first of the month and forgot about them. She had found them the last week before her week of vacation and had intended on working on them today. She assured the court that she has never and will never take anything from the county and that she did not have malicious intents. Commissioner Stafford stated that he had heard there had been multiple calls regarding the missing payments. Assessor Marshall stated that she had only received one call and it was at the beginning of the year and she did the two reports they had asked her about. Judge Meador stated that the reports that were required to be done went back to September. Commissioner Campbell asked if there were any penalties or fines and Judge Meador stated that since Treasurer Jones had submitted the payment so quickly, they were all dropped.

No. 287

The last item on the agenda was the first budget workshop for the 2020-2021 year. Judge Meador shared with the court that Appraiser Finley had said we were down \$1.4 million and that was all minerals. He also stated that the effective tax rate will be going up. The court took the opportunity to review and discuss each department's proposed budget.

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 5 to 0 vote. Court adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Signed: _____ County Judge

_____ CommPct#1

_____ CommPct#2

_____ CommPct#3

_____ CommPct#4

ATTEST: _____

County Clerk