

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular SESSION

March 09, 2020

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 09th day of March 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. Judge Meador called the meeting to order and Commissioner Jameson gave the invocation.

No. 253

Clerk Aldrich read the minutes from the previous regular session. Commissioner Cruse made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

There wasn't anyone from TXDOT present to give a report.

Sheriff Fisk took the opportunity to share during public comments that he was not going to hire a full-time deputy but instead, 3 part time deputies. He stated that they would be using a digital clocking in system and that each deputy would work 2 days a week and he would cover Sundays.

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

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

No. 254

The first item on the agenda was addressing election candidates placing signs on the courthouse lawn. Judge Meador stated that there had been some signs placed in the yard over the weekend that he had removed. He stated that Jim Allison had sent an order to allow the county to not allow signs on County property. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to accept the order so that election signs could not be placed on the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Jameson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 255

Judge Meador then brought to the courts' attention that Marisue Potts had come to him a couple of weeks ago and asked if the County could put the museum on the County insurance. Judge Meador stated that he had found out that it would be \$2,200 per year with no liability coverage and that the City had offered to cover it if they would deed the building to the city. Judge Meador suggested it might be better for the county to donate to help cover the cost of insurance rather than add them to the insurance since there is no way to value the contents within the museum. There was no motion or action taken at this time.

No. 256

Next was the discussion on the Tom Ball Bridge. Commissioner Jameson stated that he was good with whatever Commissioner Cruse wants to do but would like to take another look at it. He feels like it needs to be cleaned out because it is too low but is afraid it will cause the rock to fall if cleaned out. Commissioner Jameson also stated that the county might be able to do just as much as if it is hired out. Commissioner Campbell asked if it has tried to eat at the North or South ends. Commissioner Jameson said that the drill shaft is showing. Commissioner Cruse questioned the possibility of the county cleaning it out and then have Earthbuilders come do their job or would the court just want the county to do the whole job. Commissioner Jameson suggested for the county to do the whole job. Commissioner Stafford asked what the difference was between Flowable Fill and Concrete. Commissioner Jameson explained the texture and size of the material. Commissioner Jameson stated that if the county cleans it out, they might be able to get to it with a backhoe. Commissioner Cruse asked if after looking at it again they decided to back out on Earthbuilders offer, would it need to come to the court. Judge Meador stated that he didn't believe it would since it is under \$50 thousand. There was no motion at this time.

No. 257

The next item on the agenda was to review the bids received for the backhoe purchase. Judge Meador presented the court with a bid from Warren Cat for \$61,500. The court reviewed and compared to the proposal they had reviewed in the previous meeting. Commissioner Campbell stated that the backhoe they had previously considered was at the Precinct 1 barn and that he had looked at it. He stated that it seems to handle good, is user friendly and if this is the one they decided on, the guy would come down and go over everything with all the workers. Commissioner Stafford stated that he didn't feel like they would find another option with a lower bid. Commissioner Jameson suggested that if they purchased the original backhoe they had considered that they might want to consider an extended warranty when the current warranty gets closer to running out. Judge Meador clarified that if a purchase was voted on they would pay it out of the Capital Acquisitions. All the commissioners agreed that is what they would do. Commissioner Campbell motioned to purchase the originally considered backhoe that is currently at the Precinct 1 barn. Commissioner Jameson seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 258

The last item on the agenda was to discuss setting a time to canvass the 2020 Primary Election. Judge Meador informed the court that it would have to be canvassed on Thursday, March 12, 2020 but asked the court what time would work best for them to meet that day. It was decided for the court to meet at 9:00 am.

There was no further business or discussion at this time. Commissioner Stafford made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Court adjourned at 11:07 am.

Signed: _____ County Judge

_____ CommPct#1

_____ CommPct#2

_____ CommPct#3

_____ CommPct#4

ATTEST: _____

County Clerk