

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular SESSION

March 8, 2021

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 8th day of March 2021, 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
Timmy Brooks	Commissioner, Pct. #4
Lindsey Aldrich	County Clerk

Also in attendance was County Attorney Tom Edwards. Liz Adams from the Caprock Courier showed up later during the meeting. Judge Meador called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

No. 343

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

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

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

No. 344

The first item on the agenda was to approve the bond for Commissioner Brooks. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve the bond. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 345

The second item on the agenda was to discuss burying the electric line at Precinct 1. Commissioner Campbell stated that he was able to get one bid to bury the line at \$2,050 for a 200-amp breaker or \$1,650 for a 100-amp breaker plus %517.50 for a single 150. He went on to say that if they were going to repair it above, they would have to have new wiring and a new pole to have clearance. Commissioner Cruse stated he felt like it would be a good idea to bury the line. Commissioner Campbell stated that he would purchase the new wire from Lighthouse and hire to tie it in. Commissioner

Jameson made the motion to approve burying the line at Precinct 1. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 346

The next item on the agenda was Sheriff Fisk bring to the court's attention that he has received numerous complaints about off highway vehicles being used in Matador and Roaring Springs. He stated that he has already visited with Matador City Council and Roaring Springs City Council about the issue. Sheriff Fisk stated that the traffic codes state that the city or county can designate an area to be used with required training by the riders. Judge Meador stated that in his opinion the county has no place they could designate. Commissioner Jameson agreed with Judge Meador that there is no place. Sheriff Fisk stated that he does not suggest or recommend for the court to approve this based on liability purposed that would fall on the county. He did go on to say that the traffic code does say that golf carts, gators and mules can be authorized to be used on city streets with specific rules required to be followed. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to not designate or authorize for off highway vehicles to have a specific location to be used in the county. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 347

Next, Judge Meador stated that there had been an issue getting equipment from one precinct to another. Commissioner Campbell stated that he would like the commissioners to communicate with one another on equipment usage and locations. Commissioner Brooks stated it should go commissioner to commissioner so there's no further issues in the future. Commissioner Jameson stated that he thought the individual that was upset about the situations may not feel like he receives support like he gives. Commissioner Campbell went on to say that he felt it would be best to always have a county employee operating the equipment for liability purposes. Everyone agrees for the commissioners to make arrangements with the other commissioner on equipment rather than road hand to road hand when it is possible. Commissioner Jameson also stated that he would like for everyone to work together.

No. 348

Judge Meador then brought to the court's attention an opposition for SB 234/HB 749 that Jim Allison had sent for the court to sign. Judge Meador stated that the bill basically wants to prevent tax payer dollars to be used for lobbying. He stated that with the bill it would prevent TAC from being able to lobby on the county's behalf. Judge Meador asked County Attorney Edwards if he had any thoughts on it, to which, Attorney Edwards stated that he was unaware of the bill and would need time to review it.

Court to a break from 10:15 to 10:30

During the break Attorney Edwards had taken the time to read the statement that Jim Allison had sent to Judge Meador. He stated that after reading it, it had left him with more questions than answers and wondered how soon it has to be considered. Commissioner Brooks stated that it seemed to him like this bill was a way to keep counties like ours out of legislature. Attorney Edwards suggested to table this opposition and allow him time to look in to it better. Judge Meador stated that he would put it on next month's agenda.

No. 349

The last item on the agenda was for the court to review the bridge inspection. Judge Meador stated that the report is now provided via a USB drive rather than the printout they previously received. He did print out the summary of the report and provided the court members a copy to review.

There was not further business. Commissioner Cruse made a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Campbell seconding the motion. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Court adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Signed: _____ County Judge

_____ CommPct#1

_____ CommPct#2

_____ CommPct#3

_____ CommPct#4

ATTEST: _____

County Clerk