

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Session

March 13th, 2023

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 13th day of March, 2023 the Commissioners' Court of Motley County met in Regular Session in the Courthouse in Matador, Texas. Called to order at 9:30 am by Judge Meador, who then asked Commissioner Campbell to give the invocation.

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
D'anna Russell	County Clerk

Also, in attendance County Treasurer Misty Jones and County Attorney Tom Edwards

Public: Rusty Ethredge, Marisue Burleson Potts ( present to give report on the Museum work and electric bill), Judy Cooper, Jeremy Jameson, and Travis Jameson

TX-DOT: No one present

No. 490

Clerk Russell Read the Minutes from the February 13, 2023, meeting of Commissioners Court. With no additions or corrections a motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to approve the minutes as read, motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

County Judge Meador gave the monthly reports from County and District Clerk, Extension Service, Justice of the Peace, Tax Assessor Collector, Library, and the Sheriff's office. Motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Jameson to accept the reports given. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

The outstanding bills were presented by County Treasurer Jones and reviewed by the court. Motion by Commissioner Cruse to approve the bills presented, Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No 491

The High Plains Regional Public Defenders Office would like the counties support in an Indigent Defense Program. It is in the study phase right now and there are 12 other counties being included and Hale County has agreed to serve as the lead. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to participate in the program and it was seconded by Commissioner Cruse. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Item 10 on the agenda was Marisue Potts with an update on the repairs to the museum that had been done and to thank the County for their part in the donation of Rescue money. There has been \$30,000.00 in repairs done. At this Marisue presented the newest set of By-Laws for the Motley County Historical Museum. (By-laws are attached to these minutes for reference) Marisue stated that due to decline in board members from 15 to 7 or 8 somethings had to be addressed in the by-laws. The museum board would also like to know if it is possible to deed the museum building to the county to get a better electric rate. An on demand meter has been installed and the last bill was over \$400.00. After several conversations with Direct Energy Marisue was able to get the bill down to \$230. The city provides water to the Museum. They would continue to operate the museum and do the maintenance just need a better rate. The commissioners wanted to know if they did this would the building be insurable and to find out more about the on demand meter. This item was tabled till next month while the court looks into answers to the questions, including talking to Rodney Sikes with West Texas Rural Counties in regard to insurance on the building.

No. 492

At this time Clerk Russell presented the court with her office needing to preserve more records. Clerk Russell ask the court to consider letting her hire a part time person using the Records Management and Preservation Fund as set out in GA-0638. Motion by Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Campbell for the clerk to hire a part time person for preserving county records. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No 493

County Attorney Edwards informed the court that after discussing the FM 94 project payment to TXDOT several months ago and being told by Assistant Attorney General Tony Procato that it would not be pursued, that he had now been told by the Assistant Attorney General that he found out he can not dismiss the case. Tom has stated that if the state pursues and they file a court case he will get it moved to Motley County and the State will lose. Tom thinks he can make a payment agreement and stretch the payments out over 20 years. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to table this item until the Judge could get the court more information. Commissioner Jameson made the motion to deny any payment to the AG's office for TXDOT as we have not received a bill. Commissioner Cruse seconded this motion. Commissioner Campbell withdrew his motion at this time. The motion to deny payment was voted on and the motion passed with 4 for and 1 abstain.

The county road and bridge inspections reports were submitted to the commissioners for their review at this time.

No. 494

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m. upon the motion by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Jameson, with a 5 to 0 vote.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_ Comm Pct #1

\_\_\_\_\_ Comm Pct #2

\_\_\_\_\_ Comm Pct #3

\_\_\_\_\_ Comm Pct #4

ATTEST: Dianna Russell  
County Clerk Approved 4.10.23  
in Commissioner Court