MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Session

January 13th, 2025

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 13th day of January, 2025 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 (attending a funeral)

Timmy Brooks Commissioner, Pct #4

D’anna Russell County Clerk

Also, in attendance Sheriff Robert Fisk, Deputy Turney, Treasurer Misty Jones, and County Attorney Tom Edward

Public: Judy Cooper (public participate form signed), Marisue Etheredge, Rusty Etheredge, Wes Campbell, Tyler Canady CPA (County Audit), and Aaron Clements

TX-DOT: No one present

Public Comment: Motley County Historical Commission member Judy Cooper presented their annual report. (attached to these minutes for reference)

No. 608

Clerk Russell Read the Minutes from the December 9th, 2024 regular meeting of Commissioners Court and Commissioner Campbell made the motion to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Commissioner Cruse, motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

County Judge Meador gave the monthly reports from County and District Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Library, Sheriff Department, and Tax Assessor Collector. Motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Cruse to accept the reports as given. Motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

The bills were presented by Treasurer Jones. The bills were reviewed by the court. Motion by Commissioner Campbell to pay the bills presented with, motion was seconded by Commissioner Cruse, and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 609

Item 9 on the agenda was Auditor Tyler Canady with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P. Mr. Canady stated that it was the opinion of the firm, the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, and the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Motion by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to approve the Annual Audit for the fiscal year ending September 31, 2024 and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 610

Next on the agenda was to consider a mileage increase to the new state rate of .70¢. Motion by Commissioner Cruse to approve the new state rate, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 611

Judge Meador ask the court to approve the bonds for the newly elected county officials and employees. Motion by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to approve the bonds. Motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 612

Motley County Sheriff Robert Fisk presented the court with the possibility of getting rid of some guns that the department doesn’t need anymore. Some will require repair. After some discussion a motion by Commissioner Campbell that was seconded by Commissioner Cruse to table doing anything with the guns until Sheriff Fisk could talk to James Gillespie and see if he could conduct an auction for the guns. Motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 613

Last item on the agenda was to discuss the SB-22 Grant for the County Attorney. Judge Meador stated that he had a Microsoft meeting with the comptroller over the grant which had been applied for by the District Attorney Emily Teegardin. The District Attorney stated she would not handle the grant for the County Attorney this go around. Judge Meador stated that the comptroller stated that the Judge would have to sign-off on the grant and that the court would have control over it just like they do for the sheriff departments SB-22 grant. If the court approves this the Comptroller is still willing to send the SB-22 money for the County Attorney’s office. The Court will approve money expenditures only and will not make any decisions on who the County Attorney hires to help him. County Attorney Tom Edwards had already hired Arron Clements of Dickens County to be his assistant for $3,000 during the first round of money from SB-22. Judge Meador asked how many misdemeanors were out there waiting to be filed or dismissed. Arron Clements stated according to CJIS there were 12 cases. County Attorney Tom Edwards has a problem with SB-22 cause it’s just a way to speed up getting rid of cases and he also stated that there are just some you just can’t get rid of. Judge Meador asked the County Attorney Tom Edwards if we keep the grant are you willing to let your assistant Mr. Clements file cases. He stated “That’s our agreement, he is to prosecute the cases.“ Motion by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Cruse to approve that the Judge and Court take care of the SB-22 grant for the County Attorney. Motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote. Motion by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to pay the assistant attorney $3000.00 a month. Motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote. (Appointment attached for reference)

No. 614

There being no further business to discuss commissioners court adjourned at 11:00 am upon the motion by Commissioner Cruse which was seconded by Commissioner Brooks and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_County Judge

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Attested: \_\_\_\_/s/D’anna Russell\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Comm Pct #4

County Clerk