MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Session

June 9th, 2025

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 9th day of June, 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 ask Commissioner Cruse to give the invocation.

The following members present:

Jim Meador County Judge

Douglas Campbell Commissioner, Pct. #1 (absent)

Roegan Cruse Commissioner, Pct #2

Franklin Jameson Commissioner, Pct #3

Timmy Brooks Commissioner, Pct #4

D’anna Russell County Clerk

Also, in attendance: Sheriff Robert Fisk, County Attorney Tom Edwards, and County Treasurer Jones

Public: J. N. Fletcher, Brian Winehardt, and Adriana Stowers who were all on the agenda. No one spoke in open forum

TX-DOT: No one present

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Clerk Russell read the minutes from the May 12th, 2025 regular meeting of Commissioners Court. Judge Meador asked for a motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion by Commissioner Cruse to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Commissioner Brooks and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

County Judge Meador gave the monthly reports from County and District Clerk, Justice of the Peace, County Agent, Tax Assessor Collector, and the Sheriff’s Office. Motion by Commissioner Jameson 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 Cruse to pay the bills presented, motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Item 9: Clerk Russell presented to the court the information with regard to upgrading the software of the Hart Verity Voting Equipment from 2.5 to 2.7. The upgrade was presented to the Secretary of States Office for examination and certification on March 1-2, 2023 and July 6, 2023. The upgrade was certified on August 24th, 2023. A letter was sent on behalf of the Clerk’ Office on November 14, 2024 for approval from the State and granted on November 18, 2024. Commissioner Cruse asked how much the upgrade would cost. Clerk Russell stated that she is still waiting for the quote from Hart and the date of when everything will be upgraded. Clerk Russell also let the court know that Motley County Elections website received a rating of Very Good on the 2024 Election Website Review conducted by the League of Women Voters. (certificate attached)

Item 10: Adriana Stowers Regional Represenitive for Economic Development and Tourism for the Governor’s Office was here to introduce herself to the court. She covers the Texas Panhandle and meets with each county judge once a year.

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Item 11: Next was to discuss, consider, and take possible action for a Veterans Memorial plaque or monument at the Courthouse. Commissioner Jameson stated he had conversions with both J.N. Fletcher and E.G. Reed who both would like to see something at the courthouse for veterans. Commissioner Jameson requested to have it put on the agenda. At this time J. N. Flether spoke with regards to all the men he remembered as a youngster who were suddenly gone after December 7, 1941. (Pearl Harbor) He gave a good history speech and feels that we need to honor the veteran. There was discussion of how to pay for it and who could maybe help. Sheriff Fisk has a few contacts he could reach out to and Judge Meador will ask some judges that have memorials their courthouse lawn. A motion was made for looking into a veteran’s memorial for the courthouse by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Jameson and the motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote. Robert Fisk was appointed to select up to 5 people including himself to research and figure out some possibilities and then come back to Commissioners Court.

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Item 12: Consider release of Liability and Indemnification to Roaring Spring Solar for CR 316. Brian Weinhardt with Nextera presented the release and simply stated that Roaring Springs Solar was not responsible for “Acts of God” and should not be held liable for the damage to the road from the storm that dumped 10 plus inches of rain in a short time period. Pc.t 3 Commissioner Jameson stated he wanted to know why the bridge had been taken out and three (3) culverts put in. He stated the bridge would have carried the water but the three culverts did not. Commissioner Jameson also stated that the road had been widen and there had been no allowance for all the drainage that comes down from the north off the solar farm. Brian Weinhardt stated that the Solar Farm is downhill from CR 316. Weinhardt also stated that he understands what Commissioner Jameson is saying but the road modification that were done to support the project have held up from other rain storms. Pct. 4 Commissioner Brooks stated that the bridge wasn’t even on the TX-DOT Bridge Inspection Report and he understands why they put the three (3) culverts in. Commissioner Brooks stated the Jeremy’s field looks a lot higher and in his opinion the major problem is that it’s a deep broke field on the north and 10 inches of rain. Commissioner Jameson stated that west on CR 316 the water has come or is coming off the solar farm onto landowner Jeremy Jameson right there at the concrete dip off the solar farm. Commissioner Brooks stated that is not the major problem of where it washed out the road, possibly a percentage but not the major problem! Brian Weinhardt stated the solar farm runs north to south toward the Pease River. Commissioner Jameson stated that the land owner is not asking to be released from liability if any but is trying to make a living and employee’s people. Commissioner Jameson stated that it’s also dumping on the Gieseke place. Commissioner Jameson wanted to know if the Solar Farm is going to fix the big wash on the Northside. Brian Weinhardt stated they had spent $900,000 the last time they fixed the road. Jameson said so your saying, you’ve repaired the road but there are big washed so are you done? Brian Winehardt stated we are happy to restore what we’ve damage. If we damage the road come after me if it’s an act of God it’s not our responsibility! Judge Meador said “Timmy it’s your road.” Commissioner Brooks stated this is not personal but the old county road wasn’t up to what the solar farm needed for the equipment going in and out. Motion by Commissioner Brooks to release Roaring Springs Solar Farm from Liability and Indemnification for CR 316 repairs caused by the storm. Seconded by Commissioner Cruse and the vote carried 3 for and 1 against (Jameson). Jameson then stated that he is concerned about the liability for the county now. (resolution attached)

Budget Workshop is set for June 23, 2025

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There being no further business to discuss commissioners court adjourned at 11:30 am upon the motion by Commissioner Jameson which was seconded by Commissioner Cruse. Motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

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

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Attested: \_/s/D’anna Russell\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Comm Pct #4