

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Session

April 10th, 2023

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 10th day of April, 2023 the Commissioners' Court of Motley County met in Regular Session in the Courthouse in Matador, Texas. Called to order at 9:35 am by Judge Meador, who then asked Commissioner Jameson 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, County Attorney Tom Edwards, and Deputy Justin Turney

Public: Chuck Harrison

TX-DOT: No one present

No. 495

Clerk Russell Read the Minutes from the March 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, and Library. 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 as presented, Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No 496

Item No. 9 on the agenda tabled from last month was to consider adding the Museum to the Courthouse electric bill and the museum reimburse the courthouse monthly and to see if the museum could be insured with the county's insurance. County Judge Meador had done some calling and verifying the demand meter and rates. He said the museum could be added to the counties electric bill and get a better rate. The museum would be responsible for getting out of their contract with Direct Energy and if we added them to our account for the better rate the museum would be responsible to reimburse the county. The judge also had talked to Rodney Sikes with West Texas Rural Counties about insuring the museum and it was his advice not add the museum to our policy. Upon the information provided to the court a motion to add the museum to our electric account with the museum reimbursing the county each month was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Cruse. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 497

At this time Judge Meador ask the court to approve the bonds for the Deputy Sheriff and the Deputy Clerk (deputy clerk bonded for archiving the records). Motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Cruse to approve the bonds. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No 498

Next on the Agenda was to discuss and possibly take action on the request from the Ag's office to pay TXDOT on the FM 94 settled eminent domain cases. Court went into executive session at 9:50 am. Court came out of closed session at 10:0. No decisions were made in executive session. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to pay

\$18,686.20 that was owed by the county to TXDOT per the AG's request. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cruse. The vote was 4 for and 1 abstain.

At 10:10 the court took a break to enjoy the breakfast/snack treats that the 4-H kids had provided in recognition of Government Month. 4-Hers representing the club were 7th graders Ryder Russell, Cale Drum, Rylynn Bingham, and Teg Gleghorn. The kids thank the court and the elected officials for their serve to the county.

Back from break at 10:22am and the Judge asked the court to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Court went into executive session at 10:23 am. Court came out of executive session at 10:50 am. No decision were made and no vote was taken in executive session. No action or vote taken in open court.

County Road Hands Richard Thomas, Dean Osborn, Steve Barton, and George Hubner joined the court at this time.

No. 499

Last item on the agenda was Chad Wisdom with Centurion Pipeline here to meet with the commissioners and road hands on safety and signs. Chad introduced Jonathan Bowman with Centurion Pipeline who addressed the court with things that had happened in other counties and wanted to make the commissioners and road hands aware of things not to do being don't call the Houston phone number on the unit as they have no idea what county road you are on. Call the number on the card handed out today for Miguel Salinas, Childress, Texas with questions, concerns, or incidents. Medigate the problem before something bigger happens. (This is for the Garrison Unit at Whiteflat.) Jonathan also explained the airplane flies the line once a week and the white pickup they might see is just there to check after ditch digging or something similar has been done. The road rands ask if they could get a map of where the lines go across land so they would be aware if there was a grass fire Jonathan said he could send a PDF of the map with just line and 500 ft either side. The last thing was to let the group know that the sign colors could possible changing soon.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. upon the motion by Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Brooks, with a 5 to 0 vote.

Signed: _____ County Judge

_____ Comm Pct #1

_____ Comm Pct #2

_____ Comm Pct #3

_____ Comm Pct #4

ATTEST: Danna Russell
County Clerk *Approved in
Commissioner
Court 5.8.23*