

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Session

September 11, 2023

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 11th day of September, 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 gave 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, Sheriff Robert Fisk

Public: Marisue Potts-Ethredge, Rusty Ethredge, Connie Hindman, John Hindman, Chuck Harrison, Rodney Williams, Susan Jameson, Craig Turner

TX-DOT: No one present

Public Comment: Connie Hindman felt that she needed to let the court know that she is an advocate for the sheriff's office, also she is worried about the safety of the people of Motley County.

No. 522

Clerk Russell Read the Minutes from the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular meeting of Commissioners Court and Commissioner Campbell made the motion to accept the minutes as read it was seconded by Commissioner Brooks, motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Clerk Russell then read the minutes from the August 31, 2023 Special Commissioner's Court meeting a motion was made by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Campbell 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, County Extension Service, Justice of the Peace, Library, Tax Assessor Collector, and Sheriff. Motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to accept the reports as 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 and add Skeeter Smith to get paid for building 2 cattle guards for Pct. 2 when the invoice comes in, motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Item 9 on the agenda was to consider a Policy on inventory of County Equipment. Commissioner Campbell feels like we need to get a good inventory list together incase something should ever happen...discuss was had and there is already a policy in place. An inventory of county equipment should be turned into the Judge every October. (pictures and serial numbers would be really good)

No. 523

Item 10 on the agenda was to discuss and take action on a Road Use Agreement between the County and the Stafford Solar Farm. Judge Meador had sent the agreement to all the Commissioners to read prior to the meeting. Judge Meador said he had made corrections to some spelling. Commissioner Jameson wishes to get a legal opinion with regard to the widening of the road, gravelling, the transmission line, and contact the land owners on the road. After everything that happened with the FM 94 project everyone agreed that legal advice should be sought. On a motion by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to table the agreement until Judge Meador seeks legal advice. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Judge will make sure Brian will be at the October meeting.

Next on the agenda was Marisue Etheredge who was on the agenda to discuss with the Court about another location for the Sheriff Department. Marisue first apologized to the court for an outburst comment she had made the month before during Commissioner Court. Marisue stated she had some concerns over the privacy of the Sheriff's Office with the work that he does and not having enough room. Judge Meador first wanted everyone to know that he and the court 100% supported Law Enforcement and that he still carried his Peace Officer License. Judge Meador stated Sheriff Fisk had never come to him to discuss a different space. Judge Meador also stated that he didn't know where the money would come from to cover the expenses of another building. Commissioner Cruse stated that there were better uses for money than on another building. Sheriff Fisk stated he had hadn't asked anyone for a different office and he had no idea about any of this.

Last on the agenda was for the Judge to let the court know that Brian with Nextera wanted to know what they could do for Motley County. Judge wanted the commissioners to think about what Nextera could do.

No. 524

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. upon the motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Jameson, motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

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

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

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

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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