

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES COUNTY OF FALLS

COMMISSIONER'S COURT MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2024

1. Proof of posting of notice in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code (Vernon's Texas Codes Ann. 1994) as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Judge Elliott asked for proof of posting and the same was affirmed by Elizabeth Perez, County Clerk, on the north and south door and the bulletin board. Commissioner Albright was not present for the meeting.

2. Public comments.

No public comments.

3. Elected official reports.

No elected official reports.

4. Discussion and/or action concerning American Rescue Plan.

The non – profits are done.

5. Discussion and/or action concerning changes to the Falls County Employee Handbook.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the changes to the Falls County Employee Handbook. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

6. Discussion and/or action concerning approving county official's bond.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the county official's bonds. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

7. Discussion and/or action concerning accepting donations for Falls on the Brazos Park.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to accept the donations of \$500 from Thigpen Ranches, LTD and \$5,000 from National Grid Renewables for the Falls on the Brazos Park. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

8. Discussion and/or action concerning Cego-Durango WSC road cut/bore on CR 484.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the Cego – Durango WSC road cut/bore on CR 484. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

9. Discussion and/or action concerning Interlocal Agreement for Assessment and Collection of Taxes.

There are no Interlocal Agreements currently.

10. Discussion and/or action concerning new computer for Constable, Pct. 1.

A new computer for Constable, Pct. 1, has already been approved at a previous meeting.

11. Discussion and/or action concerning SB22 Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the SB22 Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program Grant Agreement. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

12. Discussion and/or action concerning payout of compensatory time for one (1) jail employee.

Commissioner Willberg made a motion to approve the payout of compensatory time for one jail employee. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

13. Discussion and/or action concerning approval of the purchase of storage containers, safety equipment and data management access with Sheriff SB22 Grant funds.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the purchase of storage containers, safety equipment and data management access with the Sheriff SB22 Grant funds. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

14. Discussion and/or action concerning water storage tank for the jail.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the water storage tank for the jail. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

Commissioner Green amended his motion to take the money for the water storage tank from contingency. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

15. Discussion and/or action concerning purchase of 3 new computers for the Sheriff and Jail Departments.

Commissioner Willberg made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 new computers for the Sheriff and Jail Departments. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

16. Discussion and/or action concerning updating Tax Abatement Guidelines.

Nothing to discuss at this time.

17. Discussion and/or action concerning approval of UC DY 13 FINAL IGT (indigent health care) payment in the amount of \$256,386.80.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the UC DY 13 FINAL IGT payment in the amount of \$256,386.80. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

18. Discussion and/or action concerning MowerMax lease agreement.

The MowerMax lease agreement will be for 4 years with Candence Bank, with the first payment being due today. Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to take the money from her budgeted health insurance line and payback to make that payment. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

19. Discussion and/or action concerning Vahia Pipeline.

Discussion only. Discussed having bonds in place with the road use agreement.

20. Review and discussion of Road and Bridge precinct work reports, including Administrator's progress report.

Jeff Jackson, Road and Bridge Administrator, stated that he has one case of covid. He also has a foreman that is still out. Jeff informed that is purchased the belly dump trailer but did not purchase the haul truck. Jeff stated he received an email about removing endangered species from the debris under bridges. Judge Elliott is going to get the permits to burn the limbs for FEMA from TCEQ and the Texas Historical Commission. Jeff informed that the deadline for the debris to be cleaned up is November 16, 2024.

21. Discussion and/or action concerning the approving of payment of bills, including reimbursements, late charges, the transfer of cash or funds from any line item or departments to another, book transfers and any budget amendments; including but not limited to discussion and action concerning department or non-departmental items with line items that go past their budgeted amounts.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the payment of all bills, budget amendments, and payroll. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

22. Discussion and/or action concerning 2024-2025 budget including anticipated income and expenses; the Falls County Detention Center; departmental line items; all funds, including general fund and Farm-to-Market Lateral Road Fund, upcoming year's Appraisal District Budget; fees for processing payroll; and as relevant, what County shall charge school districts for assessing and collecting taxes, and/or other services; and other matters concerning said budget, including budget requests from any elected official, or office heads.

Judge Elliott presented the changes that the Sheriff's Office brought to him for consideration. The Judge and Commissioner's discussed and decided to keep the budget the same. The only change that was made was adding a line for a 9th deputy for \$1.

Commissioner Green made a motion to add \$1, from contingency, to the line item for the 9th deputy. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

23. Discussion and/or action concerning filing proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 budget, and setting date of public hearing, and subsequent vote on 2024-2025 budget.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to file the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, and setting date of public hearing, and subsequent vote on 2024-2025 budget. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

24. Discussion and/or action concerning recorded vote on consideration of proposed tax rate, fiscal year 2024-2025.

Commissioner Willberg made a motion to accept the proposed tax rate of \$0.73509. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

Judge Elliott-Yea, Commissioner Albright-Not Present, Commissioner Green-Yea, Commissioner Willberg-Yea, Commissioner Wuebker-Yea

25. Discussion and/or action concerning publishing of public notice and setting of public hearing on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. regarding proposed tax increase.

Commissioner Green moved to publish the public notice and set a public hearing on Monday September 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., regarding the proposed tax increase. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

26. The vote on the adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. in the Falls County Courtroom, Falls County Courthouse, Marlin, Texas.

The vote on the adoption of the budget for fiscal year 24-25 will be on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

27. The vote on the adoption of the tax rate increase will be Monday, September 9, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. in the Falls County Courtroom, Falls County Courthouse, Marlin, Texas.

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28. Approval of minutes of prior meetings of Commissioner's Court.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

29. Adjournment.

Judge Elliott asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Wuebker made the motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

Signed this ____ day of September 2024.


Jay T. Elliott, County Judge

NOT PRESENT
Milton Albright, Comm.Pct#1


F. A. Green, Comm.Pct#2


Jason Willberg, Comm.Pct#3


Nita Wuebker, Comm.Pct#4


Elizabeth Perez, County Clerk