

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court  
April 29, 2024**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

Those present and presiding were:

Lisa Johnson	-	Hemphill County Judge
Dawn Webb	-	Commissioner Precinct #1
Tim Alexander	-	Commissioner Precinct #2
Dale Schafer	-	Commissioner Precinct #3
Nicholas Thomas	-	Commissioner Precinct #4
Sylvia Guerrero	-	Clerk and Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court

Others present were: Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, Justice of the Peace, Jay Moseley, City Manager Tax Assessor/Collector Chris Jackson, Joe Jarosek, Remelle Farrar, Nate Fredley Wendie Cook and Bryan Bartlett.

**Call to Order.**

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She noted that all members of the Court were present.

**Approve Minutes from April 8, 2024 meeting.**

Nicholas moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2024 commissioners court meeting. Dale seconded the meeting which carried unopposed.

**Burn Ban.**

Dale moved to extend the burn ban for 30 days. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Public Comments.**

No public comments were made.

**Consider/Approve extending Disaster Declaration for Smokehouse Creek Fire.**

Tim moved to extend the Disaster Declaration for the Smokehouse Creek Fire to May 13, 2024. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve 2025 TCDRS rates for employee retirement.**

Tim moved to approve the TCDRS rates for employer contribution rate of 8.00%, employee deposit rate of 7.00% and group term life rate of 0.15%. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve mapping service through Nate Lee Productions.**

Nate Fredley spoke to the court about mapping service by Nate Lee Productions. Court will consider the program. No action was taken.

**Report from Remelle Farrar on behalf of the EDC regarding disaster recovery.**

Ramelle Farrar spoke to the court about the Disaster declaration timeline, Canadian and Hemphill County Economic Recovery Initiative, challenges Canadian businesses face due to the TXDOT construction project and EDC funding for Industrial Corporation to assist with the fire and road construction recovery.

**Consider /Approve request from EDC for funding for Industrial Corporation to assist with fire and road construction recovery.**

Nicholas moved to approve the \$4,000.00 funding previously awarded to be used as the EDC see fit for recruiting and marketing, he also moved to guarantee and commit \$10,000.00 to the recovery plan and implementation and a \$20,000.00 commitment available as needed and opportunities are identified. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve going out for bids on a used dozer for Pct.1**

Tim moved to go out for bids on a used dozer for precinct 1. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve General Liability Insurance for 2024-2025**

Tim moved to approve the general liability insurance for 2024-2025 as presented. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve uses for remaining ARPA Funds.**

Tim moved to designate the remaining ARPA funds, \$80,000.00 to the local volunteer fire departments and \$140,000.00 for rodeo ground improvements. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Announcements**

Judge Johnson announced the following:  
Terry Farrar retirement party has started.  
Road grant projects need to be completed.  
Emergency overtime total is \$14,652.86.

**Future Agenda Items**

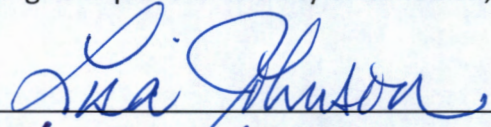
Precinct 3 road closures.

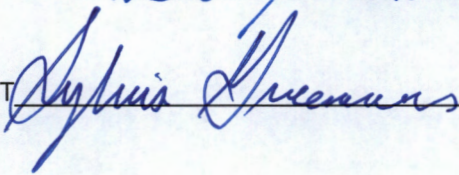
**Approve Bills, Budget Amendments**

**Adjourn**

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on April 29, 2024.

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