

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court  
February 13, 2023**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 13<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2023.

Those present and presiding were:

Lisa Johnson	-	Hemphill County Judge
Tim Alexander	-	Commissioner Precinct #2
Curt McPherson	-	Commissioner Precinct #3
Nicholas Thomas	-	Commissioner Precinct #4
Sylvia Guerrero	-	Clerk and Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court

Others present were: Laurie Brown, Remelle Farrar, City Mayor, Terrill Bartlett, Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, County Attorney, Kyle Miller.

**Call to Order**

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She noted that Precinct #1 Commissioner, Dawn Webb was absent and that all other commissioners and Judge were present.

**Approve Minutes from January 30, 2023**

Curt moved to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2023 meeting as presented. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Burn Ban**

Judge Johnson moved to enact the burn ban. Curt seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Public Comments**

Remelle Farrar informed the court that Canadian was the official home of the Frank Phillips College NIRA Rodeo on October 12 through the 14, 2023. She asked the court to consider supporting and funding the rodeo as they had in 2019.

Terrill Bartlett addressed the court to say thank you for allowing the city the possibility of exploring county property for new water sources.

**Consider/Approve Cooperative Working agreement with Tralee Crisis Center for victim's assistance service.**

Tim moved to approve Cooperative Working Agreement with Tralee Crisis Center for victim's assistance service. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve a request from the Texas A & M Forest Service to place communication equipment on County owned tower.**

Judge Johnson said she received an email from Shawn Whitley with Texas A & M Forest Service asking if the court would be open to placing communication equipment on a county-owned tower. This will help them communicate with the aircraft they would use to help with fires. Judge Johnson said Dale was coordinating the installation with Texas A & M Forest Service and PRPC. Curt said that Dale had suggested adding in the contract that if there are any communication issues with other radios, Texas A & M Forest Service would have to take their equipment down. Curt moved to approve a request from the Texas A & M Forest Service to

place communication equipment on County owned tower with the amendment to the contract. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve a weekend rate for Pavilion rental.**

Tim moved to provide a weekend rate for the rental of the pavilion for \$400.00. Curt seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Appoint Board replacement for Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation**

Curt moved to appoint Judge Johnson to the PRHFC board of directors replacing Bob Gober. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve amended employee travel policy regarding meal expenses.**

Judge Johnson moved to approve adjusting the meal rates as proposed, breakfast \$15.00, lunch \$20.00 and dinner \$30.00. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider accepting bid for mowing and maintenance at Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery.**  
**Future Agenda Items**

Curt moved for Hemphill county commissioner court to solicit bids for the mowing contract at the Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery opening bids on the next Commissioners Court in March. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Future Agenda Items**

Special Meeting to Consider/Approve request from EDC for College Rodeo Event.

**Review January 31, 2023 Budget and Financial Report/Treasurer's Report**

Curt moved to move \$24,000.00 out of Capital Outlay- Public Facilities line item 005-5-7001-0510 to Trees-Other Complex line item # 005-7018-0184. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Tim moved to approve the January 31, 2023 budget and financial Report/Treasurer's Report. Curt seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Approve Bills, Budget Amendments**

Tim moved to approve the computer generated bills. Curt seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Curt moved to approve the hand stamped bills. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Nicholas moved to approve an invoice from GDI, Inc. for \$2,500.00. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed with Curt abstaining.

**Adjourn**

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on February 13, 2023.

ATTEST Lisa Johnson COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST Alvin R. ... COUNTY CLERK