

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
September 11, 2023**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 11th day of September, 2023.

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, County Attorney, Kyle Miller, City Manager, Joe Joresek, Clint Allred

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 August 14 and September 5, 2023.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2023 and September 5, 2023 meeting. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

No action was taken.

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Consider/Approve Employee Benefits Plan Renewal

Clint Allred spoke to the court. He said this year there will be an 8% rate increase in the health insurance premium. All benefits will be the same. The dental insurance will decrease 3%. Life insurance premiums will stay the same. The vision insurance will increase 4%. This year the county will not receive a surplus distribution from the TAC Risk Management Pool. Judge Johnson spoke about the benefits of TAC coverage. Nicholas moved to renew the employee health insurance benefits as presented by Security Insurance. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Renew Interlocal Agreement with the City of Canadian authorizing County to contribute \$250,000 toward bonded debt for wastewater treatment facility.

Tim moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Canadian authorizing County to contribute \$250,000 toward bonded debt for wastewater treatment facility. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve going out for bids on a pickup for Pct. 4 and set deadline to receive bids.

Tim moved to approve going out for bids on a pickup for precinct 4 and set the deadline to receive bids on October 9, 2023 at 9:00 am. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Agreement with Doshier, Pickens and Francis, LLC for annual audit services.

Dawn moved to approve the Agreement with Doshier, Pickens and Francis, LLC for annual audit services. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Agreement with RCI Advance Recruitment Solutions for Recruitment Services to fill Law Enforcement positions.

Sheriff Brent Clapp spoke to the court. He said he was able to renegotiate the agreement from 45 days of service to 70 days at no additional cost. Nicholas moved to approve the Talentlocator Model Service Agreement with RCI Advance Recruitment Solutions for the term of 70 days in the amount of \$7,495.00. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Order November 7, 2023 Constitutional Amendment Special Election.

Judge Johnson moved to order the November 7, 2023 Constitutional Amendment Special Election. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve sale of Extension Service Pickup to Airport for use by Bill Kendall.

Tim moved to approve the sale of the Extension Service Pickup to the Airport for use by Bill Kendall for \$15,000.00. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve renewal of contract with Childress County for Inmates Housing Services.

Dawn moved to approve the renewal of the contract with Childress County for Inmates Housing Services. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve new Jury Pay Schedule as enacted by HB3474 in the 88th Legislative Session.

The clerk spoke to the court. She said she is requesting the Jury pay be increased as enacted by HB3474 in the 88th Legislative Session as follows:

- \$20.00 for the first day if not selected - State reimbursement to the county \$14.00
- \$25.00 for the first day if selected - State reimbursement to the county \$14.00
- \$58.00 attendance rate (after the first day) - State reimbursement to the county \$52.00

Judge Johnson moved to approve the new Jury Pay scale as enacted by HB3474 and as presented by the clerk. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Announcements

Judge Johnson spoke about attending the Panhandle Judges and Commissioners meeting and the Comp Time Report.

Future Agenda Items

None were proposed.

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

Judge Johnson presented 2 budget amendments:

- 1) Library Memorial & Donations Revenue, 005-4-0000-0240, will increase by \$8,500.00
Library Memorial & Donations Expenses, 005-5-7041-0169, will increase by \$8,500.00
The revenue exceeds budget, offsets the summer program expenses.

2) EDC, 005-5-1002-0146, will increase by \$5,000.00
Litigation, 0052-5-1002-0183, will decrease by \$5000.00
This funding was approved for the EDC College Rodeo on February 2023.

Tim moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

Nicholas moved to approve the computer-generated bills. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

Tim moved to approve an invoice from Schafer Services for \$825.90. Dawn seconded the motion which carried with Dale abstaining.

Adjourn

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on September 11, 2023.

ATTEST *Lisa Johnson* COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST *Alycia Herrera* COUNTY CLERK