

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS  
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022**

**STATE OF TEXAS     {  
COUNTY OF MOORE }**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 there came to be held a Regular Session of Commissioners Court of Moore County, Texas in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse in Dumas, Texas. The following persons were present to-wit: Rowdy Rhoades, County Judge; Daniel Garcia, Commissioner Precinct 1; Miles Mixon, Commissioner Precinct 2; Dee Vaughan, Commissioner Precinct 3; Lynn Cartrite, Commissioner Precinct 4; and County Clerk, Brenda McKanna.

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Court having been opened according to law the following proceedings were had to wit:

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.Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2021, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia that the bills as presented by James Allen, County Auditor, be approved for payment and the County Treasurer is hereby directed to issue warrant-checks thereof. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried

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There were two bills presented for special handling for approval:  
Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the payment to Allison & Bass in the amount of \$6,750.00 for the second installment for redistricting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payment of \$33,250.00 to Coy Barton, Independent Auditor which is over the amount budgeted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Temporary Cash Investments dated January 10, 2022 as presented by James Allen, County Auditor, and the County Treasurer's Report of Cash Disbursements of the same date and duly recorded in the Commissioners Court Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copies of the Report and Temporary Cash Investments are attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve a resolution authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation and authorizing certain other matters relating thereto with amount not to exceed \$2 Million. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve a resolution adopted by Moore County; Texas declaration of official intent pursuant to section 1.150-2 of the treasury regulations; 2022 Moore County Road project reimbursement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to employ Government Capital Securities Corporation as financial advisor for the 2022 Moore County Road Project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of Contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Coy Barton, Independent Auditor presented his audit report for 2020-2021. He reported he only encountered a few minor problems in regards to an employee in the Tax Office being rude to his audit team. He stated he encourages all office personnel to be courteous to his audit team and when they are not, he has to report it to the court. He stated there was some incidents at the Tax Office where checks were missing and they could not balance the cash drawer. Coy stated he was called to help find the error and the error was resolved due to two checks being misplaced. He stated the county has received approximately \$2 Million in American Rescue Funds and the county will fall under the single audit and there will an additional fee to audit these funds. He stated these funds can be used to supplant expenses from the General Fund to the American Rescue Funds if the court chooses to use the funds in that manner. He presented the fund balances and reported the fund balance in over what is required for the six months of operating expenses. He stated the county has a good financial standing. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to accept the audit as presented from Coy Barton, CPA. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of Audit on file in the County Clerk's Office.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the engagement letter with Coy Barton, CPA as the Independent Auditor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of Letter attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the employment of Lindsey Corbin as a Court Reporter for the County Court at Law effective January 17, 2022 with a starting salary of \$75,000.00 annually. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Judge Rhoades "Abstained".

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the contract between the 69<sup>th</sup> District Attorney's Office and Lexis Nexis at a cost of \$211.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of Contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Justin Wehunt as a Corrections Officer effective December 6, 2021 with a salary of \$22.92 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a \$50.00 per month clothing allowance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the employment of Keither Breedt as Telecommunications/Dispatcher effective December 13, 2021 with a salary of \$22.03 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year with a \$50.00 per month clothing allowance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve hiring a Deputy to replace Sgt. Amber McCurley who resigned January 4, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the employment of Michael Vasquez as a full-time airport employee effective December 17, 2021 with a salary of \$18.00 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for one year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to renew the Families First Coronavirus Response Act effective January 1, 2022 to allow employees to take five days off due to Covid and not use their sick leave with the act to expire September 30, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the payment of \$48,550.00 to West Texas Air Conditioning & Heating for Tax Office units with expenditure to be paid from the American Rescue Plan Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to pay comp time in the amount of \$6,035.14 plus benefits for two Sheriff's Office employees that have exceeded their maximum comp time due to a Covid outbreak in the Sheriff's Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of Inventory Administrator software for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$8,100.00 for a five-year licensing fee with expenditure to be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to amend the current contract with Dr. Purl as the Public Health Authority with the pay to be \$30,000.00 instead of \$6,000.00 with expenditure to be paid from the American Rescue Plan Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Commissioners Garcia and Mixon Voted "No". Copy of amended contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Joint Primary Election Service Contract between Moore County Republican Chair, William R. "Bill" Knight and Brenda McKanna, County Elections Officer for the Moore County Joint Primary on March 1, 2022 and the Moore County Joint Runoff Primary Election on May 24, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of contract attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve a Joint Resolution between Texas Democratic Party, Moore County Republican Party and Brenda McKanna, County Elections Officer for the County Joint Primary Election on March 1, 2022 and the County Joint Primary Runoff Election, if necessary, on Mary 24, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of Resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of a DS200 Scanner from ES&S at a cost of \$7,710.00 less a credit of \$1,700.00 with a final cost of \$6,010.00 with expenditure to be paid from the Election Services Contract Fund and I-Vo Rental Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cartrite. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to table action on Paragon's seismic permit request until such time Paragon provides the necessary information to the County Attorney in regards to adjacent land owners agreeing not to hold the county liable for any damages that might occur to their land or pipelines. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the permit from TKO Gas to cut County Road 28 in Precinct 4. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the permit from TKO Gas to cut County Road 29 in Precinct 4. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of permit attached and made a part hereof by references.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cartrite to approve the purchase of winter protective clothing for the Road & Bridge personnel in the amount of \$2,023.00 with expenditure to paid from Fund 17. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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Dallas Green, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on activities of the department. Dallas stated he placed the bids for the road project in the newspaper but there was information that was left off that needed to be put in the bid specs. Dallas stated the two bids he received are different scopes of work due to the bid specs.

Commissioner Garcia asked Dallas if the Road & Bridge was going to do the widening of the roads since that is what Jimmy stated they could do. Dallas stated at this time they are in agreement to widen the roads. Dallas stated he doesn't know if they can get the widening completed in the amount of time that they will need to be done. Commissioner Garcia stated he wants to make sure they have the man power to get the project done. Dallas stated it possibly would be May and it would be according to weather and taking care of other issues in other precincts if necessary.

It was stated the bids would need to be re-written so each contractor will know the exact scope of work that they will be bidding on.

Commissioner Mixon suggested that Commissioner Garcia meet with Dallas and the operators on site and determine if the Road & Bridge can do the widening of Road 8 and Road G. It was suggested they setup a pre-bid meeting on site and make it mandatory all contractors that will be

bidding the project attend the meeting so they will know exactly the scope of work they will be bidding on.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to use the gift received by the County Attorney as a door prize at the County Employee Appreciation Dinner. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

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At 12:09 P.M. motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the court enter in Executive Session according to Govt. Code 551.087 for deliberation regarding economic development negotiations to vote to or otherwise dispose of the content of the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

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At 1:15 P.M. motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the court reconvene in open court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Judge Rhoades stated no action taken on agenda during Executive Session and certifies to the agenda.

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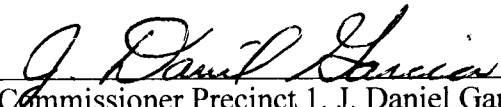
Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to take "No Action" on the economic development negotiations. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

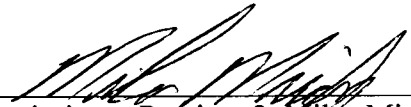
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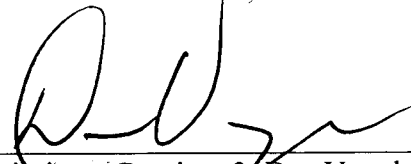
It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

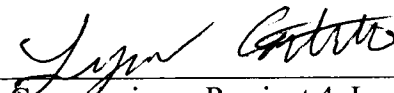
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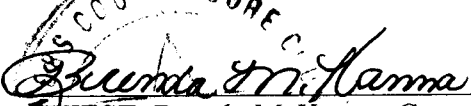
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.


  
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Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon

  
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Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan

  
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Commissioner Precinct 4, Lynn Cartrite

  
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ATTEST: Brenda McKanna, County Clerk

  
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County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

