

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025 there came to be held a Special Session of Commissioners Court of Moore County, Texas in the Commissioner's Courtroom of 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; Colt Farni, Commissioner Precinct 4 and Brenda McKanna, County Clerk.

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

During routine announcements and reports Judge Rhoades stated they will be starting the proposal process for the County Depository.

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

Judge Rhoades declared the meeting open for a public hearing at 9:16 A.M. regarding stop signs to be placed in Etter. There was no public comment. Judge Rhoades declared the public hearing closed at 9:17 A.M. and opened the Commissioners Court for routine business. Copy of map with list of locations where stop signs will be located attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the placement of stop signs in Etter Texas as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of list of locations where stop signs will be located attached and made a part hereof by references.

The Commissioners Court presented certificates of recognition of heroic actions, demonstrating exceptional bravery and selflessness to Tommy Brooks, Emergency Management Coordinator; Brandi Cadena, Registered Nurse; Christian Casanova, Deputy; Ricky Casanova, Lieutenant; Eric Holt, Detective; Aaron Martinez, Deputy and Mark Sterling, Sergeant for their bravery during the Sunray Co-op Explosion that occurred on March 28, 2025.

Joey Evans, Texas Northwestern Railway representative, was present to request permanent closure of Nitrate Road. Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to not close Nitrate Road that is in Precinct 1. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Commissioner Vaughan "Abstained".

Judge Rhoades requested Samatha Venegas, Chief Appraiser to appear before the court to explain the Moore County Appraisal District's budget request. He stated she is wanting to replace an employee and hire someone to train the employee for one year. Commissioner Mixon asked what she has in her budget for salary increases and it was stated they will be requesting a 3% salary increase. Judge Rhoades stated that he will be attending the board meeting for the appraisal district tomorrow and Samantha will be attending the next commissioners court meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the 2026 Moore County Resolution Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program Rural Public Defender. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase of Visitation Link in the prorated amount of \$1,873.33 with amount to increase to \$5,620.00 in October 2025 with payment to be paid out of SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the Sheriff's App from June to September in the amount of \$2,413.75 to be paid out of the SCAAP Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a firewall router for Justice of Peace Precinct 1 with expenditure to be paid out of Justice of Peace Precinct 1 office supply budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the Joint Election Agreement and Joint Resolution between Moore County, City of Dumas, City of Sunray, Dumas ISD and Sunray CISD for the May 3, 2025 Joint Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of agreement and resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the employment of Sydnee Presser effective May 5, 2025 as a part-time deputy county clerk with a beginning salary of \$18.00 per hour with an increase to \$20.00 per hour in six months based on job performance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the purchase of a computer in the amount of \$1,274.00 for the County Clerk's office with expenditure to be paid from the County Clerk's Records Management Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Don Willingham, Airport Manager had a meeting where bids were opened for the Ramp Extension and only two bids were received. He stated both bids were for concrete only with one bid being \$1.9 million and the other being \$1.2 million. TxDot will check the companies to make sure they have the credentials needed to perform the work. Don will report back to court with the final cost and will bring the final contract back to the court.

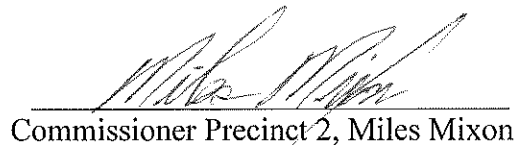
Kara Milligan, County Treasurer stated she received a time sheet for Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor that had several gray areas. The policy states only elected officials can take time off without permission but when department heads take time off, they have to have permission from the elected official that they serve under Raymond as the Road & Bridge Supervisor does not earn comp time and the court asked him to keep a journal of extra hours he is working. Judge Rhoades wanted to clarify that the extra hours Raymond works are not comp time it is just extra hours worked. The court asked Raymond when he takes vacation to let the court know and if he is taking time off to group text the commissioners to let them know.


Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave a report on the department. Raymond will call 811 for a dig test before they start installing the stop signs in Etter. Commissioner Mixon stated there are several soft spots on the project at the rodeo arena. Jay West has agreed to allow the county to use large sheep's foot to get the soft spots taken care of. Commissioner Garcia asked when the county will start mowing. It was stated they will start next week. Commissioner Garcia stated he wants Schuman Road and County Road E mowed quickly. Commissioner Garcia asked about Starkey Road and Raymond stated they are going to leave it until after harvest and will also seal coat after harvest. Commissioner Garcia stated there are several soft spots on the road that are caving in that need to be taken care of.

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

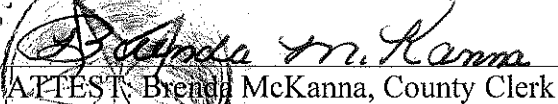
THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THEY BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.


Commissioner Precinct 1, J. Daniel Garcia


Commissioner Precinct 2, Miles Mixon


Commissioner Precinct 3, Dee Vaughan


Commissioner Precinct 4, Colt Farni


ATTEST Brenda McKanna, County Clerk


County Judge, Rowdy Rhoades

