

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT, MOORE COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER 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 Commissioner Vaughan reported he visited with BNSF regarding accidents at the intersection of County Road E at 287. Tommy is getting some reports from the Sheriff's Dept and stated there have been four wrecks at that location that involved trains. They are trying to get warning lights and signage at the intersection.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon that the bills 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 Farni. Motion carried.

There was one bill presented for special handling:

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the payment in the amount of \$2,398.97 to Judge Enns, Visiting Judge. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

B.J. Ballard, representative of Ballard Plumbing, presented a draft for RFP for the court to look over.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to allow B.J. Ballard to proceed with completing the bid proposals for a water and fire suppression system and approve any changes recommended by County Attorney, Scott Higginbotham. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried. Copy of bid proposals attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the three-year agreement with LexisNexis, including a five percent increase each year with the District Attorney's office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the DA SB22 Investigator salary at \$6,500.00 per month plus fringe benefits. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the DA VAC SB22 salary supplement at \$708.33 per month plus fringe benefits; with 20% of the DA VAC's salary to be paid from SB22 funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the DA Trial Attorney SB22 salary supplement at \$1,560.00 per month plus fringe benefits. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the Assistant DA SB22 salary supplement at \$570.83 per month plus fringe benefits. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the DA Investigator SB22 salary supplement at \$1,234.50 per month plus fringe benefits. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the employment of Mac Fields as DA SB22 Investigator effective October 23, 2025 with a salary of \$6,500.00 per month to be paid from SB22 funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the reappointment of Sheriff Butler to the TPC Board for the term of November 20, 2025-November 21, 2027. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the report from FEMA reimbursement for the Windy Deuce fire in Fritch. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughn. Motion carried. Copy of reimbursement form attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the annual report of the pre-trial monitors. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried. Copy of report attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the purchase of a computer for EOC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the issuance of a burn ban effective October 27, 2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried. Copy of burn ban attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Regional Public Defender Office FY2026/27 biennium. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the resolution of votes cast to elect directors for the Moore County Appraisal District for the years 2026-2027 dividing the votes

between the four current members plus Mike Barr. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of resolution attached and made a part hereof by references.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to approve the grass lease agreement with TJ Steele/Steele Hay and Baler Services for a two-year contract. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried. Copy of agreement attached and made a part hereof by references.

Don Willingham, Airport Manager reported that construction has started and they are trying to use recycled concrete and working on low water crossings. He stated the 2025 RAMP Grant has been closed out and he is waiting for the reimbursement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to declare the four commissioner's laptops as salvage for destruction. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughn to allow Road & Bridge to explore the options of purchasing a copier instead of leasing a copier. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to approve the employment of Frank Flores as a truck driver for the Road & Bridge Dept. effective October 20, 2025 with a starting salary of \$29.17 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for two years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farni to approve the employment of Lucio Botello as an equipment operator for the Road & Bridge Dept. effective November 3, 2025 with a starting salary of \$29.17 per hour with a .50 increase every six months for two years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan. Motion carried.

Raymond Tate, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave an update on the department. Commissioner Farni asked if it would be alright to hire someone to mow and pay them out of the summertime help budget. It was stated there has not been any work done in any of the precincts. The commissioners have asked for work to be done on several different roads and none of the work is being done. Raymond stated J.R is the floater and he has been out due to some family issues. Commissioner Garcia stated the roads are getting torn up and nothing is being done, and they are losing the roads. He asked what the plan is in getting the mowing done. He stated that Schuman Road has not been mowed in over 2 months. He told Raymond as the supervisor it is Raymond's responsibility to make sure work is getting done. He stated he has seen farmers mowing their own bar ditches and that is the county's job, the farmers pay taxes for the services that the Road & Bridge provides. Commissioner Vaughan stated he has contacted an engineer to look at the roads on Peggy Lane which will be an extra expense.


At 10:51 AM motion was made by Commissioner Farni to enter in Executive Session according to Govt. Code, Sec. 551.074 to discuss personnel matters regarding Road & Bridge Supervisor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried.

At 12:13 PM motion was made by Commissioner Mixon to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Farni. Motion carried.


Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan to take "No Action" regarding Road & Bridge Supervisor personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mixon. Motion carried.

It appears there is no other business to come before the court. Motion was made by Commissioner to 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

