

# COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

March 22, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 22nd day of March, 2021 with the following members present: Judge Stephanie L. Davis, Presiding; Gary "Corky" Underwood, Commissioner Precinct #1; Russell Gillette, Commissioner Precinct #2; Sherman Sides, Commissioner Precinct #3 and Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct#4.

Judge Stephanie L. Davis opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Commissioner Sides gave the invocation.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the Meeting of the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of Commissioners' Court with the following correction; Precinct #3 purchased two generators for the Proctor Community as a donation and the cost will not be reimbursed. Commissioner Johnson made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Special Commissioners' Court Meeting. Commissioner Gillette made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comments; None

Dr. Larry Troxell, CEO Comanche County Medical Center, formally terminated the use of the County Annex at 215 N. Houston by Comanche County Medical Center. CCMC had leased the building as an overflow facility should it have been needed to house Covid-19 patients. Fortunately it was not needed. Dr. Troxell commended the staff at CCMC for their dedication in treating Covid-19 patients and administering vaccine. The Court also commended Dr. Troxell and staff for their efforts to keep the virus from spreading. Dr. Troxell thanked the Commissioners for the use of the Annex and stated the building had been cleaned. The Annex was used for training, as a warming and charging station during the February winter weather event and as a polling place for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to acknowledge the return of the County Annex known as the Ranger College Building from CCMC to Comanche County. Commissioners Underwood, Gillette, Sides and Johnson voted for the motion. Judge Davis abstained. Motion passed.

Donald Kelm, District Extension Administrator, presented an update on Extension educational programming in Comanche County. Programs were hampered this year due the pandemic. However, programs were conducted virtually if in-person events could not take place. County Agents were called upon to respond to Covid-19 thru training, distribution of personal protective equipment, contact tracing and response teams to help local communities prepare, respond and recover from Covid-19. Kelm thanked Comanche County for their support of Extension programs. Judge Davis thanked Mike Berry for his diversity of response to the pandemic as issued by the Governor.

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Judge Davis made the motion to adopt a Resolution honoring Sherry Ward's retirement and 49 years of service to Comanche County. Commissioner Sides seconds the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Sherry Ward has served Comanche County in various offices, the Tax Assessor's Office, Agri-Life Extension, Treasurer's Office and served the last 27 years in the County Judge's Office. Ward also serves the Agency on Aging in different capacities since 1973 and is currently a Board member and the Program Administrator. Ward was honored and commended for her dedicated service as a valuable employee of Comanche County and wishes her well in her retirement.

Judge Davis made a motion to adopt a Resolution honoring Ron Moe's retirement and devotion for 15 years and 5 months of service to Comanche County. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Ron Moe began his career November 30, 2005 as an Investigator with the Comanche County Sheriff's Office. He has served the citizens of Comanche County in various rolls for 42 years, including Patrolman for the DeLeon Police Department and rose from Patrolman to Chief of Police at the Comanche Police Department. Ron Moe has served as President and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Comanche County Law Enforcement Association. Ron Moe is recognized for his good nature, hard work, unconditional dedication and commitment to excellence. He has earned the respect of his colleagues, elected officials, county employees and citizens of Comanche County. As Ron Moe embarks on retirement after this distinguished career, Comanche County salutes him for a stellar career in law enforcement and his contribution to Comanche County.

Grace Everhart, Tax Assessor Collector, requested permission to enact a Covid-19 payment plan for delinquent taxes for the 2020 tax year in order to bring relief to Comanche County residents only. The plan requires a contract which must be signed by April 30, 2021. The plan offers four nearly equal payments beginning in April 2021 and ends July 31, 2021. As long as payments are made timely the penalty and interest stay at 9% rather than rising to the full 18% penalty & interest and a 15% attorney fee. Everhart was commended for her efforts to help the Comanche County residents. For further explanation of this plan and other payment plans contact the Tax Assessor Collector's Office at 325-356-3101.

Commissioner Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Covid-19 payment plan for delinquent taxes. All approved. Motion passed.

Sheriff Pounds requested permission to advertise for bids for the Jail Inmate Commissary. Renewal is required every 5 years. Inmates or their families may add funds to a commissary account. The funds may be used to purchase approved items not available to the inmate that are not provided by the jail. Proceeds from the Commissary go to help the inmates and create a good atmosphere in the jail and can be used for discipline if commissary privileges are revoked. Sheriff Pounds will delay advertising for bids until the bids for medical services for the jail are complete.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve advertising for bids for the Commissary for the Jail. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the Cannon Finance Agreement with the County Judge's Office for a Cannon Copier iR5540iF for a term of 60 months at a rate of \$167.00 per month. Commissioner Underwood seconds the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the Cannon Finance Agreement with the District Clerk's Office for a Cannon Copier iR527iFZ for a term of 60 months at a rate of \$58.93 per month. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to acknowledge completion of required continuing education hours for Commissioner Russell Gillette, Commissioner Precinct #2 All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Gillette and Sides made the motion and second to acknowledge completion of required continuing education hours for Commissioner Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4. All approved. Motion passed.

No action was taken on the Contract with HART for election equipment. Certification from the Secretary of State is pending.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve the purchase of a Maintainer 67B for Precinct #4 from the game warden at Paducah if after seeing the maintainer Commissioner Johnson approves the purchase. All approved. Motion passed.

Judge Davis contacted the Komatsu Firm for information to apply for an emergency grant to repair the electrical in the Courthouse. Komatsu is working on an electrical proposal for the Courthouse.

The Texas A & M University Community Planning Core Group is having meetings. County residents are requested to complete a survey stating their vision for Comanche County for the next 20 years. The survey will be available in the Comanche Chief and DeLeon Free Press, Totelcom and Comanche Electric Co-Op is including the survey with their bill.

There are no updates for County owned properties.

Covid-19 second dose of the vaccine is expected for distribution this week No first dose have been received recently.

There are no changes have been made to the Administrative COVID-19 leave policy.

The Courthouse Corona Virus Policies and procedures remain in effect. Masks are mandated. Potentially there will be more people in the Courthouse next week due to the District Court having in person court.

The Burn Ban remains in effect.

All close out documents for FEMA projects DR-4223, DR-4272 and DR-4416 have been submitted. Work is on going for documentation for the independent audit for FEMA projects.

Sheriff Pounds reported the annual jail inspection should be soon. Numerous applications (15 or 16) for employment have been received.

Commissioners Gillette and Johnson made the motion and second to approve Officer's Reports. All approved. Motion passed


The Treasurer's Monthly report for February was approved in the March 8, 2021 meeting. The March report will be available at the April 12, 2021 meeting.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to approve the amendments to the County Budget. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment there of in the amount of \$190,270.10. Commissioner Sides made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 22nd day of March, 2021 with a motion by Commissioner Gillette and a second by Commissioner Underwood. All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 12th day of April 2021.

  
Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

Attest:   
Ruby Lesley

