MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Session

February 14th, 2022

9:32 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 14th day of February 2022, the Commissioners’ Court of Motley County met in Regular Session in the Courthouse in Matador, Texas. Called to order at 9:32 am by Judge Meador, Invocation was given by Commissioner Cruse and the following members present:

 Jim Meador County Judge

 Douglas Campbell Commissioner, Pct. #1

 Roegan Cruse Commissioner, Pct. #2

 Franklin Jameson Commissioner, Pct. #3

 D’anna Russell County Clerk

 Also in attendance were County Treasurer Jones and County Attorney Tom Edwards

Public: Beth Pierce and Susan Jameson

TXDOT: No one present

 No. 403

Clerk Russell read the minutes from the Regular Session of Commissioners Court held January 10, 2022 and a motion by Commissioner Cruse and Seconded by Commissioner Campbell to except the minutes as read and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Court recessed at this time so that the clerk could go and register a brand.

Court back in session at 9:52

Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve the monthly reports as presented to the court for the District and County Clerk, Extension Agent, Justice of the Peace, Library, and the Tax Assessor-Collector. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

The outstanding bills were presented by County Treasurer Jones, and reviewed by the commissioners. Motion by Commissioner Cruse to approve the bills, Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Judge Meador asked Beth Pierce if she would like to make her presentation to the court at this time. Beth supplied each of the commissioner, judge and clerk a copy of the Senior Citizens Worksheet for the yearly operation. She stated how the Senior Citizens Center Operates and how many people they serve in our community and that if any ARP money is available that the center could qualify for, they would like and appreciate the financial help. Judge Meador let Beth know it was a possibility. Beth thanked the court for their time and consideration.

 No. 404

 Judge Meador present the Resolution for Approval Grant #4524701 Public Safety Project for the Sheriff Department. Motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Jameson to approve applying for the grant and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote. (Resolution is attached to these minutes)

 No. 405

Judge Meador asked the County Attorney Tom Edwards to fill the court in on the FM 94 claim that the county is involved in with TX-DOT. TX-DOT claims the county owes them 18,000.00 for their 10% of the ROW. The claim has made its way to the AG’s Office. CA Edwards informed the court that in his conversations with Attorney General Paxton’s assistant that they feels like it’s in the best interest of the commissioners to settle (as it is an election year) before it goes into litigation. CA Edwards told AG’s office it’s not his call but the courts. After some discussion over the amount and different payment options Mrs. Jameson asked if she could speak to the court regarding this matter as it pertained to her as a land owner. She wants to know what the laws are regarding fencing and right of way and if it states anywhere in the laws that the county owes the landowner for damages caused by TX-DOT. (Immanent Domain). More discussion was had regarding just making some monetary offer and finally a motion was made by Judge Meador to pay nothing and take it to trial, seconded by Commissioner Jameson and the motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote.

 No 406

Last item on the agenda is the Audit for the fiscal year 2021. Letter from the auditing firm attached to the minutes. CPA Tyler Canady was telephoned conferenced in and went over the audit with the court. There were a few journal adjustments made, internal control didn’t find anything that needed to be corrected, and no debt on the books. Treasurer Jones asked about the word fairly on Page 2 of the audit report (if there was something else, she could do or needed to do). CPA Canady stated fairly is as good as it gets. She and everyone else are doing what they should be doing. Motion by Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to accept the 2021 fiscal audit. Motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

There being no other business court adjourned at 11:53 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Cruse and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_County Judge

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_County Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Comm Pct #4