MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Session

April 8, 2024

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 8th day of April, 2024 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 who then asked Commissioner Campbell to give the invocation.

The following members present:

Jim Meador County Judge

Douglas Campbell Commissioner, Pct. #1

Roegan Cruse Commissioner, Pct #2

Franklin Jameson Commissioner, Pct #3

Timmy Brooks Commissioner, Pct #4

D’anna Russell County Clerk

Also, in attendance Sheriff Fisk, Deputy Justin Turney, County Attorney Tom Edwards

Public: Rachelle Watson

TX-DOT: No one present

No. 563

Clerk Russell Read the Minutes from the March 3rd, 2024 regular meeting of Commissioners Court and Commissioner Campbell made the motion to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Commissioner Cruse, motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Clerk Russell then read the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Commissioner’s Court held on March 20, 2024. Motion by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

County Judge Meador gave the monthly reports from County and District Clerk, County Extension Service, Justice of the Peace, Library, Tax Assessor Collector, and Sheriff. Motion by Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to accept the reports as given. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

The outstanding bills were presented by Judge Meador for Treasurer Jones who was out of town and reviewed by the court. Motion by Commissioner Campbell to pay the bills presented and any late bills that came in, motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks, and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Item 9 on the agenda was for Judge Meador to let the commissioners know that the American Rescue Plan money that Motley County still has must have a plan in place to use the money if not the money will have to be sent back this December. Judge Meador let the court know that the percentage the general fund got when it was voted to split the money between the general and the four precincts was just about spent.

No. 564

The next item on the agenda was the SUN Fund Grant. Judge Meador informed the court that Austin wants an action plan in place to pay the bills when they come in to get the bills paid promptly and not wait until the next commissioners court day to pay them. Motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to pay the bills when they came in that were to be paid out of the SUN Fund Grant monies. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Item 11 on the agenda was to consider a donation for porta potties for an event at the gazabo on June 21, 2024 for building community relationships. NextEra is going to donate the porta potties.

No 565

Last item on the agenda was to consider equipment and an additional deputy for the Sheriff’s Department using the SB-22 grant money. Sheriff Fisk thanked the court for their help in allowing him to get the lens lock subscription locked in place in December before the fees went up and before he got his Grant money in. He then asked the court about purchasing a subscription to tango-tango app on the sheriff’s department cell phones which works as an additional emergency contact when radio reception is spotty, 3 Kenwood radios from James Gillespie, and additional Deputy and depending on the decision of the court also an additional pickup for the Department. After much discussion with regard to being on duty and extra security work and personal use. Commissioner Brooks made the motion for the Sheriff’s Department as along as the funds were available from the SB-22 grant for the budget year 23-24 to hire an additional deputy, purchase another pickup, get 3 Kenwood radios, and the tango-tango subscription, seconded by Commissioner Jameson, and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Commissioner Jameson made it clear that if the SB-22 grant goes away Motley County cannot fund the additional deputy, Commissioner Campbell made it clear that if there were questions regarding personal use of county vehicles and the security work he would send them to the Sheriff. Sheriff Fisk said he understood and he’d rather address issues himself. Commissioner Campbell also stated he thought it was a good idea to get the white dodge sheriff department pickup checked out at a dealership as the precincts are the ones that generally buy it’s used vehicles. Sheriff Fisk stated his goal is to update equipment and vehicles as he can with the SB-22 grant continuation.

No 566

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m. upon the motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Cruse, motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

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

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County Clerk