MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Special Session

July 28, 2022

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 28th day of July 2022, the Commissioners’ Court of Motley County met in Special Session in the Courthouse in Matador, Texas. Called to order at 9:00 am by Judge Meador, who then asked community member present Bro Chuck Harrison 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 County Treasurer Jones

 Those present from the community included Bro Chuck Harrison, Marisue Potts, Ronald Bailey

 Public Comment: Marisue Potts our local County Historian thanked the court or their generous donation to the board to help with repairs to the museum which helps with tourism in our community as well as the commissioner that gave a percentage of his part of the ARP funds. Marisue also recognized and thanked committed board members Ronald Bailey, Rick Day, Ellen Fowlkes, and Carrol Campbell. Ronald Bailey put together a scrapbook of county history that helped the group to receive the 2021 Distinguished Service Award. (Marisue’s letter is attached to these minutes)

 No. 434

Judge Meador informed the court that after the July 11, 2022meeting that he had a discussion with Sheriff Fisk and it had been discovered that the pricing on the replacement pickups for the sheriff’s department were a year old so they were no good. New vehicles are 10 months out if you order one. He also stated that Deputy Turney had a friend that could outfit the pickups as James Gillespie couldn’t put the equipment form the old pickups to the newer ones. At this point Judge Meador asked Sheriff Fisk and Deputy Turney to come to court an explain what they had found. January 2023 is the earliest that a new pickup could be received if they ordered one. They had been searching and had found a Cap Fleet Chevy Z71 1500 Game Warden Package. Deputy Turney explained that he had a buddy that could do the rewiring and install of equipment in his spare time and he would lower his hourly rate to $75.00. Deputy Turney stated that basically they would need all new equipment to meet the new requirements. At this time Judge Meador stated that he asked James Gillespie personally if he was wiling to do the work on transferring or installing the equipment in the sheriff department pickup and Mr. Gillespie stated no one had ever talked to him about it. Deputy stated that he had asked James when he got his inspection on his pickup. Wrong James. The James who does inspections is James McCleskey. Much discussion was had with regards to the equipment of outfitting the vehicles. Commissioner Campbell wished we knew more about the equipment needs to make a better decision, wants to do the best we can for the sheriff’s department. The Deputy stated if they got a Stalker Radar that they would come fix it vs the one they have now which has to be taken out and sent in. A motion was made by Commissioner Cruse and Seconded by Commissioner Campbell for the sheriff department to go get the Z71 pickup for the $48,404.95 out the door price quote with our tax exemption. Motion past with a 5 to 0 vote. The next thing discussed and voted on was the equipment such as inside mounting brackets, the police addition grill guard, and to update the light bar as well as the ghost lettering for the doors. Motion was made Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Brooks for the sheriff’s department to purchase a standard grill guard, mounting brackets inside, a go pro spotlight and the ghost lettering stickers for each truck. (which will be $520 per truck for the lettering) Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 435

 Next item on the agenda was to discuss the payment options for the new Precinct 1 Dump Truck. The interest rate is 5.9%, $10,000 from Precinct 1’s ARP money and $50,000 form his Road and Bridge money to make the $60,000 payment, with a final payment due 2023 and the county would carry a debt of $41,740. County Treasurer Jones also gave another option if the court didn’t want to carry a debt which would be to move money out of Capital Acquisition. Commissioner Jameson stated he was absolutely against moving money out of capital Acquisitions as that was discussed at the meeting to purchase the dump truck. Motion by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to make the down payment from Precinct 1’s funds and the county carry the debit. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

 No. 436

 County Judge Meador read the Finalization of the County Budget that had been voted on at the July 11 meeting and it read as follows:

General: adjustment to balance to 79,000.00 from Logics County Judge: Increase in salary and social security adjustment, District and County Clerk: increase in salary and social security adjustment, Full-time deputy at $20,000; Justice of the Peace: increase in salary and social security adjustment, Treasurer: increase in salary and social security adjustment, Maintenance: increase in salary and social security adjustment, Tax Assessor/Collector: increase in salaries and social security adjustment, Sheriff’s Department: increase in salaries and social security adjustment-County Judge Meador stated he went through the sheriff’s worksheet and request and made the following adjustments: meals $400, miscellaneous $1000, office supplies $4000 to $1800, computers-$8,000 to $6000, postage-same, professional services-$1,100 to $1000, radio base-same, uniforms $1500 to $1200, air cards left at $1800, cell phones-left the same, training and conferences-$4,000 to $3,500, and ammunition form $4,000 to $800; County Extension: increase in salary and adjustment to social security, and County Attorney: salary increase and adjustment in social security…..(salary increase is from the vote for a 8% cost of living increase from July 11, 2022 meeting) , Adult Probation: increase of $600, District Offices including the Court Reporter, District Attorney Secretary, District Judge, District Attorney and the District Court Coordinator an 8.3% increase each; Insurance Risk Management: 10% to $34,000 and adjusted General Office Supplies to $4,100.00

Precinct 1 : increase in commissioner and road hand salary and adjust the social security, increase Ad Valorum from tax correction, equipment adjustment for dump truck payment; Precinct 2: increase in commissioner and road hand salary; correct figure on taxes to Ad Valorum; Precinct 3: increase in commissioner and road hand salary and adjust the social security, adjust for tax correction to Ad Valorum (Commissioner Jameson stated that he can’t go with an 8% increase in salaries as it will come out of his precinct money and he won’t have money to fix things in his precinct.) Precinct 4: increase in commissioner and road hand salary and adjust the social security and adjust the Ad Valorum for tax correction, $14,000 to balance the budget from savings to logics; Capital Acquisition: $40,000 for the Sheriff’s pickup out of savings, make the rest up in interest. And the last page being the Fund Balance Sheet. (Proposed Budget is on file in the Clerk’s Office and kept for record.) Motion by Commissioner Cruse to accept the proposed budget as read, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and the motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote.

No. 437

 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 pm upon the motion by Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Broo and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

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

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