MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Session

December 11th, 2023

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 11th day of December, 2023 the Commissioners’ Court of Motley County met in Regular Session in the Courthouse in Matador, Texas. Called to order at 9:35 am by Judge Meador who asked Commissioner Roegan Cruse 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 Misty Jones, Sheriff Robert Fisk, and Deputy Justin Turney

Public: Present Chuck Harrison

TX-DOT: No one present

No. 537

Clerk Russell Read the Minutes from the November 13th, 2023 regular meeting of Commissioners Court and Commissioner Campbell made the motion to accept the minutes as read it was seconded by Commissioner Brooks, 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, Tax Assessor Collector, and Sheriff. The Library report was not available. Motion by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Jameson to accept the reports as given. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

The outstanding bills were presented by County Treasurer Jones and reviewed by the court. Motion by Commissioner Campbell to pay the bills presented and to pay the Silverton Oil ill when it came in, motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks, and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 538

Item 9 on the agenda was to approve the Bond for the new Deputy Reserve Jake Amason. Motion by Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to approve the Bond for the newest reserve deputy. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 539

Next on the Agenda was to consider/approve the 2024 Holiday Calendar. (calendar attached to these minutes for reference and are posted on the county website) Motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Jameson to approve the 2024 Holiday Calendar. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

At this time Judge Meador let the court know in case someone didn’t already know that the TDA Grant for the County know as the SUN State Urgent Need Grant had been approve and Sid Miller personally called to let the judge know the county and city both would be receiving the grant.

No. 540

Next on the agenda was to Adopt the Resolutions for the TDA Grant, which includes Citizens Participation Plan Resolution, Fair Housing Resolution and Civil Rights Resolution. Motion by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to approve the adoption of the Resolution, motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Recess: 10:30 Back in Session 10:37 (checking on Purdue Brandon Tax Atty Jonathan Galley)

No. 541

Item 13 on the agenda was Sheriff’s Office possible move. Sheriff Fisk has asked Jim Findley to trade offices. Jim Findley has agreed that they Sheriff and Appraisal District can trade offices. The Sheriff’s Department will clean out the offices and get approval with Jim Findley what can be thrown away and what is to be kept. Trading offices will make it easier for the Sheriff’s department to double lock evidence taken in as the back office has a locked storage room. Sheriff Fisk is hoping that the big office can be split into two rooms where he has an interview room. Minor repairs and painting will be done by the sheriff’s department and the walls, doors, and anything structural will be done by a carpenter. Motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to approve office swap. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 542

Next on the agenda was to consider In-Car Camera Lease for the Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff Fisk has found a 5-year Camera Lease with nothing due until April if the court agree before the end of 2023. The departments current camera’s only cover the steering wheel when they are transporting someone. The new cameras would cover the whole front seat. The lease covers updates to the software and any damages. At this time, it was mentioned that the Sheriff’s office cannot lease or take donations without the court’s approval. Last on the agenda was to canvass the November 7th, 2023 Constitutional Election. Motion by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Jameson to approve the lease of the in-car camera’s and to lock the price in now before it goes up after the first of the year. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

At this time Sheriff Fisk presented his Proposed Budget for the SB-22 Grant. (attached to these minutes for reference) Sheriff Fisk just wanted the court to see it before he submits it.

Recess: 10:50 for hall Christmas Party

Back in Session at 11:21

No. 543

Jonathan Galley with Purdue Brandon came and gave the Delinquent Tax Report. In July approximately $60, 186 of unpaid 2022 taxes were turned over for collections and in 5 months the balance has been reduced by almost $27,000. The 2021 delinquent roll has been reduced by 60%. Jonathan also added that the Tax Warrant Sales had put 91 parcels/lots back on the tax roll and added $43,926.93 to the taxing entities and he also stated that Ronda was doing a great job! Motion by Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Cruse to except the delinquent tax report as given. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 544

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m. upon the motion by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Brooks, motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

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

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County Clerk