

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Special SESSION

July 27, 2020

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 27th day of July 2020, the Commissioners' Court of Motley County met in Special Session in the Courthouse in Matador, Texas. The following members present:

Jim Meador	County Judge
Douglas Campbell	Commissioner, Pct. #1
Roegan Cruse	Commissioner, Pct. #2
Franklin Jameson	Commissioner, Pct. #3
David Stafford	Commissioner, Pct. #4
Lindsey Aldrich	County Clerk

Also in attendance was County Treasurer Misty Jones and County Attorney Tom Edwards. Judge Meador called the meeting to order and Commissioner Jameson gave the invocation.

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Judge Meador informed the court that he had received the effective tax rate of \$0.67134 from Appraiser Jim Finley. The court reviewed the presented proposed budgets. The court agreed to increase the maintenance supplies line item to account for increased need and cost of cleaning supplies. The court looked at the County and District Clerk's proposal and asked about the increased amount for the Deputy Clerk. Clerk Aldrich stated that she would like to have Deputy Clerk Mora work as a full-time position in the clerk's office. Commissioner Jameson stated that he would like to see the Deputy put under the County Judge's supervision and to allow the judge to determine which office needs help. Judge Meador stated that if he were to supervise the position the employee would work 9 to 5 Monday through Friday. Commissioner Jameson stated that he just did not think either office was really that busy and Judge Meador stated that things have totally changed overtime. Commissioner Campbell said that a tight ship was needed as the county's loss this year was from minerals and it will be worse next year. The court agreed to keep the deputy as part-time in the tax office and the clerk's office.

The next item was County Attorney's proposed budget. There was some discussion about the work coming from the office and then Judge Meador suggested to cut the secretary salary to \$2 thousand. Attorney Edwards agreed to that.

The court then reviewed the salaries for all positions. Commissioner Cruse stated that he would like to see everyone get a raise. Commissioner Stafford stated that he would like to see the Treasurer's salary be increased to \$22 thousand to match the other comparable elected positions. Commissioner Cruse asked the court if any of them wanted a raise in their salary and all stated that they did not. Commissioner Campbell asked Treasurer Jones when the last raise for all employees took place. Treasurer Jones stated it had been 5 years. Commissioner Jameson asked when the commissioners received a raise last. Treasurer Jones stated that she was unsure because they had declined the raise 5 years ago. Commissioner Jameson stated that he did not feel like Treasurer Jones needed to be raised to \$22 thousand while giving everyone else a 3% raise. Commissioner Stafford suggested to raise the Treasurer salary to \$20 thousand and then go to a 4% raise. The court to a break from 11:17 to 11:43 to allow Treasurer Jones to adjust the budget worksheets to include a 4% raise for everyone except the commissioners. The court reviewed the adjustments. Commissioner Jameson stated that he would rather give a 3% raise instead of 4%. Commissioner Cruse stated that he was good with the 4% raise for everyone except for the Tax Assessor Collector that had not even started the job.

Commissioner Jameson stated it did not seem fair for the Treasurer to get a 10 to 11% raise while everyone else got only a 3 or 4% raise. Commissioner Cruse stated that he understands the treasurer getting more but she is way behind the other elected officials. Commissioner Cruse stated that he was good with the proposed budget with the raises for everyone except the Tax Assessor Collector. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to leave the Tax Assessor Collector with a raise. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote with Commissioner Cruse against and Judge Meador abstaining from the vote. Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve the salaries at the 4% raise. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote with Commissioner Jameson against and Judge Meador abstaining from the vote. Commissioner Stafford then made a motion to approve the Proposed 2020-2021 Budget. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

There was not further business for the Special Session. Commissioner Jameson made a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Court adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Signed: _____ County Judge

CommPct#1

CommPct#2

CommPct#3

CommPct#4

ATTEST: _____ County Clerk