

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Session

January 10th, 2022

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 10th day of January 2022, the Commissioners' Court of Motley County met in Regular Session in the Courthouse in Matador, Texas. Called to order at 9:30 am by Judge Meador, Invocation was given by Commissioner Jameson and 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 were County Treasurer Jones and County Attorney Tom Edwards

Public: Chuck Harrison who just came to observe a commissioner meeting

TXDOT: No one present

No. 397

Clerk Russell read the minutes from the Regular Session of Commissioners Court held December 13, 2021 and a motion by Commissioner Campbell and Seconded by Commissioner Brooks to except the minutes as read and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Clerk Russell then read the minutes from the Special Session held on December 20th, 2021. Motion was made by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to accept the minutes as read and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Jameson 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, Tax Assessor-Collector and the Sheriff. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5 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 5 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Campbell let the court know that he was looking for new dozer batteries and the voltage showing on the ones they had now were 10 and 4.

No. 398

Judge Meador ask the court to approve the Bond for the Tax-Assessor Collector. Motion by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to approve the bond as present to the court and the motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote.

No. 399

Next item on the agenda was to discuss Pre-Employment Qualifications. Things discussed to consider were applicates could be subject to background checks and drug testing. Salary would depend on experience. Commissioner Campbell made the motion that pre-employment personnel would be subject to drug screening and background checks. Commissioner Jameson seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote. Treasurer Jones will type something up.

No. 400

Judge Meador presented the Joint Primary Resolution for the courts approval and the motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Cruse to approve the Joint Resolution for the Primary Election. Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No 401

Next item on the agenda was to discuss the purchase of precinct pickups for 3 and 4. Precinct 4 Commissioner Brooks stated everything is worn out on his precinct pickup and every time they get it out of the shop it goes back in within a few days. Needs a complete overhaul of the motor or a new motor just for starters. Precinct 3 's pickup is also worn out. They got the pickup form the Sheriff's office and it's a 2004 model. Radiator leaks, needs a new exhaust, and the inside is worn out. Discussion was had regarding what could be spent. Anything over \$5,000 has to be approved by the court and anything over \$50,000.00 bids have to be taken. There is also the GSA (Government Service Administration) route which has already been bided out and both commissioners' could look and see if anything was available through there. At this time Commissioner Jameson brought up discussion on the (American Rescue Plan, i.e. COVID Money) and if there was a way the money could be divided between the precinct and the courthouse The County has received 116,000.00 to date with another payment of \$116,000.00 to be made on or about May 2022. Judge Meador read an email he had received on Friday afternoon with regard to the newest ruling on how the money received for Covid Relief can be used. It seems that with the newest ruling sharing the money could be a possibility. More information and discussion will be had on the ARP money at a later date. Commissioner Brooks thinks that a good single cab is all he needs for his precinct and Treasurer Jones offered to look for bids on pickups. After more discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Campbell to look and purchase a pickup if under \$50,000.00 or if through the GSA and seconded by Commissioner Brooks and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

No 402

Judge Meador asked the court consider approving the mileage rate for travel at 58.5 cents per mile driven for business use of a personal vehicle which is the IRS new standard issued 12.17.2021. Motion by Commissioner Cruse and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to approve the new reimbursement rate for travel at 58.5 and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

At this time Commissioner Campbell asked if the courthouse could store the Christmas trees decorating the gazebo for the decorating committee and Judge Meador stated that we had no room to store them as we are running out of room for the records.

There being no other business court adjourned at 11:02 a.m. on the motion of Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Brooks and the motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Signed: _____ County Judge

_____ Comm Pct #1

_____ Comm Pct #2

_____ Comm Pct #3

_____ Comm Pc t#4

ATTEST: _____ County Clerk