

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 4, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 4th day of March Wesley Bean, Pct. 3 was absent. The following members were present: Elsa Fierro, Pct. 1; G L Bunger, Pct. 2; Mike Medina, Pct. 4; and Frank Tambunga, County Judge where the following proceedings were had

AGENDA POSTING

Judge Tambunga announced agenda to this regular session was posted. All agreed and meeting carried on due to proof of posting.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS "EXHIBIT A"

The Court gave the public time to announce their comments. Evelyn Kerbow and Jared Shaffer were present to visit with the Court about some incidents happening locally and the Sheriff's Office not following through with the cases nor issuing citations. She presented letters from two victims, Veronica Fierro and Blas Perez, in which they were victims of destruction of property. She asked the Court to stop giving him money for his budget and to stop giving him more man power because he has not done anything with these cases and other cases, plus he is not even issuing citations for hit and runs after he knows who the defendant is. Mrs. Kerbow mentioned he has not followed through with drug busts after she has sent him photos of license plates where drugs were being used. She was told by the Sheriff that they know who is bringing drugs into town and some of those license plates matched the person/persons but nothing was done and none of these cases have been taken to the County Attorney to make these people accountable.

DISCUSSION ON ADDING SPEED BUMPS AND NO U TURN SIGNS ON AVE D IN FRONT OF HIGH SCHOOL

Pam Crenwelge, Ozona High School teacher was present to address the Court with concerns and issues with traffic in front of high school and the middle school. She has seen kids not using cross walks and driving without license, plus stated the signs are not in open view. There is a speed limit sign but she would like it dropped to 15 MPH and place speed bumps. She also mentioned she sees drivers making a U Turn up on the small hill and has caused traffic jams and close to hitting other cars and has seen a patrol only 4 or 5 times since she has been here. The Court suggested the school hire monitors to direct cross walks and traffic. Jeffrey Stuart, Road Superintendent and G L Bunger, Pct. 2 Commissioner will look at street signs. No action was taken at this time.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Perner, Ozona High School teacher was present with some students to show the Court a presentation about the Local Post Office and its current location. The people they interviewed said the location was too congested, off the main road, not enough parking, poor service, old and out-dated building and that it was time for a new Post Office. These students asked members of the public if they wanted home delivery and 100% said yes, plus they wanted passport photos being taken. The local postmaster mentioned she is not allowed to give interviews. No action was taken at this time on this agenda line item as this is not a local decision but it is a Federal Government decision.

REMOVAL OF THE EMERALD HOUSE "EXHIBIT B"

The Court discussed the issue with the Emerald House, plus the deed. Carmen Sutton with The Historical Society and staff from the Museum, plus Karen Bebee were present to visit with the Court about this matter. No action was taken at this time on this agenda line item.

AIRPORT REPORT

G L Bunger made a motion to renew the Airport Lease with Charles McCleary. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES

G L Bunger made a motion to approve the minutes from previous meetings with the correction that the County will haul sand instead of David McGuire. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL AND DIRECT PAYMENT OF THOSE APPROVED "EXHIBIT C"

The Court examined and discussed accounts for approval and direct payment of those approved on Treasurer's Claims Register. G L Bunger made a motion to approve and pay the bills as presented. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Mike Medina abstained from voting on any of Mike's Auto Care bills.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Laura Conner was present but did not have the Treasurer's Report for the month of February. She stated she would submit it during the March 19, 2024 meeting. Mrs. Conner announced she is still working on the Employee 457 Retirement Plan and they are going to get in touch with additional companies to come back to Court and do a presentation with them. As far as the Workplace Solutions Agreement with Ameriprise, the Court will wait until the Employee 457 Retirement Plan is straightened out. No action was taken at this time on these two agenda line items.

AUDITOR'S REPORT "EXHIBIT D"

Dolores Ramirez was present to give the Auditor's Report.

EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Eddie Martin was present to give the EMS and Fire Department Report. He suggested to the Court to put the Burn Ban back into effect.

COUNTYWIDE BURN BAN

G L Bunger made a motion to reinstate the Countywide Burn Ban. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT "EXHIBIT E"

Jeffrey Stuart, Road Superintendent was present to give the Road Department Report on all the work completed by the department and anticipated. Mr. Stuart suggested to the Court to add a cattleguard for County Road 111. Michael Moore (Brent Moore Ranch) visited with Jeffrey Stuart about fencing on County Road 101 in which it is approximately 3 miles. Elsa Fierro made a motion on approving 3 miles of fencing on CR101. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

CIVIC CENTER REPORT "EXHIBIT F"

Allen Williams was present to give the Civic Center Report.

CARE CENTER REPORT

Meagan Meek was present to give the Care Center Report.

ADDING NEW STREET LIGHT ON AVE H

G L Bunger made a motion to add new street light on Ave. H. and 5th street. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

NEW STREET LIGHT ON EAST BOUND SERVICE EXIT BY RIO GRANDE STREET

No action taken on this agenda line item at this time until Mike Medina gets with TXDOT and AEP on Rio Grande since it will involve a new pole.

ELECTION EQUIPMENT ROOM STORAGE SPACE

Due to Election Equipment needing to be kept locked up Judge Tambunga and Ninfa Preddy looked into dividing the storage room that used to be the Appraisal District Office and that now the Tax Office has. Jeffrey Stuart suggested to use the Old Fire Department Bay but Mrs. Preddy mentioned that it does leak and that would not be good for equipment, plus it needs to be under cameras and close to Clerk's Office. Judge Tambunga and Jeffrey Stuart will look at the room and see if a wall can be put up. No action was taken at this time on this agenda line item.

DISCUSS SPRING CLEAN UP

Elsa Fierro stated she would like to see spring clean up take place again. Judge Tambunga suggested to have this take place for two weeks. Elsa Fierro made a motion to approve spring cleanup for first two weeks of April to have people put out items and the other two weeks to pick up and dispose. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

PROPOSED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The members of the Court received a copy of the handbook with red print representing the changes that have been made. Judge Tambunga stated Jody Upham, County Attorney is available to discuss the policy and or add any

changes each member of the Court would want to make before this handbook is approved.

DPS TRUNKING PROPOSAL

No action was taken on this agenda line item at this time but will be reviewed.

DISCUSS CROCKETT COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA "EXHIBIT G"

No action was taken on this agenda line item at this time until the Court hear back from Attorney Jake Lederle.

DISCUSS PURCHASING COMPUTERS TO BEGIN THE CYCLE OF REPLACING OUTDATED COMPUTERS

Keynon Lannom visited with Judge Tambunga about replacing computers a little at a time instead of having to replace all of them at one time. The Care Center has been having issues with their computers. No action was taken on this agenda line item at this time until Keynon and technology board looks into this matter. Mr. Bungler asked if there was a line item and Judge Tambunga mentioned they would need to add one to be able to move \$25,000.00 from Contingency.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT "EXHIBIT H"

Susie Childress submitted the Senior Cener Report for the Court to review.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT "EXHIBIT I"

Amit Patel submitted the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Report for the Court to review.

EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT "EXHIBIT J"

Rebecca Taylor and Dawson Owens submitted the Extension Office Report for the Court to review.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT "EXHIBIT K"

Keynon Lannom submitted the Technology Report for the Court to review.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.



Frank Tambunga, County Judge



Ninfa Preddy, County Clerk

Attest: