

The Commissioner’s Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 22ND day of February, 2021 with the following present:

Frank Trull	County Judge
Carol Anderson	Commissioner Pct. #1
Randy Deans	Commissioner Pct. #2
Jason Behrens	Commissioner Pct. #3
Rick Kemp	Commissioner Pct. #4
Christine A. Jones	County Clerk
Mikki Williams	County Treasurer

Minutes from February 12, 2021 was approved with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

Bills for February 22, 2021 were presented and approved with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Elected Official/Dept. Heads: Commissioner Deans reported that during the Winter Storm he used the County water truck to help the community get water to livestock. County Sheriff Matt Andrews spoke to the court on the 911 system being down during the winter storm. They gave Walkie Talkies to local nursing facility to be able to get help if needed. They also were able to get cell phones from local wireless service Wes Central Wireless to give to key personnel to be able to keep communication going during the outage of other services. This was an area wide problem not just local.

Public Comments: Kenneth Coignet spoke to the court on the Community Development Block Grant Program benefiting The Rochelle Water Supply Corporation. Mr. Coignet informed the court of the process and that this grant could only be gotten once during a cycle which is about every 2 years. The grant will be used for upgrades and maintenance.

Les Brooks addressed the Court on Emergency Management and the lack off communication from the local emergency management coordinator. Mr. Brooks told the Court that a lot of improvement needed to be done from the top down. During the recent debilitating Winter Storm that shut down the State and with Rolling blackouts and no water the elderly and shut in was in immediate need of care and help and there was no direction from anyone. All of the local county volunteer fire services were out trying to get people supplies or to safety even taking them to their own homes it was a very bad experience and Emergency Services needs a major overhaul. The court thanked Mr. Brooks for bringing things to them.

Jacque Behrens thanked Commissioner Behrens for his help with travelers and with their stock show livestock in getting them to safety and shelter during the storm. They were able to house in the County Barn to ride out the weather.

Discussion:

Action:

1. The McCulloch County Commissioner approved the request by Jacque Behrens to use the Courthouse Lawn for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
2. The Court approved the Racial Profiling report to County Sheriff Matt Andrews. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Kemp seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
3. The Court approved McCulloch County Staff to initiate the application for a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture. The staff will begin procurement for preparation of grant application and implementation of a project management. This is in support of the Rochelle Water Supply Corporation. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
4. County Treasurer Mikkie Williams presented the court with the renewal of the Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) which is done by Texas Association of Counties (TAC). They will continue to do the preparation for all county employees and the County. This will be a

great service for the treasurer office to continue. Commissioner Kemp made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

5. The court approved the withdrawal of funds from Commercial National Bank Certificate of Deposit 26677 for Pct. 1 and transfer to the West Texas Rural Counties Association Investment Pool. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
6. McCulloch County Declaration of a Local Disaster beginning February 11, 2021 for a period of not more of seven days was presented by County Judge Frank Trull. Judge Trull stated that the time could possibly extend if the need presented itself. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
7. Pursuant to Local Government Code 551.074 The Court moved to Executive Session for personnel matters. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Reconvened at 11:12

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Deans. All in favor motion carried. 5-0



Frank Trull

County Judge



Christine A. Jones

County Clerk

