

The Commissioner's Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 25TH day of January, 2021 with the following present:

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

There were no Minutes from the Commissioner Court on January 11, 15, or 22. County Clerk Christine Jones informed court she would need further clarification from the court on declared motions.

Bills for January 25, 2021 were presented and approved with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Janette Tomlinson, Beth Reinish, and Diane Jones were all present and spoke to the court on behalf of the McCulloch County Library Advisory Board. They would like the Commissioners to be impartial and visit both sides to see what the Board do and what they contribute before any decisions are made to disband the group.

Barry Deans addressed the court on the handling and process of finding an Interim County Judge. He stated that all things being held behind closed doors was not right especially in this time when the Country is in such turmoil. He stated it should have been open to the public and brought out in a public hearing.

Discussion:

1. David Huie addressed the court about the repeaters the county is in need of to better communications out in the far reaches of the county. He named two companies that would be good to do business with and they are Texas Communications and Lan Communications. He also informed the Court that Next Link will allow the county to use their towers to place the repeaters at no cost to the County. He did let the court know that if and when this is done that each department will be responsible for reprogramming their radios. This process is still in the early stages and will take at least another 6 to 8 months.
2. Commissioner Deans spoke on the disbanding of the McCulloch County Library Advisory Board and would like to discuss with both sides before making a decision. Sarah Maynard spoke to the court stating that the Commissioner Court is the Governing body of the Library and it would be inappropriate for the Board to advise the Court. Carol Anderson spoke on behalf of the court and stated it would be in the best interest of court to get more information on all sides.

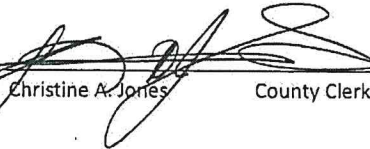
Action:

1. The Court approved and appointed Frank Trull as the next County Judge for McCulloch County. The Court thanked all 12 applicants for their interest. Motion was made by Commissioner Deans approving the court decision with Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 4-0
2. Jimmy Jones from CTC spoke and addressed the court on action items #2 and #3 to access and utilize its existing buried fiber-optic plant on CR 368 North-Northeast of Doole to provide telecommunications services to a Precinct 3 resident and to access existing buried fiber system and bury a hand hole over existing buried system. Mr. Jones stated there would be no road service affected at all by this procedure. Commissioner Kemp made the Motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 4-0
3. Combined in Action item #2
4. This Action Item of disbanding the McCulloch County Library Advisory Board was tabled at this time until further discussion from all parties could be heard.

5. Commissioner Deans addressed the court on him becoming overseer on all future maintenance and preventative maintenance of courthouse and other County buildings. He stated that most of the time it is a simple 5-minute fix that would normally cost the county about \$600.00. The other Commissioners stated that it is under the County Judges protocol and that it should stay that way and with the announcement of the new County Judge and possible start date on the 1st of the month there is not Action needed for this item.
6. The Court approved the Budget Amendment for FY 2020-2021 to receive and expense FEMA funds from General Fund to Precinct 1 in the amount of \$79,347.79. Commissioner Deans made the Motion with Commissioner Kemp seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 4-0
7. The Court approved a request by Steven Sikes to remove CR 428 in Precinct 4. The tie ends to the road are two miles down the way and was never tied into CR 428 which is in the middle of land possible being sold. This would give current prospective buyers security that the property will not be split by the road. Commissioner Kemp making the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 4-0
8. The court accepted the course completion certificates by Commissioner Anderson to be placed in the minutes of Commissioner Court. Commissioner Anderson completed courses in Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Anderson made the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in Favor Motion carried. 4-0.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Deans. All in favor motion carried. 4-0


Jason Behrens County Judge Pro Tem


Christine A. Jones County Clerk

