THE STATE OF TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING

COUNTY OF MCCULLOCH

JANUARY 23, 2023

The Commissioner's Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 23RD day of January, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present:

Frank Trull County Judge Carol Anderson Commissioner Pct. #1 Randy Deans Commissioner Pct. #2 Don Bratton Commissioner Pct. #4 Dawn Mork **County Clerk Deputy** Mikkie Williams **County Treasurer** Matt Andrews County Sheriff **Greg Torres County Attorney**

Minutes from December 27th, 2022 were presented and approved with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 4-0

Minutes from January 03, 2023 were presented and approved with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 3-0. County Judge Frank Trull abstained; he was not present at this meeting.

Minutes from January 09, 2023 were presented and approved with corrections. Commissioner Anderson made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 4-0

Bills for January 23, 2023 were presented and approved with Commissioner Anderson making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 4-0

Elected Officials/Department Heads: McCulloch County Sheriff Matt Andrews reported to the court that the jail has over 4,500 man hours for work crews in and around McCulloch County saving the County \$33,389.87.

County Treasurer Mikkie Williams informed all elected officials that it is the start of Audit season and that a Questionnaire was being handed out and to please complete and get back to Auditors. Mrs. Williams also addressed the court with a Bill from the Hospital for over \$20,000. She has stated that the County and the Hospital need to be on the same page with the cost of inmate services. Sheriff Andrews said there was a verbal agreement between him and Tim Jones on the care of inmates being done there at the Jail instead of transporting to the hospital and as on right now it has been put on hold because of the outstanding bill.

Public Comment: Several Rochelle Community citizens voiced concerns over the partial closing of Grace Street in Rochelle in order for Rochelle Baptist Church to expand. The court listened to all concerns that were brought before them.

Discussion:

- 1. The court discussed the permanent closer of one block of Grace Ave. between East 5th and 6th street in Rochelle, Tx and to convey the interest McCulloch County has in said street to Rochelle Baptist Church which will allow the church to rebuild the Sanctuary and provide sufficient Fire Safety Distance from the church education building and the proposed Sanctuary allowing sufficient parking and septic system on and across current said street. Commissioner Deans voiced concerns and stated that before a decision to close the one block of Grace Street in Rochelle was made that it needed to be looked further into with concerns on Easements, Right of Ways, Water lines etc.
- 2. Commissioner Anderson addressed and discussed the possible action for a MOU between McCulloch County and Melvin Volunteer Fire Department for equipment purchase using ARPA funds. It was discussed how they are in need of new and updated equipment. Two separate bid invoices attached for the court to view. Commissioner Bratton wanted to know how much we received in ARPA funds and County Treasure Mikkie Williams said we got 1.5 million with anywhere from \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00 allocated as to date.
- **3.** The court discussed Guardian Security solutions service and maintenance agreement for the camera security system at the courthouse. They presented several packages to the court.
- **4.** The court discussed implementing a burn ban with County judge Frank Trull and Commissioner Deans expressing how current conditions are very dry and windy.

Action:

- The Court approved the MOU between McCulloch County and Melvin Volunteer Fire Department for equipment purchase using ARPA funds in the amount of \$24,744.44. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 4-0.
- The Court heard and approved Guardian Security solutions service and maintenance agreement for the camera system at the courthouse. The court agreed to the Silver Package in the amount of \$1636.40. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 4-0.
- 3. The Court took no action on the changing 2 employees from part time to contract labor. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 4-0
- 4. The Court approved Karen Andrews as a new board member of the Library Advisory board. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 4-0
- 5. The Court considered and approved the listing for the sale of a John Deere loader. The equipment is very old and very hard to get parts for. Commissioner Deans will list the sale in the paper and on the auction in Llano, Tx. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 4-0
- 6. The Court considered and approved the sale of a Precinct #1 Equipment which consist of 1 Dump Truck that won't pass inspection, too much to repair. 1 Belly Dump that does not function properly and 1 flatbed trailer that is old with manual ramps and it too hard to use and has not been used in over 2 years. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 4-0

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM with Commissioner Deans making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Bratton. All in favor motion carried. 4-0

Frank Trull

County Judge

Christine A. Jones

County Clerk