THE STATE OF TEXAS REGULAR MEETING

### **COUNTY OF MCCULLOCH**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2024** 

The Commissioner's Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present:

Frank Trull County Judge

Carol Anderson Commissioner Pct. #1
Randy Deans Commissioner Pct. #2
Jason Behrens Commissioner Pct. #3
Don Bratton Commissioner Pct. #4

Christine Jones County Clerk
Mikkie Williams County Treasurer
Greg Torres County Attorney

Matt Andrews Sheriff

Invocation was given by Commissioner Behrens followed by the Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

## **Public Comment:**

### MINUTES:

Minutes from January 22, 2024 were presented and approved with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

Bills for February 12, 2024 were presented and approved with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

**Elected Officials/Department Heads:** County Clerk Christine Jones thanked Sheriff Andrews and the Trustee's for their help with the moving and setting up of chairs and furniture for the training of Election Judges and workers and Election Equipment for the upcoming 2024 Primary Election.

County Commissioner Don Bratton also thanked Sheriff Andrews for his diligence on the illegal cutting of trees along the side of the highways and County Roads in his precinct.

Commissioner Anderson reported that she had spoken to Lou Alexander about a large Pecan Tree roots on the Senior Citizen lot that is causing damage to her storage buildings. Commissioner Anderson is looking for an insured person to be able to cut the tree down.

County Judge Frank Trull reported to the court several concerns and situations that have come up. Being an MOU needed before the Repeaters can be finished. Mattye Davenport from COG Office has confirmed that Grants have been approved but the MOU must be completed. He is hoping to have it on the next agenda. The Rochelle Water Grant is moving forward and all plan designs are in order. SB 22 monies has had several questions asked with responses from Allison, Bass stating that all expenditures have to come through Commissioner Court. Finally, McCulloch County Appraisal District is wanting to discontinue doing the 911 addressing for McCulloch County, therefore COG has offered to help.

**Discussion:** 1. The Court heard from County Judge Frank Trull on the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension willingness to assist in preparation and planning for Disaster Readiness and Recovery for McCulloch County.

- 2. The Court discussed getting bids on a Sound System and Recordings in the Commissioner Courtroom. It will include upgrading microphones and speakers.
- 3. The Court discussed Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing agreement. All Departments will be able to utilize the agreement to make purchases.
- 4. The Court discussed Texas Smart Buy Membership.

# Action:

1. The Court considered and approved a road crossing permit on CR 316 in Precinct #3, originating from its existing buried fiber mainline and splice point #701-15-2/HH1 and crossing under CR 316 by way of an underground bore, and exiting the county R.O.W. to the east into private property. This crossing is necessary to provide a constituent of Pct. #3 with access to 911, telephone and internet services. Said bore shall be contain two (2) 1-1/4" poly duct conduits with fiber cable inside, and be at a minimum depth of 60" within the R.O.W. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.

- 2. The Court discussed, acted, and approved 4 new board members to the Child Welfare Board. They are Alexis Fletcher, Annie Figurski, Martha Garcia, and Shelly Waite. Commissioner Behrens made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
- The Court discussed, acted, and approved a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.
   Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
- 4. The Court discussed, acted, and approved a Texas Smart Buy Membership. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
- The Court discussed, acted, and approved a 1-year renewal agreement with Fifth Asset Inc., (dba Debt Book) for lease management services and subscription management services for GASB compliance. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
- 6. The Court discussed, acted, and approved the AgriLife Extension Building roof repair. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
- 7. The Court discussed, acted, and approved at no cost to the county the ACA (Affordable Care Act) reporting and tracking service (ARTS) 2024 renewal confirmation program agreement between McCulloch County and the Texas Association of Counties. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
- 8. The Court discussed, acted, and approved to go into Closed Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.074 personnel matters. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.

#### **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:03 AM**

**RECONVENED BACK TO OPEN SESSION at 10:22 AM** With Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion Carries. 5-0

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM with Commissioner Deans making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Behrens. All in favor motion carried. 5-0

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**County Clerk** 

Christine A. Jones