

The Commissioner’s Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 25TH day of March, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present:

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| 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 |
| Sara Howard | County Treasurer Deputy |
| 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:

Bills for March 25, 2024 were presented and approved with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Elected Officials/Department Heads: Commissioner Anderson reported the Texas Department Emergency Coordinator Jessica Kramer reviewed certain paperwork on reimbursements for FEMA. Will give full report when she has it.

Frank Trull reported from his CVCOG meeting on FM 2028 tower replacements. McCulloch County was prioritized as number 3 out of the 5 applicants.

Judge Trull also reported that with the TxDOT trunking system current radio communications is inadequate, and needs to have a better system in place that will allow for better communications with other entities.

Commissioner Anderson and Judge Trull met with City of Melvin and they would want the County to cover their portion of the EMS system.

Judge Trull reported that several departments had to have repairs on equipment. The McCulloch County library air condition system has been fixed. The water damage in the McCulloch County District Courtroom still needs to be addressed. The Senior Citizens building had a water leak and pipes need to be looked at in kitchen to determine how to proceed with fixing the issue. The Courthouse floors have not been sealed in a long time. Spoke to Sara Howard County Treasurer Deputy and she advised court that the floors are original and it has been recommended that they not be sealed, but just cleaned and oiled.

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Karrar Allied Land clearing regarding tree trimming on county roads.
2. DAR(Disaster Assessment and Recovery Unit) was introduced to the court.
3. Discussion was held on the city of Brady’s EMS statistics and calculated cost for McCulloch County for fiscal year 2024-2025. City of Melvin was told by Brady City Manager that the County would cover their part, which the Court did not agree too. James Stewart suggested that the County Judge just set a meeting with the Hospital, City of Brady, City of Melvin and McCulloch County, let them know it is set and please attend.

Action:

1. The Court approved for Brady Elementary Kindergarten to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on the Courthouse lawn Thursday March 28th, 2024 from 2-3 pm. They will have blankets and towels for the kids and parents to sit on and will make sure all trash is picked up and area is clean. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
2. The Court discussed, acted, and approved a Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month of April 2024. Commissioner Anderson made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.

3. The Court discussed, acted, and approved the use of the Courthouse lawn for a Child Abuse Prevention sign in April 2024 done by Kellie Medrano and the McCulloch County Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
4. The Court discussed, acted, and approved to support the 9th annual Heart of Texas Car Show Benefit and Swap Meet held on April 20th, 2024 by providing Road and Bridge Equipment and Sheriff Autos to be used in the Touch-a-Truck section. This will benefit the McCulloch County Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
5. The Court discussed, acted, and approved a grant agreement for the Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program Award # IA 0000000366 between the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and McCulloch County. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
6. The Court discussed, and TABLED the Sheriff's Office SB 22 budget. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
7. The Court discussed, acted, and approved the motion to approve a Resolution to nullify the action Commissioners Court took on 01/25/2021 regarding the removal of CR 428. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. Commissioner Anderson and Judge Trull are against the Motion. Motion carries. 3-2.
8. The Court discussed, and recommended to reject bids received for TDA Project #CDV21-0347(Rochelle Water Supply Corporation-Water System Improvements)so that the correct procedures can be followed. Commissioner Behrens made the motion and Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
9. The Court discussed, acted, and approved placing advertisement and invitation for bids for the Rochelle Water Supply Corporation's Texas Department of Agriculture grant (TDA CDBG VDV21-0347) automatic meter reading system and water line replacement. Commissioner Behrens made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
10. The Court discussed, acted, and approved an Interlocal Agreement between the Concho Valley Council of Government and McCulloch County for development and implementation of a Regional Broadband Plan which will allow CVCOG to seek qualified broadband infrastructure and internet service providers to participate in Public Private Partnerships to apply for Federal Funding to address needs and gaps to enhance the state of broadband within CVCOG. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
11. The Court discussed, acted, and approved accepting donation for equipment and labor for Culver Installation of CR 130. Commissioner Anderson made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
12. The Court discussed, acted, and approved the amended request for proposal dated January 8, 2024 to clarify the tile work and modify the completion date. Commissioner Bratton made the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
13. The Court discussed, acted, and approved the County Attorney's office purchasing a laptop and desktop computer from the PTD designated account in the amounts of \$3,224.91 and \$2612.08. Commissioner Behrens made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
14. The Court discussed, acted, and approved Brownwood Music Quote for a Sound System for the Commissioner Courtroom. Commissioner Behrens made the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
15. The Court acted, and approved donations/memorials to the McCulloch County Library for February 1 through February 29, 2024. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM with Commissioner Deans making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Bratton. All in favor motion carried. 5-0


Frank Trull

County Judge




Christine A. Jones

County Clerk

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