

The Commissioner’s Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 12TH day of August, 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
Mikkie Williams	County Treasurer
Matt Andrews	County Sheriff

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

Public Comment:

Bills for July 22, 2024 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: County Judge Frank Trull addressed the court with the CVCOG 9-1-1 offer a vinyl cutter for McCulloch County for the purpose of road sign creation. There are 2 at the sheriff’s office that is rarely used. Commissioner Deans is willing to take his employees and any other employee’s that would like to go to the computer and software training for the cutter. Judge Trull also addressed the court on the repeater project and there is a lot of conversation with CVCOG for the decision not to advertise locally for equipment/installation vendors. There was an electric surge that affected several light fixtures at the County Clerk and Tax Assessor office. George Rubio with GWR Electric was called and all has been repaired. Judge also reported he spoke with Ken Coignet recently who informed him that there will be some TDA CDBG grants coming available soon for counties to improve roads with emphasis on paving those roads. Improvement grants coming will depend on whether the Rochelle Water Supply project is completed.

Discussion: 1. Discussion was held regarding the remaining CTIF funds and which precincts will utilize the funding. Precinct 1,3, and 4 will decide a different scope of work for the project. Precinct #2 does not want to do the project. There is \$28,000.00 left to do the project.

Action:

1. The Court acted and approved CTTC for a road crossing permit at the intersection of Sellman St. and 8th St. in the City of Rochelle in Precinct #4, originating from its existing buried fiber mainline at 2K4-3/HH1 and traveling on the north side of 8th St. in the R.O.W. by way of three underground bores, and exiting the R.O.W. to the west into private property. This crossing is necessary to provide a constituent of Pct. #4 with access to 911, telephone and internet services. Said bore shall contain two (2) 1-1/4” poly duct conduits with fiber cable inside. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
2. The Court acted and approved use of the Courthouse grounds for Farmers Market through October on Saturdays, with the exception the market will not be open on August 31, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day and in September only being open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
3. The Court TABLED the request for use of Courthouse grounds for a fundraiser bake sale and street tacos on Saturday August 3, 2024 by Dolores Huerta. This item will be place on the August 26, 2024 Agenda when Dolores Huerta will be able to attend. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
4. The Court heard a presentation and report on information of services at ADACCV and the request of funding assistance for the treatment program in the following FY 2025.
5. The Court considered and approved the Salary increase or allowances for elected officials. Commissioner Deans made the motion to approve 5% increase across the board, but rescinded with Commissioner Bratton seconded the resend. Commissioner Anderson wanted it to be clear that 4 elected officials that requested the 3% merit raise were the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Justice of the Peace, and Tax Assessor Collector, other elected officials did not want the 3% merit increase with the exception of Commissioners for Precinct 2,3,and 4. Commissioner Deans then made the

motion for 5% across the board with 3% merit increase for the 4 elected officials that requested it plus the 4 Commissioners, with Commissioner Bratton seconded. Commissioner Anderson and Judge Trull were against this motion. Motion carries. 3-2

6. The Court acted and approved accepting a donation of salvage soil materials from Martin Earthworks, Inc. to Precinct #1 barn location to be used as fill for County R.O.W. on CR 116 and CR 112. Commissioner Deans expressed concerns about putting fine material in bar ditch which could possible be a TCEQ issue for the County. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. Commissioners Deans and Bratton against. Motion carries. 3-2
7. The Court acted and approved on Imposition of Optional Fees for CY 2025 through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. The court has chosen to go with Option A. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
8. The court acted and approved NOT TO PROCEED with the submitting of an application to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Wildlife Services for the County Feral Hog Abatement Grant. Commissioner Deans reached out to Sarita Short and he thinks the trappers are fulfilling the needs of the county and they already have traps in place. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
9. The court acted and approved a contract and agreement between McCulloch County and Brown County for the detention of juvenile offenders. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
10. The court acted and approved the reallocation of ARPA funds for wheel loader to \$110,000.00 from allocated funds for the renovation of the old jail in the amount of \$70,000.00. Commissioner Behrens added that \$40,000.00 could come from the Excess Road and Bridge funds. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. Commissioner Anderson and Judge Trull voted against the motion. Motion Carries. 3-2
11. The court TABLED donations/memorials to the McCulloch County Library for June 1-June 30, 2024. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2024 agenda. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
12. The court TABLED closing the McCulloch County Library for 2 days for inventory. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2024 agenda. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
13. The court acted and approved to go into closed executive session pursuant to the Government Code 551.071 consultation with County Attorney regarding a policy for determining salvage and surplus county property. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0

CLOSED SESSION AT 10:32 AM

Motion to RECONVENE BACK TO OPEN SESSION AT 11:33 AM with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

OPEN SESSION AT 11:35 AM

RECESS for Lunch at 11:35 AM with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

RECONVENE AT 1:05 PM with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Bratton. All in favor motion carried. 5-0



Frank Trull County Judge



NOT PRESENT AT MEETING
Christine A. Jones County Clerk