

The Commissioner’s Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 23<sup>RD</sup> day of September, 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
Matt Andrews	County Sheriff

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

**Public Comment:**

Minutes from August 05, 2024 were presented and approved with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

Minutes from August 12, 2024 were presented and approved with Commissioner Anderson making the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

Minutes from August 19, 2024 were presented and approved with Commissioner Bratton making the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

Minutes from August 26, 2024 were presented and approved with Commissioner Deans making the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

**BILLS:**

Bills for September 23, 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:** County Treasurer Mikkie Williams informed each Commissioner that she has an inventory list for each of them and they need to get her mileage and hours on each piece of machinery so that her office can maintain and keep an accurate depreciation schedule. Sheriff Andrews reported to the court that there are 119 cameras inside and around the jail, and more than half of them are not working and the company Montgomery Tech out of Montgomery, Alabama is not responding to any emails or calls. Sheriff Andrews has heard reports that they are not servicing anything in Texas anymore. Sheriff Andrews informed the court he has spoken to Guardian and they have come and looked at the cameras and system, and they can repair and get the system back to standards. Guardian is on the buy board so there is no need to get bids and the \$50,000.00 will be able to come out of this year budget with more than enough money to cover the cost of the repairs. Guardian and Snider our IT Tech’s have communicated with each other and are aware as to what each will need to complete the project.

**Discussion:**

**Action:**

1. The Court acted and approved CTTC road construction on CR 138 in Precinct #1, originating from its existing buried fiber mainline F1-3-SB14 and paralleling the south edge of CR 138 in county R.O.W. approximately 1,000’ and exiting south into private property. Construction will consist of (2) 1 ¼ poly duct with fiber cable inside. This construction is necessary to provide a constituent of Pct. #1 with access to 911, telephone, and internet services. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.

2. The Court acted and approved the District Clerk Charla Pitcox McCulloch County Jury Plan. Commissioner Anderson made the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
3. The Court acted and approved the McCulloch County Investment Policy for FY 2025. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
4. The Court considered and approved a budget line-item adjustment from 0010.0402.5571 in the amount of \$2,600.00 and 0010.0402.4436 in the amount of \$1,400.00 to document preservation 0010.0402.4428 for the import of documents into LGS for the County Clerks office. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
5. The Court acted and approved a budget line-item adjustment to appropriate funds for the purchase of the Kubota for Precinct #1 for a spray rig to manage the county's R.O.W.s. Funds to be moved from Interest Expense 0015.0415.6670 in the amount of \$1,300.00 and Fuel and Oil 0015.0415.4337 in the amount of \$5,500.00 to Capital Outlay 0015.0415.5010. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
6. The Court acted and approved the RISD (Rochelle Independent School District) Contract for Election Services with County Clerk Christine Jones and McCulloch County. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
7. The Court took NO ACTION on possible TAC Employee Safety equipment program purchase. Funds available for Road and Bridge in the amount of \$768.14. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
8. The court acted and discussed to begin the process of interviewing/hiring of a floating road-hand to be utilized primarily between Precinct #2 and Precinct #4. The floating hand position cannot start until October 1, 2024. Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:29 was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Behrens pursuant to Local Government Code 551.074 Personal Matters affecting County Matters. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0. Out of Executive Session at 10:46 with a motion made by Commissioner Behrens and seconded by Commissioner Deans. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0. Back in Regular Open Session. Commissioner Deans made the motion to approve the interviewing of a floating road-hand with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
9. The court acted and approved on setting salaries, expenses, and other allowances for elected county officials: Texas Local Government Code 152.022 and 152.013. Commissioner Anderson wanted it to be clear that she agrees with the 4 elected officials, County Tax Assessor/Collector, Justice of the Peace, County Clerk and County Treasurer getting the 8% (5% plus 3% merit) raised but not the Commissioners. Commissioners Deans, Behrens, and Bratton are for the raises for all elected officials, Commissioner Anderson and Judge F. Trull are against the Motion for all elected officials. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. Motion carries 3-2.
10. The court acted and approved the FY 2024-2025 County Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
11. The court acted and approved on making Mondays of each month for the McCulloch County Commissioners court to convene in a regular term. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0

**Open Public Hearing** at 11:01 on the McCulloch County Proposed Budget for FY 2024-2025 Texas Local Government Code 111.007. Commissioner Behrens made the Motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. all in favor Motion carries. 5-0

**Close Public Hearing** at 11:16 on the McCulloch County Proposed Budget for FY 2024-2025 Texas Local Government Code 111.007. Commissioner Deans made the Motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. all in favor Motion carries. 5-0

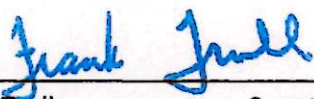
12. The court took NO ACTION on approving changes to the proposed budget. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
13. The court acted and approved Record Vote to adopt the FY 2024-2025 budget. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. FOR: Commissioners Anderson, Deans, Behrens, Bratton and County Judge Frank Trull. AGAINST: None. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0

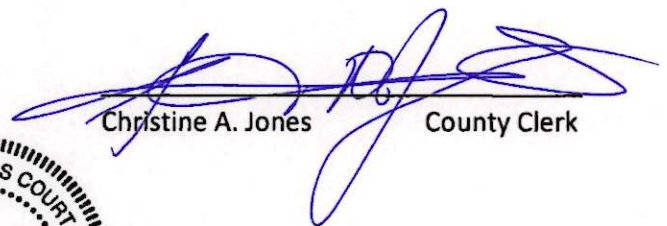
**Open Public Hearing** at 11:31 on the McCulloch County FY 2024-2025 proposed Tax Rate pursuant to Texas Tax Code 26.06 Commissioner Deans made the Motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

**Close Public Hearing** at 11:46 on the McCulloch County FY 2024-2025 proposed Tax Rate pursuant to Texas Tax Code 26.06. Commissioner Deans made the Motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

14. The court acted and approved an Order setting the Tax Rate for FY 2024-2025 pursuant to Texas Tax Code 26.05 (b)(1). Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
15. The court acted and approved setting the I & S (Interest and Sinking) Tax Rate for FY 2024-2025 by a record vote pursuant to Texas Tax Code 26.05. Commissioner Behrens made the Motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. FOR: Commissioners Anderson, Deans, Behrens, Bratton and County Judge Frank Trull. AGAINST: None . All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
16. The court acted and approved on setting the M & O (Maintenance and Operations including Special Road and Bridge) Tax Rate for FY 2024-2025 by record vote pursuant to Texas Tax Code 26.05. Commissioner Deans made the Motion with Commissioner Anderson seconded. FOR: Commissioners Anderson, Deans, Behrens, Bratton and County Judge Frank Trull. AGAINST: None . All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM with Commissioner Deans making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Bratton. All in favor motion carried. 5-0

  
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Frank Trull                      County Judge

  
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Christine A. Jones                      County Clerk

