

The Commissioner’s Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 04th day of August 2025 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present:

Frank Trull	County Judge
Carol Anderson	Commissioner Pct. #1
Randy Deans	Commissioner Pct. #2
Rod Young	Commissioner Pct. #3
Don Bratton	Commissioner Pct. #4
Christine A. Jones	County Clerk
Mikkie Williams	County Treasurer
Greg Torres	County Attorney
Matt Andrews	County Sheriff

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

Public Comment: Several concerned citizens remarked in the public comment session. Many citizens are dismayed with the proposal of raises and vehicle stipends for County Officials, in particular Precinct #4 Commissioner. Mr. Gary Maricle is concerned that the stipends raised as being self-serving and not for the good of the county. Mrs. Dixie Pitcox is against raises and stipends.

Terry Phillips and Dave Edmiston addressed the court and spoke on the facts and reasons for the opposition to the proposed 765 KV transmission line coming through parts of McCulloch County. Only 6 states have a 765 KV transmission line, they pose fire hazards and detriment to health and wildlife.

MINUTES:

Minutes from July 14, 2025, were presented and approved with corrections. Commissioner Anderson made the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0. Commissioner Bratton abstained.

BILLS:

Elected Officials/Department Heads: County Judge Trull reported that he spoke with Jaren Taylor attorney for ONCOR, and Mr. Taylor stated he would be more than happy to come and speak to the Court on the transmission line project but was concerned with the number of citizens that would possibly be in attendance asking questions and he would not be able to respond to that number of people. Mr. Taylor advised that if the county and citizens have questions and concerns it would be beneficial to contact the Public Utility Commission, because they are the ones that determine the route of the line. Judge Trull also reported that he testified at the Joint Senate and House Committees on Disaster Preparedness and Flooding. He was part of a five-member panel that consisted of Tom Green, Mason, San Saba, and Menard County Judges. The panel spoke on the July 4, 2025, flooding in the affected counties and Judge Trull requested the committees consider placing more river and stream monitoring gauges throughout counties and for the State to create a State employee Emergency Management Coordinators in each county. All Judges requested the State to provide funding for the 25% match fund in relation to FEMA funds. McCulloch County was approved for individual assistance. The City of Brady has scheduled Disaster Operations Center this week at the Municipal Court Room. FEMA will assist Victims with the application process.

County Treasurer Mikkie Williams let the court know that the Texas Treasurers Association received several cards of sympathy for the flood related issues.

Commissioner Anderson reported that the Bridge Engineer with TxDot came and inspected the 3 bridges in her precinct. They gave clearance to open the bridges and made suggestions of ways to help slow down erosion.

DISCUSSION:

ACTION:

1. The Court acted and approved to extend the Farmers Market to sell produce and goods through September 30, 2025. They are not part of the Master Gardeners’ coordination. Commissioner Bratton made the motion to approve the extension with Commissioner Young seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
2. The Court acted and approved a Resolution and Order Rescinding Notice of Default dated January 24, 2023, Rescinding Resolution and Order dated December 9, 2024, and Rescinding Notice of Recapture Dated December 9, 2024. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.

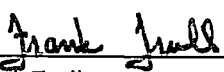
3. The Court acted and approved the Second Amendment to Tax Abatement Agreement by and between McCulloch County, Texas and Rattlesnake Power, LLC. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Young seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
4. The Court took NO ACTION on CR 472 West of 377 Improvements, Questions of 2016 FEMA funding, Culverts/water diversion, conditions since last major repair. Ms. White requested permanent improvement for CR 472 and asked if it could be included on FEMA now at this time. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Young seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
5. The court discussed and acted on the proposed increase to Elected Officials salaries, supplements, vehicle stipends, and longevity pay for FY 2025-2026 for publication per Local Government Code 152.013. Mr. Gary Maracle wants stipend to be equal or keep mileage to be reimbursed. Commissioner Young decided not to accept salary increase and feels like 5% is too high of an increase. Commissioner Anderson wants to do away with stipend. Commissioner Deans feels that keeping up with mileage for reimbursement will be costly to the County. Commissioner Deans made the Motion to accept original proposed increases with Commissioner Bratton seconded. 2-3 FAILED.
Amended Motion by Commissioner Bratton to revert back to \$2,000.00 stipend and keep proposed raised for Elected Officials. FAILED 2-3
Amendment #2 by Commissioner Anderson motioned no raises for Commissioners and do away with stipend, Commissioner Young for only 3% raise and \$1500.00 stipend and no raises for Commissioner, Commissioner Deans wants to accept original proposal. FAILED 1-4
Amendment #3 Commissioner Young motioned for 3% raise for employees and Elected Officials with no raises for Commissioners, Commissioner Deans original proposal raises for all, Commissioner Anderson no raises for Commissioners and do away with stipend. FAILED 1-4
6. The Court acted and approved the proposed courthouse landscape maintenance contract for FY 2025-2026 in the amount of \$7,485.00. Commissioner Anderson made the motion to accept the landscape maintenance contract with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
7. The Court acted and approved the Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2026 through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles with no changes. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
8. The Court acted and approved McCulloch County applying for FEMA Public Assistance related to DR-4879. Commissioner Young made the motion to apply for Assistance and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
9. The Court acted and approved McCulloch County applying for assistance through the USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP). Commissioner Deans made the motion to apply for assistance and Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
10. The Court acted and approved the order of Election for the November 4, 2025, Constitutional Amendment with the date change on the agenda to reflect the correct date. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
11. The Court acted and approved for McCulloch County Attorney Greg Torres to prepare a resolution of concerns and ramifications of the proposed 765 KV Transmission line. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
12. The Court acted and approved to go into Closed Executive Session for personnel matters pursuant to Local Government Code 551.074. Commissioner Deans made the motion to go into Closed Executive session with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

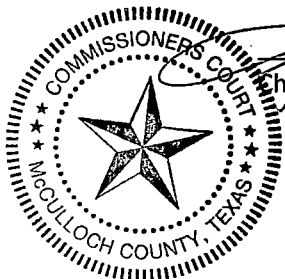
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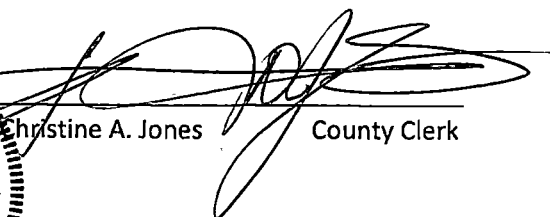
CLOSED SESSION 12:16 PM

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION 12:53 PM Commissioner Young making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Deans. All in favor motion carried. 5-0

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM with Commissioner Young making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Deans. All in favor motion carried. 5-0


Frank Trull County Judge




Christine A. Jones

County Clerk