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BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CONCHO COUNTY, TEXAS, met in Regular Term on this, the 13th day of August 2024 at Paint Rock, Texas, in the District Courtroom, Second Floor, after proper notice to the public for the proper length of time, being Notice #6491, with the following members present, to-wit:

David Dillard, County Judge, presiding; Trey Bradshaw, Commissioner, Precinct #1; Eric Gully, Commissioner, Precinct #2; Gary Gierisch, Commissioner, Precinct #3; Keith Dillard, Commissioner, Precinct #4; Amber Hall, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court; and

Jenifer Gierisch, County Treasurer; Scott Spoonts, Justice of the Peace; Brent Frazier, County Sheriff; Melissa Infante, Assistant Chief Deputy Elections Clerk; Maria Gonzales-Cervantes, County Extension Office; Laurie Dannheim and Max Ebeling, Concho Soil and Water Conservation District; Members of the Public, See Exhibit "A"; when the following business was transacted, to-wit;

Judge Dillard called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and gave the invocation.

#### WELCOME AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### **CONSIDER BURN BAN - TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to reinstate the burn ban, duly seconded by Commissioner Gully. Motion carried unanimously.

### RECEIVE COMMISSIONER ROAD REPORTS

All Commissioner Road Reports received by County Clerk. The Annual Commissioner Road Reports were also received by the County Clerk. See Exhibits "B" and "C", respectively.

## CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE 2024-2025 ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATE JUDGES – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Commissioner Gierisch made a motion to approve the Order of Appointment of Election Judges and Alternate Election Judges for a Term from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, duly seconded by Commissioner Bradshaw. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibit "D"

#### DISCUSSION ABOUT ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Infante gave a report to the Commissioners court about the Elections Department. Texas Secretary of State had to be notified about the March 2024 Primary Election; ballots had been found in the previous Election Clerk's numerous scattered boxes, which had been voted, but not counted. There were 7 in total, 5 Republican, 2 Democratic. Texas Secretary of State advised what steps needed to be taken, and Mrs. Infante completed and notated what she did. The County Judge, County Attorney, and Commissioners Court needed to, and were, notified. The ballots were sealed in a ballot box for the next 22 months. Texas Secretary of State looked over all the results from Concho County March Primary Election and stated that the ballots in question would not have swayed any of the elections held that day, local or state.

### CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE CONCHO COUNTY SHERIFF/CONSTABLE FEES – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Sheriff Frazier stated that he and Constable Hall got together and researched the fees for service in the surrounding counties. Concho County's were lower in some areas. They raised the service fees accordingly and they will be published on the State of Texas Comptrollers website. They will go into effect starting January 1, 2025. Commissioner Gierisch made a motion to adopt the Sheriff/Constable fees as presented, duly seconded by Commissioner Bradshaw. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibit "E"

### CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE CONCHO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL DONATION – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Laurie Dannheim and Max Ebeling spoke to Commissioners Court. Mr. Ebeling stated that there were only 10 dams left to fence and grub. The Soil and Water Conservation District is asking for an additional \$10,000 donation this year, to total \$20,000 from Concho County. The County is currently working on next year's budget and will look at the finances. No action taken at this time.

# CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE BOND RENEWAL FOR JUDGE DILLARD AND NEW BONDS FOR SHERIFF FRAZIER AND MELISSA INFANTE – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Commissioner Gully made a motion to approve the bond renewal for Judge Dillard and the new bonds for Sheriff Frazier and Melissa Infante, duly seconded by Commissioner Dillard. Motion carried unanimously.

# CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE 2024-2025 CONTRACT FOR DETENTION SERVICES FOR JUVENILES WITH TOM GREEN COUNTY – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the contract for Detention Services for Juveniles with Tom Green County, duly seconded by Commissioner Gully. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibit "F"

# CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE 2024-2025 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT DETENTION EXPANSION PROJECT SERVICES FOR JUVENILES WITH TOM GREEN COUNTY - TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Detention Expansion Project Services for Juveniles with Tom Green County, duly seconded by Commissioner Gully. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibit "G"

# CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT FOR OLD SORRELL PROJECT, A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

The Commissioners' Court discussed the offer from Peregrine Energy Solutions; they are proposing an 85%, 3-year tax abatement and a 10-year PILOT program, as well as a first year \$20,000 addition for the Fire Department and Library. The Commissioners will not accept that offer, and will counter it with 50%, 3-year abatement. No action will be taken. See Exhibit "H"

The court took a recess at 10:46 a.m. to read through the previous meetings' minutes and accounts payable.

The court went back into session at 11:02 a.m. after recess.

### APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Gierisch made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024, regular meeting, and the minutes from the July 23, 2024, Budget Workshop, as presented, duly seconded by Commissioner Dillard. Motion carried unanimously.

### RECEIVE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Mrs. Gierisch presented the Pledged Securities from Wichita Falls with a value of \$3,928,484.55. The Year-to-Date Summary General Ledger Trial Balance report through July 31, 2024, was presented, with an ending balance of \$8,097,312.90. The Summary Statement of Operations – Expenditures and Summary Statement of Operations – Revenues were presented through July 31, 2024. Commissioner Gully made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given, duly seconded by Commissioner Dillard. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibits "I", "J", "K", and "L", respectively.

### <u>CONSIDER/APPROVE ALL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR CONCHO COUNTY - TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION</u>

Mrs. Gierisch presented the monthly Accounts Payable Claim Register from July 24, 2024, through August 13, 2024, with a total of \$223,739.88. Commissioner Gully made a motion to approve and pay all accounts due and owing by Concho County, duly seconded by Commissioner Dillard. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Commissioner Bradshaw abstaining. See Exhibit "M"

### REPORTS, INFORMATION AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Mrs. Gierisch presented the Wildlife Report for the record. See Exhibit "N"

Mrs. Gierisch stated that she received a quote to wash all the windows in the courthouse for \$800. Mrs. Gierisch stated they receipted in, from Concho Central Appraisal District, \$68,334.82, with \$21.27 to I&S; \$56,905.38 to M&O; and \$11,408.17 to SRB. See Exhibit "O"

The JP's July Monthly Report was presented for the record. See Exhibit "P"

The Clerk's Monthly Reports for June and July were presented for the record. See Exhibits "Q" and "R"

Mrs. Gierisch stated that open enrollment begins this week and will run for 2 weeks. All the Elected Officials need to make sure all of their workers make an appointment to see them.

Commissioner Bradshaw said that all the material that was going to be taken to Precinct 4 barn, was brought to Paint Rock, and placed by the cemetery, since it will be used for the courthouse. Commissioner Gierisch stated that he is going to have an employee leaving in November.

Mrs. Hall presented the Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2025 from the Tax Assessors office. The fees will not change for 2025. See Exhibit "S"

Mrs. Hall was advised by TAC legal that Personal Financial Statements needed to be completed by all elected officials.

Mrs. Hall received a quote for new cameras in and around the courthouse.

Mrs. Hall also stated that she received an email from Brian's Tree Trimming, who trimmed the trees at the courthouse last year, that he is having a 20% off tree trimming right now.

Judge Dillard stated that Garrett Peters will be on the agenda for August 27, 2024, about 3 tax abatements he is going to present.

Judge Dillard also presented the Elected Officials Salaries that will be published in the Eden Echo. See Exhibit "T"

On the next agenda will be getting a survey on the property that the county owns across from the Paint Rock Community Center. Mrs. Hall gave all the deed information on the lot the county is trying to acquire, to the attorney from Linebarger.

There is a Budget Workshop scheduled for this afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

The next regular Commissioners Court meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

There BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OR ACTIONS to come before this regular session of the Commissioners Court, said session was adjourned by County Judge Dillard on this, the 13th day of August 2024, at 11:27 a.m.

KEITH DILLARD, COMM., PCT #4

DAVID DILLARD, COUNTY JUDGE

SMMISSIONERS

CORRECT ATTEST:

**COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO** 

**CLERK OF COMMISSIONERS COURT OF** 

CONCHO COUNTY, TEXAS