

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
March 11, 2024**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 11th day of March, 2024.

Those present and presiding were:

Lisa Johnson	-	Hemphill County Judge
Dawn Webb	-	Commissioner Precinct #1
Tim Alexander	-	Commissioner Precinct #2
Dale Schafer	-	Commissioner Precinct #3
Nicholas Thomas	-	Commissioner Precinct #4
Rosa Gandara	-	Chief Deputy Clerk and Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court

Others present were: Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, Remelle Farrar, Laurie Brown, Chief Appraiser, Pam Scates and Bradlee Johnson.

Call to Order.

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She noted that all members of the Court were present.

Approve Minutes from the February 12, 2024.

Dawn moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting from February 12, 2024. Tim seconded the meeting which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

Dale moved to renew the burn ban for 45 days. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Public Comments.

Remelle Farrar wanted to inform the court that in the last meeting of the EDC Board and Industrial Commission Board, they made a decision on two things. In the next 6 months minimum she will work part time for the EDC to reach out and work directly with business to provide support. They adopted a new program which will provide funds for retaining employees of local businesses.

Consider/Approve extending our Disaster Declaration regarding the Smokehouse Wildfires.

No action was taken

Consider/Approve 2024 Sealcoat Bids.

Judge Johnson said the recommendation from Hi-Plains Civil Engineers was to accept the lowest bid from Bryer's Paving, LLC in the amount of \$82,890 with the unit price of \$3.07 for a single course penetration treatment using Type B grade 4 Aggregated and 45 calendar days to complete the project. Tim moved to accept the bid from Bryer's Paving, LLC for the Sealcoat project for 2024 in the amount of \$82,890. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Computer Support and Maintenance Agreement with Kerrigan Technology.

Tim moved to accept the Computer Support and Maintenance Agreement with Kerrigan Technology removing the first paragraph of the contract, and paying him at rate of \$125.00 per hour and on weekends and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. at a rate of \$130.00 per hour. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Edith Ford Cemetery Mowing Contracts.

Nicholas moved to renew the Edith Ford Cemetery Mowing Contracts for one year with Rosemary Koetting. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed

Consider/Approve General Liability Insurance for 2024-2025.

Judge Johnson moved to table the approval of General Liability Insurance for 2024-2025. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Resolution approving land purchase and construction project for Hemphill County Appraisal District.

Chief Appraiser, Pam Scates read to the court the resolution approving land purchase and construction project for Hemphill Appraisal District. Nicholas moved to approve the resolution to retain professional services in connection with obtaining finances to purchase and renovate a building for the Hemphill county Appraisal District. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Announcements

None were presented

Future Agenda Items

Consider/Approve General Liability Insurance for 2024-2025.

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

Dawn moved to approve the February 2024 Budget and Financial Report as presented. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Tim moved to approve the computer generated bills. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Dale moved to approve the hand stamped bills. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Tim moved to approve two invoices from Schafer Services, one for the amount of \$825.00 for replacing and programing a radio for the Sheriff's Office and one in the amount of \$200.00 for contract labor at the Sheriff's Office, Nicholas seconded the motion which carried with Dale abstaining.

Adjourn

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on March 11, 2024.

ATTEST *Lisa Johnson* COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST *Sylvia Herrera* COUNTY CLERK