

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
September 9, 2024**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 9th day of September, 2024.

Those present and presiding were:

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| 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 |
| Sylvia Guerrero | - | Clerk and Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court |

Others present were: Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, Tax Assessor/Collector Chris Jackson, Clint Allred, Tamera Reinhardt, and Wendie Cook.

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 August 26, 2024 meeting.

Dawn moved to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2024 commissioners court meeting. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban

Dale moved to extend the burn ban for 45 days. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Public Comments.

Tamera Rainhardt thanked the court for the lighting upgrades at the rodeo grounds. She also had some suggestions for additional upgrades at the rodeo grounds.

Consider/Approve Renewal of Health Insurance plan and rates with TAC Health and Employee Benefits Pool for 2025.

Clint Allred spoke to the court. He said this year there will 8.00% increase in health insurance premiums. All benefits will be the same. The dental insurance will also increase 3.50%. Life insurance premiums will stay the same and vision insurance rate will increase 4%. He said the county will receive an \$ 8,500.00 surplus this year from the TAC Risk Management Pool. Tim moved to approve the renewal of Health Insurance plan and rates from TAC Health and Employment Benefits Pool for 2025. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Smokehouse Creek Fire Disaster Declaration Extension.

Judge Johnson moved to extend the Smokehouse Creek Fire Disaster Declaration to the next Commissioners Court meeting on October 14, 2024. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Petition for closure of County Road 29.

Dale moved to vacate the north portion of County Road 29 from the intersection of county road O. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Open bids for Precinct 4 Pickup.

Judge Johnson opened a bid with two options from Ware Chevrolet Inc.

Option 1 is for a 2025 Chevrolet 3500HD Silverado Pickup in stock for \$53,015.48. Option 2 is for a 2025 Chevrolet 3500HD Silverado, Pickup available in October 2024 for \$53,340.96.

Consider/Approve bid for Precinct 4 Pickup.

Nicholas moved to approve the sole bid for the pickup for precinct 4 from Ware Chevrolet in the total amount of 53,015.48 for the in stock option. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Understanding of Service with Doshier, Pickens and Francis, LLC for our 2024 Audit.

Tim moved to approve the services from Doshier, Pickens and Francis, LLC for our 2024 Audit. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Review Interlocal Agreement with the City of Canadian authorizing County to contribute \$250,000 toward bonded debt for wastewater treatment facility.

Tim moved to approve the agreement with the City of Canadian authorizing County contribution of \$250,000 toward bonded debt for wastewater treatment facility. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve 2024-2025 District Attorney Contract regarding funds form forfeiture actions.

Judge Johnson moved to approve the 2024-2025 District Attorney Contract regarding funds from forfeiture actions. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Announcements

Judge Johnson said that Mike Kelton from Tech Line had informed her that the week of the 16 they would start installing the lights at the rodeo.

Future Agenda Items

None were presented

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

Tim moved to approve the August 31, 2024 Budget and Financial Report as presented. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

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

Dawn moved to approve two invoices from Schafer Services, first invoice in the amount of \$145.00 for an antenna for a Deputy Sheriff and second invoice in the amount of \$200.00 for contract labor at the sheriff's office. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried with Dale abstaining.

Nicholas moved to approve an invoice from Alexander Grocery and Deli in the amount of \$83.91 for coffee for the Sheriff's office. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed. Tim has left the meeting early so he was not present at the time of the vote.

Adjourn

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on September 9, 2024.

ATTEST *Lisa Johnson* COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST *Dylus Chaves* COUNTY CLERK