

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court  
April 10, 2023**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 10 day of April, 2023.

Those present and presiding were:

Lisa Johnson	-	Hemphill County Judge
Dawn Webb	-	Commissioner Precinct #1
Tim Alexander	-	Commissioner Precinct #2
Curt McPherson	-	Commissioner Precinct #3
Nicholas Thomas	-	Commissioner Precinct #4
Sylvia Guerrero	-	Clerk and Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court

Others present were: Laurie Brown, Steve Johnson, Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, County Attorney, Kyle Miller, County Agent, Andy and Tanya Holloway.

**Call to Order.**

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

**Approve Minutes from March 13, 2023.**

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023 meeting as presented. Curt seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Burn Ban.**

Curt moved to implement the burn ban for an additional 45 days. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Public Comments.**

No public comments were made.

**Presentation of Resolution to Laurie Ezzell Brown.**

Judge Johnson presented the Resolution to Laurie Ezzell Brown. Commissioners thanked Laurie for her dedication and hard work.

**Open and Consider for Approval of depository proposals for County funds.**

Judge Johnson opened three bids from Wellington State Bank, InterBank, and Happy State Bank. Tim moved to approve the depository proposal from Happy State Bank with a four-year term with a two-year renegotiated contract agreement to both parties. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed, with Curt and Dawn abstaining.

**Consider/Approval Annexation Written Service (Municipal Service Plan) from the City Canadian.**

Nicholas moved to approve the Annexation Written Municipal Service Plan from the City of Canadian as presented. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Renew 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 Interlocal agreement with the City of Canadian authorizing the county to contribute \$250,000 toward bonded debt for wastewater treatment facility. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve 2023 Hemphill County Resolution for Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program/Rural Public Defender.**

Jason Howell spoke to the court about the indigent defense improvement grant program. Curt moved to approve the feasibility study for expansion of the currently operating Potter & Armstrong County Public Defender Office under the indigent defense improvement grant program. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve 2023 Computer Support and Maintenance Agreement with Kerrigan Technology Services.**

Judge Jonson said there weren't any changes from the last year's agreement. Dawn moved to approve the 2023 Computer Support and Maintenance Agreement with Kerrigan Technology Service. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve bid on property in Buffalo Hills that was removed from the tax roll.**

Tim moved to approve the bid on the Buffalo Hills lot from Taylor Gray in the amount of \$2,000. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed. This will add the property back to the tax roll if all taxing entities accept the bid.

**Consider/Approve membership in NACO.**

Judge Johnson said it would be a great benefit to the county to join NACO. She said NACO provided information on Infrastructure Investments, ARPA funds and federal grants. Nicholas moved to join the National Association of Counties as presented. Curt seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Designation of newspaper for official publications.**

Judge Johnson moved to designate Amarillo Globe New for official publications. Curt seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Curt moved to take a 5-minute recess 10:21 a.m. Judge Johnson resumed the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Report.**

Tanya and Andy Holloway gave reports on 4-H youth development, adult programs, activities, food pantry, the 2023 Beef Conference and agriculture related programs.

**Announcements**

Judge Johnson provided the commissioners with a list of legislative updates.

The Clerk's office ordered two double-face shelves with tambour doors from Southwest Filing and Storage to store election materials that are required to be locked.

**Future Agenda Items**

None were proposed.

**Approve Bills, Budget Amendments**

Curt moved to approve the March 31, 2023 budget and financial Report/Treasurer's Report. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Curt moved to approve the following budget amendments:

Decrease	Capital outlay Pct-2	012-5-4012-0510	\$15,000.00
Increase	Machine Hire Pct-2	012-5-4012-0124	\$15,000.00
Decrease	Capital outlay Pct-1	011-5-4011-0510	\$15,000.00
Increase	Machine Hire Pct-1	011-5-4011-0124	\$15,000.00

Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.


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

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

**Adjourn**

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on April 10, 2023.

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