

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
July 29, 2024**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 29th day of July, 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
Sylvia Guerrero	-	Clerk and Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court

Others present were: Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson, and Kenneth Ford.

Call to Order.

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

Approve Minutes the July 8, 2024 meeting.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2024 commissioners court meeting. Dale seconded the meeting which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

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

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Open bids for Road Construction Materials.

Judge Johnson said there was one bid submitted from B&G Electric. Judge Johnson said the bid was for \$7.30 per ton on site 1, there was no bid for site 2. The bid included a bid bond.

Consider/Approve bid for Road Construction Materials.

Dawn moved to accept the bid form B&G Electric at \$7.30 per ton at site number 1 on the south of Canadian. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve purchase of Mack Truck for Pct. 3.

Tim moved to approve the purchase of the Mack Truck for Precinct 3 in the amount of \$159,678.20. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Budget workshop

Judge Johnson went over the Certified 2024 Appraisal Roll for Hemphill County, which she received from Pam Scates. She said the certified value is down 29% or \$485,906,693.00 from last year. She said the proposed budget is based on a .07 increase in the total tax rate. Increase of .04 for M&O and .03 for road & Bridge. This would put the tax rate at .5200 which will generate \$5,911,153. She said the tax revenue will be down \$1,025,443 if we go with this tax

rate. She said the county will not receive the \$293,410 from the wind farm, which brings the decrease in revenue to \$1,318,853. Judge Johnson said she budgeted \$1,143,410 from the General Fund Reserves and \$278,119 from Road & Bridge Reserves to cover the shortfall. Judge Johnson said she received the certified tax rates from Chris Jackson, NNR Rate is .62456, the VA Rate is .642469 and the De Minimus Rate is .664438. She said if they go with the .07 tax rate increase we will be .10 below the NNR rate. After some discussion the court decided to increase the tax rate to .08. Judge Johnson will file the proposed budget on Monday, August 5, 2024 and will have the public hearing to vote on the tax rate and adopt the budget on August 26, 2024. Judge Johnson said she also added \$25,000 to the Appraisal District Budget so it is at \$195,000

Announcement

Judge Johnson said she is waiting on a proposal for lighting at the rode ground from B&G and a quote for a fence.

She said she received two quotes from Tech Line; one to put in the higher poles for about \$188,000 and a second one for restoring the existing poles for about \$120,000.

Future Agenda Items

None were presented

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

Treasure, Kay Smallwood presented budget amendments as follows:

Retension module/Software for Tax office:

Capital Outlay-Tax Office	005-5-1540-0510	Increase	\$6,875.00
Capital Outlay-Public Facilities	005-5-7001-0510	Decrease	\$6875.00

Summer mowing for airport/other complexes and Pct. 3:

Other Complexes Part Time	010-5-7018-0098	Increase	\$6,500.00
Capital Outlay- Public Facilities	010-5-7001-0510	Decrease	\$6,500.00

Hire one full time employee for the budget year (4 Months):

County Attorney SB22 Grant

Legal Asst.	005-5-2550-0095	Increase	\$15,000.00
SS & Med	005-5-2550-0101	Increase	\$1,140.00
Retirement	005-5-2550-0102	Increase	\$1200.00
Group Term Life	005-5-2550-0103	Increase	\$30.00
Group Insurance	005-5-2550-0104	Increase	\$3,000.00
Unemployment	005-5-2550-0105	Increase	\$20.00

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Grant Revenue	005-40000-0621	Increase	\$20,390.00
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Precinct 1 purchased a dozer:

Precinct 1 Capital Outlay	011-5-4011-0510	Increase	\$55,000.00
Precinct 1 Transfer in	011-4-0000-0110	Increase	\$55,000.00

Pitching mound purchase:

Other Complex Capital Outlay	005-5-7018-0510	Increase	\$6,465.00
Public Facilities Capital Outlay	005-5-7001-0510	Decrease	\$6,465.00

Purchase Tran. Trailer:

Solid Waste Disposal Capital Out	005-5-6025-0510	Increase	\$4,510.00
Public Facilities Capital Outlay		Decrease	\$4,510.00

Dale moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

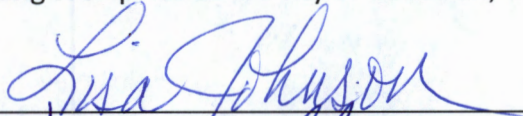
Tim moved to approve the computer generated bills. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

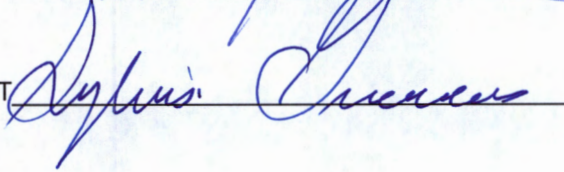
Dale moved to approve the hand stamped bills. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Adjourn

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on July 29, 2024.

ATTEST  COUNTY JUDGE

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