

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
December 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 December, 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	-	Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court

Others present were: County Attorney, Kyle Miller, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson and John Merris.

Call to Order.

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. She noted that all members of the Court were present.

Approve Minutes from November 12, 2024.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024 commissioners court meeting. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

No action was taken.

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Consider /Approve Smokehouse Creek Fire Disaster Declaration Extension.

Dale moved to approve the Smokehouse Creek Fire Disaster Declaration Extension to December 30, 2024. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Receive Audit Report from Doshier, Pickens and Francis CPS firm for year ending September 30, 2024.

Mr. Merris gave the Commissioners Court the report regarding the audit. Nicholas moved to approve the Audit Report from Doshier, Pickens and Francis CPS firm for year ending September 30, 2024. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider /Approve Bonds for Elected Officials.

Tim moved to approve bond for Dale Schafer. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Tim moved to amend his motion to approve bonds for Chris Jackson and Brent Clapp. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Resolution of Support for County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption.

Tim moved to approve the Resolution of Support for County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Open/Consider/Approve purchase of vehicles from SB22 Grant Funds for Sheriff's Office.

Tim moved to approve the purchase of two responder pickups for \$78,575.51 each by using the Sheriff's Office SB22 Grant Funds. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve quotes for roof replacement at the River Valley Pioneer Museum.

The Commissioners Court discussed the quotes that they have been given to replace the museum's roof. Dale moved to table the River Valley Pioneer Museum roof until December 30, 2024. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Policy Concerning Budget Expenditures by County Officials Who Are Not Renominated or Relected According to Government Code 130.908.

Dawn moved to approve the Policy Concerning Budget Expenditures by County Officials who are not renominated or relected according to Government Code 130.908 to the amount of \$1,500.00. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consultation with County Attorney concerning potential litigation. Executive Session; Texas Government Code 551.071.

Commissioners Court went into Executive Session at 10:13 a.m. and ended at 10:48 a.m.

Announcements

Judge Johnson announced that open enrollment for insurance will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

Judge Johnson let the Court know that we got a surplus check from TAC Health and Employee Benefits Pool in the amount of \$8,530.87.

Judge Johnson explained to the Court that Xcel Energy will be installing Pano AI cameras in several counties in the Panhandle including Hemphill County. The cameras will be mounted on communications towers and we will have access to them and the service. They will detect potential wildfires. This is a service with no charge.

Judge Johnson announced that the County Christmas Party will be today at 6:00 p.m.

Judge Johnson asked the Court if it would work for everyone to have the swearing in ceremony on Tuesday, January 2, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. She also asked if they would like for her to do it, they all agreed they wanted Judge Johnson to swear them in.

Future Agenda Items

Replacement of roof for the River Valley Pioneer Museum.

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments, Treasurer's Report.

Tim moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

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

Dawn moved to approve an invoice from Alexander's in the amount of \$100.32. Dale seconded the motion which carried with Tim abstaining.

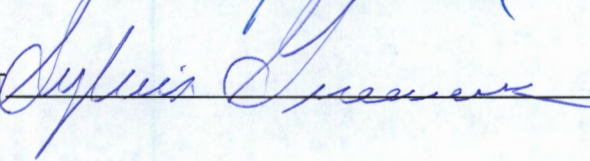
Dawn moved to approve three invoices from Schafer Services for \$277.50, \$277.50 and \$200.00 for a total of \$855.00. Tim seconded the motion which carried with Dale abstaining.

Adjourn

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

ATTEST  COUNTY JUDGE

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