

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
April 8, 2024**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 8th day of April, 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
Sylvia Guerrero	-	Clerk and Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court

Others present were: Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood and County Attorney, Kyle Miller, Wendy Cook, County Agents, Andy and Tanya Holloway.

Call to Order.

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. She noted that all members of the court were present.

Approve Minutes from March 3, March 9, March 11 and March 17, 2024 meetings.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from March 3, March 9, March 11, and March 17 meetings. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

No action was taken. Burn ban is in place.

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Consider /Approve purchase of two Chevrolet pickups for he Sheriff's Office from Parkway Chevrolet, Inc via Buy Board

Dale moved to approve the purchase of two Chevrolet pickups for the Sheriff's Office from Parkway Chevrolet, Inc. via Buy Board with the SB22 grant funds. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Re-Appoint Judge Lisa Johnson to the Panhandle Region Housing Finance Corporation

Tim moved to re-appoint Judge Lisa Johnson to the Panhandle Region Housing Finance Corporation. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider /Approve extending Disaster Declaration for Smoke House Creek Fire.

Dale moved to approve extending the disaster declaration for the smoke house Creek Fire to 11:59 pm on April 29th. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider /Approve retaining used vehicle for the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Brent Clapp said he would like to retain one of the vehicles they are replacing to have a spare for the deputies to be used when their vehicles are in the shop. Nicholas moved to retain one used vehicle for the Sheriff's Office. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve purchase of Axon camera system for extra Sherriff's Office vehicle.

Nicholas moved to approve the purchase of an Axon camera System for the extra Sherriff's Office vehicle that was retained to be purchased with SB 22 grant funds. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Interlocal Cooperative Contract for Failure to Appear (FTA) Program with Texas Department of Public Safety.

Dawn moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Contract for Failure to Appear Program with the Texas Department of Public safety. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Texas AM AgriLife Extension Office for Andy and Tanya Holloway.

Tanya addressed the court. She said Ashley Perry will go for a scholarship interview for Texas 4-H opportunity scholarship. Tanya said 18 of the 4-H members signed up for spring 4-H District contest to be held on April 18-20. She said there were about 125 volunteers helping in the Smoke House Creek Wildfires. She went over the supply points for the victims of the Smoke House Creek fire. Andy went over the details of the beef conference that will be held on Tuesday, April 23-24, 2024

Announcements

Judge Johnson announce the following:

The water truck for the rodeo arena was received.

Painting in the jail has been completed.

The fire debris clean-up is near completion.

She said the house hearing went well. She is hoping that progress was made on working with the Texas Forest Services.

Stop the bleed training will be on Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00 for all road hands, 2:00 p.m. for county employees and on Thursday, April 18 at 9 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for county employees.

Dale announced that Terry Farrar will retire at the end of April.

Future Agenda Items

None were presented.

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

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

Dawn moved to approve the following invoices from Schafer Services,

- 1) for the amount of \$200.00 for removing radio, antenna headsets, and lights at the fire department.
- 2) In the amount of \$19.66 for antenna for precinct 1
- 3) In the amount \$62.98 for headset damaged in the fire.
- 4) In the amount of \$40.00 for changing camera monitor output at the Exhibition Center.
- 5) In the amount of \$30.00 for checking radio power in grater for precinct 1.
- 6) In the amount of \$39.95 for antenna for precinct 1.
- 7) In the amount of \$200.00 for Contract labor at the Sheriff's Office.

Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed with Dale abstaining

Tim moved to approve one invoice from Nick Thomas Inc. in the amount of \$3,5000 for transporting the water truck for the rodeo grounds. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed with Nicholas abstaining.

Nicholas moved to approve one invoice from Alexzander's grocery and deli in the amount of \$84.04 for coffee for the Sheriff's office. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed with Tim abstaining.

Adjourn

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on April 8, 2024.

ATTEST *Lisa Johnson* COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST *Sylvia Owens* COUNTY CLERK

