

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

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

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: Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson and PRPC Deputy Executive Director, Michael Peters.

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 June 12, 2023.

Dawn moved to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

No action was taken.

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Consider /Appoint a member to the Swimming Pool Steering Committee.

Tim moved to a appoint Judge Johnson as member of the Swimming Pool Committee. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Contract renewal with PRPC for 911 Services.

Michael Peter spoke to the court about the 911 services PRPC provides. Nicholas moved to approve the two-year contract renewal with PRPC for 911 Services. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed

Consider /Approve 2024-2025 Interlocal Agreement with the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases in Lubbock.

Nicholas moved to approve the 2024-2025 Interlocal agreement with the Regional Public Defenders for Capital Cases in Lubbock. Dale seconded the motion the which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve going out for a new roof for the Clerk's Vault and set a bid deadline for July 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Tim moved to put out for bids for a new roof for the Clerk's Vault and set the deadline for July 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Budget Workshop.

Judge Johnson and commissioners went over the cost of employee raises. Dawn moved to give an \$1,800.00 annual flat raise to seven elected officials and 44 full time employees. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed. Commissioners are excluded from the raises. Judge Johnson said the Health Insurance is going to increase 8% which is going to cost \$33,330.00 annually without a surplus for this year. Judge Johnson said that the proposed budget will not include the newly legislated grant for Law Enforcement or County Attorney. If Hemphill County should get those grants during the 2023-2024 budget year, its allowed to add the revenue and expenses to the budget. Judge Johnson went over the department budget increases. She said the total increase was \$125,480.00 for all departments other than the precincts.

Announcements

Judge Johnson said that the county had gotten approval from the Texas Jail Commission to move forward with the jail locking system upgrade. The airport will purchase a new gator which is budgeted in for the current budget. The cost is approximately \$16,000.00. Judge Johnson said they had applied for and received unclaimed property from the State in the amount of \$14,774.91 for royalties. She said they also applied but not received unclaimed property from Argonaut from 2017 in the amount of \$40,226.50. Sealcoat project will start next week. Judge Johnson thanked Precinct 1 crew for assisting with the July 4th Rodeo. Judge Jonson will attend the Judicial College in Reno, NV. All expenses will be paid for by the NJC and TAC.

Future Agenda Items

None were proposed.

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

Tim moved to approve the May 31, 2023 budget and financial Report/Treasurer’s Report. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

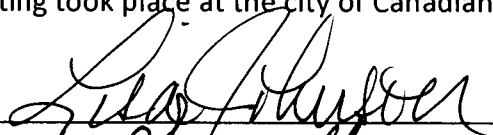
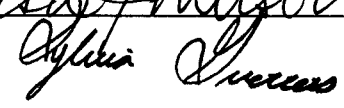
Tim moved to approve the hand stamped bills. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Tim moved to approve invoices from Schafer Services for \$1169.90, \$114.95, \$50.00, \$200.00, \$395.00, \$109.95 and \$200.00 Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed with Dale abstaining.

Adjourn

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

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