

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
June 12, 2023**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 12th day of June, 2023.

Those present and presiding were:

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

Others present were: City Mayor, Terrill Bartlett, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, County Attorney, Kyle Miller, EDC President, Bryan Bartlett, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson, Jail Administrator, Shannon Woodrum, Laurie Brown.

Call to Order.

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She noted that Commissioner Curt McPherson was Absent.

Approve Minutes from May 30 2023 and June 2, 2023.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2023 and June 2, 2023 meetings as presented. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

No action was taken.

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Approve Bond for Precinct 3 Commissioner, Dale Schafer.

Judge Johnson said he had appointed Dale Schafer as Commissioner of Precinct 3. He will take office on June 16, 2023 and will be sworn in tomorrow June 13, 2023 at 10:00 am. Tim Moved to approve the bond for Precinct 3 Commissioner, Dale Schafer. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Update from Mayor Bartlett on progress of potential new City Swimming Pool.

Mayor, Terrill Bartlett said that Remelle Farrar had mentioned that CDC could possibly cover the cost of the study proposed in the last meeting. He said that there is a possibility that the school could pay for the entire project by passing a bond, and the City, County, and Hospital would enter into a lease agreement with the school. He said Dr. Pulliam will consult with the attorneys and get back to him.

Consider going out for bids for new Jail Lock Project. Set bid received date for July 19, 2023.

Tim moved to set bid received date for the new Jail Lock Project on July 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve a traffic study to set a speed limit on Teas Circle.

Judge Johnson said she received a call from the hospital requesting a speed limit sign on Teas Circle. She said Curt and her drove through the area, and they believe the speed limit should be set below 20 MPH. She contacted TX DOT, and they recommended 15 MPH. She said the law requires a traffic study to be conducted to place it at that speed. She received the proposal for the traffic study last Friday, and it will cost about \$5,500.00. Tim said he believes the County has an agreement with UT Arlington, and they might provide the traffic study at no cost. Judge Johnson said she would check with UT Arlington and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Consider/Approve Pay increase for Election Judges and Clerks to \$15.00/hour beginning in 2024 for County Elections.

Nicholas moved to approve the pay increase for Election Judges and Clerks to \$15.00 per hour beginning in 2024 County Elections. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Budget Workshop.

Judge Johnson asked the commissioner if they had any projects in mind for the upcoming budget and if they were considering any salary raise. Tim said he was putting in for a road grader and was interested in giving employees and elected officials a salary raise excluding commissioners. Dawn said her budget would increase by about \$15,000 and was also interested in giving a salary raise. Nicholas said he would budget for a pickup and is also interested in a salary raise.

Announcements

Dale Schafer will be sworn in to office on June 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Future Agenda Items

Traffic Study

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

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

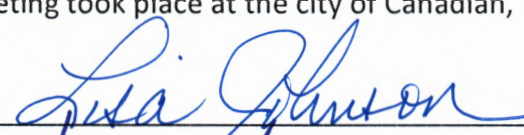

Nicholas moved to approve the computer generated bills. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

Adjourn

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

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on June 12, 2023.

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