

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court  
June 10, 2024**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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, Airport Manager, Bill Kendall, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson.

**Call to Order.**

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. She noted that all members of the Court were present.

**Approve Minutes from the May 13, 2024 meeting.**

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024 commissioners court meeting. Dale seconded the meeting which carried unopposed.

**Burn Ban.**

No action was taken.

**Public Comments.**

No public comments were made.

**Consider /Approve Smokehouse Creek Fire Disaster Declaration Extension.**

Judge Johnson moved to extend the Smokehouse Creek Fire Disaster Declaration to July 8, 2024 at 11:59 P.M. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve donation from Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott for Wildfire Relief.**

Dale moved to approve the \$2,000.00 wildfire relief donation from Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider /Approve donation of painting from Christy Dyer.**

Judge Johnson said Christy Dyer is the Randall County Judge, she attended the benefit for the Panhandle fire victims held by Michael Martin Murphey. One of the items that was auctioned was a painting called "Perseverance". Christy Dyer purchased the painting and wants to donate it to Hemphill County to hang it in the court house. The estimated value of the painting is \$15,000.00. Dale moved to accept the donation of the painting from Randall County Judge, Christy Dyer. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider /Approve dedication Opioid Abatement fund to Canadian Community Center.**

Tim moved to approve the dedication of Opioid Abatement Funds to the Canadian Community Center for the use of youth programs. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve Hardware Lease, Maintenance, Software and License Agreement with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc.**

Tim moved to approve the Hardware Lease, Maintenance, Software and License Agreement with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve Resolution for new AWOS (Automated Weather Observing System) Installation at Hemphill County Airport.**

Judge Johnson said this is one of the 90/10 matching grants that Hemphill County gets from TX DOT Aviation. The cost of the project is \$150,000.00, the County's 10% will be \$15,000.00. Dawn moved to approve the Resolution for New AWOS installation at Hemphill County Airport. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve going out for bids for new pickup for Pct.2 and set bid opened date of July 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

Nicholas moved to approve going out for bids for a new pickup for Pct. 2 and set bid opening date of July 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve Updated Personnel Policy.**

Judge Johnson said there are two personnel policy changes, the Emergency Overtime Compensation under Employee Benefits, Section 2.03 and Condensed the Electronic Data Policy, Section 13.01. Tim moved to approve the updates to the personnel policy. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Budget Workshop.**

Judge Johnson asked the court to consider elections stipend of \$1,200.00 per election for the clerk. She said in the last legislative session she extended early voting hours on the last week each day for 12 consecutive hours, a Saturday of 12 consecutive hours and Sunday of 6 consecutive hours. There is also some turnover time where early voting and election day poll book need to be prepared. Over time, Elections and the testing of the equipment have gotten more complicated. The court agreed to add it to the budget.

Judge Johnson said she received a request to include Locust Grove in the volunteer fire departments that the county contributes to annually. She said the contributions are usually from \$3,000 to \$8,000 a year. The court agreed to contribute \$3,000.00

**Announcements**

Judge Johnson gave the following announcements:

Seal project will start July 22, 2024.

A pitching mound will be purchased for the baseball fields for \$5,800.00.

Waiting on a second quote for the chain link fence for the softball field on the back side the ballpark and gate for one of the baseball fields.

Looking for options to treat and remove the cattails from the duck pond.

Nicholas is working on getting leaks fixed in the water truck for the rodeo arena.

Kyle Miller had hired a full-time employee to start on June 17. The salary and benefits will be covered with SB22 grant funds.

**Future Agenda Items**

Road closures in Precinct 3 and bids for road materials.

**Approve bills, budget amendments, Treasurer’s Report.**

Tim moved to approve the May, 2024 Budget and Financial Report as presented. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

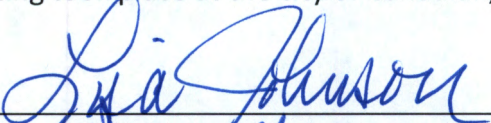
Dale moved to approve the hand stamped bills. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

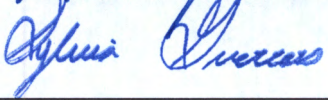
Tim moved to approve two invoices from Schafer Services for, one for the amount of \$100.00 for renewed license at the airport and one in the amount of \$200.00 for contract labor at she sheriff’s office, Dawn seconded the motion which carried with Dale abstaining

**Adjourn**

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on June 10, 2024.

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