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COUNTY OF CONCHO }

**BE IT REMEMBERED, THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CONCHO COUNTY, TEXAS**, met in Regular Term on this, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 at Paint Rock, Texas, in the District Courtroom, Second Floor, after proper notice to the public for the proper length of time, being Notice #6324, with the following members present, to-wit:

David Dillard, County Judge, presiding;  
Trey Bradshaw, Commissioner, Precinct #1;  
Eric Gully, Commissioner, Precinct #2 **ABSENT**;  
Gary Gierisch, Commissioner, Precinct #3;  
Keith Dillard, Commissioner, Precinct #4 **ABSENT**;  
Amber Hall, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court; and

Jenifer Gierisch, County Treasurer; Ginger Treadwell, County Attorney; Scott Spoons, Justice of the Peace; Mike Hall, Constable; Brent Frazier, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Wes Lowe, Deputy Sheriff; Shanna Smith, Elections Administrator; Kristi Mickelson, Paint Rock ISD Superintendent; Jes Rathke, American National Leasing Company; when the following business was transacted, to-wit;

Judge Dillard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and gave the invocation.

**WELCOME AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONSIDER BURN BAN**

The burn ban has been lifted at this time. Commissioner Gierisch made a motion to lift the burn ban, duly seconded by Commissioner Bradshaw. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL ROAD REPORTS – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

Commissioners Annual Road Reports turned in to Clerk. They will be submitted to the District Attorney to present to the Grand Jury next time they meet. A motion was made by Commissioner Gierisch to accept the Annual Road Reports as presented; duly seconded by Commissioner Bradshaw. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibit "A".

**CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE CONSTABLE HALL APPOINTING RICHARD THOMAS AS A RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

Constable Hall brought forth to the Commissioners a request for them to allow him to appoint Richard Thomas as a Reserve Deputy Constable to the Concho County Constable's Office under Local Government Code Chapter 86, Section 86.012. Constable Hall stated with the rise in evictions and civil papers needing to be served, he was not always available to do them in a timely manner due to his full-time job. If he had a Reserve Deputy Constable, if Constable Hall was not available, his Reserve Deputy Constable could step in and handle those processes. He advised the Commissioners that it would not cost them anything, as a Reserve Deputy Constable would fall under the same category as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. He will not get paid, and Mr. Thomas even offered to pay for his own Official Public Bond. Commissioner Gierisch stated that the County would take care of the bond fee for him. Commissioner Gierisch made a motion to approve letting Constable Hall appoint Richard Thomas as a Reserve Deputy Constable, and that the County would pay for Mr. Thomas's bond, duly seconded by Commissioner Bradshaw. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibit "B"

**DISCUSS/APPROVE THE COLA FOR RETIREES 30% CPI – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

This was previously discussed and approved by the Commissioners last year, however, it never made it into the minutes of the Commissioners Court, for whatever reason. Judge Dillard reminded the Commissioners that there hasn't been a raise in the COLA for retirees since 2008. This will take effect starting January 2024. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the COLA for retirees 30% CPI, duly seconded by Commissioner Gierisch. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE THE COMBINING OF 2 LOTS IN MESQUITE ACRES SUBDIVISION, PRESENTED BY EVERETT VERMILLION – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

Mr. Vermillion did not appear but was advised that he needed to have the lots surveyed prior to the Commissioners taking action. No action taken at this time.



**DISCUSS/APPROVE AN ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JOINT ELECTION – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

Shanna Smith, Elections Administrator, stated that she will not have to have approval for the Joint Election since the only two elections are for the City of Eden and the hospital district. However, she will need approval to consolidate voting precincts in Eden to help cut down on costs. She is just going to have one polling location in Eden, located at City of Eden Chambers, 120 Paint Rock Road, instead of four separate polling sites, and the hospital districts polling locations throughout the county will remain the same. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the polling consolidation in the City of Eden, duly seconded by Commissioner Gierisch. Motion carried unanimously.

The court took a recess at 10:09 a.m. to read through the previous meetings' minutes and accounts payable.

Court went back into session at 10:18 a.m. from recess.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw, duly seconded by Commissioner Gierisch to approve the minutes for March 14, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER/APPROVE ALL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR CONCHO COUNTY – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

Ms. Gierisch presented the monthly Accounts Payable Claim Register for March 15, 2023, to March 24, 2023. A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw, duly seconded by Commissioner Gierisch, to approve and pay all accounts due and owing by Concho County, with the total being \$64,510.55. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibit "C".

**REPORTS, INFORMATION AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

Ms. Hall gave a list to all the elected officials to fill in what they wanted to sell at the County's Surplus Sale.

Ms. Gierisch stated that she got a quote from the electrician on the installation of the outside lights. For them to rent the lift needed and for installation of the lights, it will cost \$3,500. It was agreed for her to schedule that to get done.

Jes Rathke with American National Leasing Company was present and just made a statement that they can provide any equipment that is needed for the Courthouse. They are the leasing company for the Sheriff's Department vehicles.

Judge Dillard stated that at the workshop he attended last week, it was brought to his attention that the County needed to provide all the employees with a short one-to-two sentence statement on the upcoming murder trial. This statement will be for any and all employees that might get questioned by the media or public, so the County can be unified in the answer, instead of answering "No Comment".

Judge Dillard has been receiving numerous calls from the public about new wind/solar farms or tank batteries coming into the southeast part of the county. He said that there are people in that area who are already getting contracts for tank batteries, but he has not seen or heard, on the County's end, of anything being proposed.

Commissioner Bradshaw asked if anything was going on at The Trail Ranch. Judge Dillard stated that there had been a possible abatement for another solar farm on the Trail, but they backed out before it was finalized.

Chief Deputy Frazier advised the Commissioners that the boat that was on County Road 1031 was removed, and it cost \$411. He also stated that it is getting too expensive to tow broken down vehicles from the side of the road. The average cost is around \$300. He stated that their impound lot is full of broken down or wrecked vehicles, and they cannot get any bids on them when they have a sale. He stated that at the last sale they had, they did not receive a single bid on any of the vehicles they had. They have been towing vehicles from the side of the road after they have been there over 72 hours, but they are losing a great deal of money. They have to pay the towing company, but with no money coming in for those vehicles, they are in the red on that account. The Sheriff's Department will only tow vehicles if they are blocking traffic. If they are in the bar ditch, they will just leave the vehicles. Commissioner Bradshaw asked who would get rid of them from the ditch, Texas Department of Transportation? To which Chief Deputy Frazier stated that it is usually TxDOT that calls the Sheriff's Department. He said that we might need to keep that in mind so we may need to put that in the budget, or they would have to start leaving the broken down vehicles sitting in the ditch. He just wanted the Commissioners to be aware because people are going to complain.

Next meeting to be held on April 11, 2023.

There BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OR ACTIONS to come before this regular session of the Commissioners Court, said session was adjourned by County Judge Dillard on this, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

*David Dillard*  
DAVID DILLARD, COUNTY JUDGE

Absent  
TREY BRADSHAW, COMM., PCT #1

*E. Gully*  
ERIC GULLY, COMM., PCT #2

*Gary Gierisch*  
GARY GIERISCH, COMM., PCT #3

*Keith Dillard*  
KEITH DILLARD, COMM., PCT #4



CORRECT ATTEST:

*Amber Hall*  
AMBER HALL  
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO  
CLERK OF COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
CONCHO COUNTY, TEXAS