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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 11th day of July 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 #6362, with the following members present, to-wit:

David Dillard, County Judge, presiding;
Trey Bradshaw, Commissioner, Precinct #1;
Eric Gully, Commissioner, Precinct #2;
Gary Gierisch, Commissioner, Precinct #3;
Keith Dillard, Commissioner, Precinct #4;
Destiny Helms, Chief Deputy County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court; and

Jenifer Gierisch, County Treasurer; Ginger Treadwell, County Attorney; Marty Gibbs, Texas AgriLife Extension Supervisor; Juan Sandoval, Permit Coordinator with Norfleet Land; 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

Marty Gibbs with Texas AgriLife Extension advised the commissioners that they are looking for a new Extension Agent for Concho County. Concho County currently has a contract with AgriLife for the County Extension Agent. They want to propose doing away with the contract and have it where the County Agent is an employee of the county and is paid by the county and Texas AgriLife pays the insurance. That would end up saving the county about \$6,000. In place of the contract there would be a Memorandum of Understanding between Concho County and AgriLife Extension stating the rules of the County Extension Agent. As soon as Marty gets the okay, he will post the position and will bring the commissioners the top two or three so we can interview them and hopefully get them started by September 1, 2023. This will be put on the agenda for next meeting.

CONSIDER BURN BAN – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

No Action taken. Burn Ban is to remain in place.

RECEIVE COMMISSIONER’S ROAD REPORTS

See Exhibit “A”.

CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE UTILITY/COMMUNICATION PERMIT DESIGNATING PLACEMENT OF UTILITY IN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY- MATTERHORN EXPRESS PIPELINE - TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Mr. Sandoval with Norfleet Land answered questions from the commissioners. He stated that construction will begin August 1st in Reagan County coming this direction. Motion made by Commissioner Bradshaw to approve the Pipeline Permit for Matterhorn Express, duly seconded by Commissioner Dillard. Motion passed unanimously. See Exhibit “B”.

CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE FIRMIN’S AND TIPS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES ENROLLMENT – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Ms. Gierisch advised the commissioners that this is just a savings program, not a contract for services. Commissioner Bradshaw made the motion to enroll us in the savings program, duly seconded by Commissioner Gully. Motion passed unanimously. See Exhibit “C”.

CONSIDER/DISCUSS/APPROVE FY 2024/2025 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR CAPITAL CASES – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Commissioner Gierisch made a motion to agree to the interlocal agreement, duly seconded by Commissioner Bradshaw. Motion passed unanimously. See Exhibit “D”.

Court went into recess at 10:18 a.m. to look over the previous meeting’s minutes, Treasurer’s report, accounts payable report.

Court back in session at 10:34 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw, duly seconded by Commissioner Gully to approve the minutes from June 27, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RECEIVE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Ms. Gierisch distributed the Year-to-Date Summary General Ledger Trial Balance through June 30, 2023, with total funds for the county being \$6,296,402.71. Ms. Gierisch also distributed the Summary Statement of Operations for Expenditures and Summary Statement of Operations for Revenues from October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Gully to approve the County Treasurer's Reports, duly seconded by Commissioner Dillard. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibits "E", "F", and "G", respectively.

CONSIDER/APPROVE ALL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Ms. Gierisch stated that Millersview-Doole has a grant and they have started the work on the project the grant is for, and we received an invoice to pay it, but it cannot be paid until she and Judge Dillard get logged on with TDA and request the money. So, it is not ready to pay today but wants to put it on the list to pay whenever it is funded. There was discussion about receiving Commissioner approval for grants, and things being bought without having the money in the budget, because it was done after the budget had already been approved. Invoices are coming in for these products, but the grant money has not been allocated by the State. This has happened twice in the past year. The monies that need to be added to the budget for these products are not added at budget time, so we are having to pull it from elsewhere to cover the bills. We need to pay attention to the contracts and let everyone know that they will not get paid until October, when the next budget starts. Ms. Treadwell will look at the contracts and see what they specify. Ms. Treadwell wants to see all the contracts ahead of time to make sure this does not happen again. Ms. Gierisch presented the monthly Accounts Payable Claim Register from June 28, 2023, to July 11, 2023. Motion was made by Commissioner Gully, duly seconded by Commissioner Bradshaw, to approve and pay all accounts due and owing by Concho County, with the total being \$154,082.94, as well as the Millersview-Doole bill. Motion carried unanimously. See Exhibit "H".

REPORTS, INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Gierisch received the Equipment Lease, paid in full, from First National Bank, for the Roller that is shared by Precinct's 1 and 2. See Exhibit "I". Ms. Gierisch has the Wildlife Services Report available to review. See Exhibit "J". As of September 1st, there will be a Juror Pay Increase. The state is still going to reimburse us the same percentage, so we should not have to go up on the line item in the budget. It increases to \$20 for the first day, from \$6; and for each day after that it is increasing from \$40 to \$58. The state is going to reimburse \$14 for the first day, and \$52 for each day after. A report is sent in quarterly requesting those funds from the state. See Exhibit "K". Ms. Gierisch has the receipt from the Concho Central Appraisal District from July 7th, receipted in on the M&O \$21,249.37, I&S was \$10.91, and Lateral Road was \$4198.53.

Ms. Treadwell received another email from the gentleman with the solar farms, which she forwarded to Bob Bass, but has not received anything back. She is unable to get in contact with Mr. Bass.

Commissioner Gully said that they have been pushing material out at Ralph Willberg's place.

Commissioner Dillard said that he is still out a maintainer and needs to call the adjuster. We need to see about doing a maintenance agreement as well as a lease agreement, for the future. See about getting quotes from CASE, CAT, and John Deere.

Commissioner Gierisch has the TCEQ situation cleaned up and records sent off to them.

Ms. Helms has Judge Spoonts's Certificate of Training, for the record. See Exhibit "P".

Judge Dillard was advised by Ms. Gierisch that the county owns a repeater tower that is not insured, but insurance is going to be purchased for it.

Judge Dillard said that with budget coming up, we need to start looking at what we are going to do for a raise for the employees. Law enforcement and dispatch already received a raise two years ago, so this would not include them. Inflation has gone up to 7.2%. They are looking anywhere from a 4 to 5 percent raise. They want to try and not raise taxes to pay for raises. We just need to look at the numbers.

Judge Dillard has a legislative school in August. He stated that Senate Bill 22 is coming up as a grant for law enforcement. But in order to get that grant, you have to raise the Sheriff's salary to \$75,000 a year, but there is talk about the state only giving a one-time grant, but if you raise the Sheriff's salary, you cannot take it away. Judge Dillard is not sure what the state is going to do, but he just wants the commissioners to be aware of what is going on.

Next meeting to be held on July 25, 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 11th day of June 2023 at 11:20 a.m.

David Dillard
DAVID DILLARD, COUNTY JUDGE

Trey Bradshaw
TREY BRADSHAW, COMM., PCT #1

Eric 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

