

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LYNN

On this, the 22nd day of January, 2024, the Lynn County Commissioner's Court of Lynn County met in a Regular Called meeting at 9:30 a.m., at the regular meeting place thereof in the County Court Room in the Courthouse in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, with the following members of court, to wit:

Mike Braddock
Matt Woodley
John Hawthorne
Don Blair
Larry Durham
Karen Strickland

County Judge
Commissioner, Precinct One
Commissioner, Precinct Two
Commissioner, Precinct Three
Commissioner, Precinct Four
County Clerk and Ex Officio
Clerk of the Court

Commissioner's Woodley, Hawthorne, Blair and Judge Braddock were present, and the following member(s) absent: Commissioner Durham, constituting a quorum of the Court present, at which time the following business, among other proceedings, was had:

County Judge, Mike Braddock, started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags, and County Commissioner, Don Blair, lead the invocation.

Public Comments pertaining to agenda items

Judge Braddock gave the public an opportunity to discuss any related agenda items. No one from the public addressed the court.

Discuss and act upon Final Plat on Prairie Winds Subdivision

Judge Braddock stated the court was going to table this agenda item for a later date. He also stated that the proper paperwork was not in order.

Discuss and act upon purchase of a maintainer for Pct. 1

Commissioner Woodley stated he is asking permission from the court to purchase a maintainer for his precinct when one becomes available. Commissioner Blair made the motion and Commissioner Hawthorne seconded the motion to give Commissioner Woodley the permission to but a maintainer when once becomes available. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon \$250 donation from Poka-Lambro in December 2022

Sheriff Mason stated the check is from Poka-Lambro for the Christmas Outreach in 2022. Said the Sheriff's Office received the check December 22, 2022. Sheriff stated it was supposed to be an in and out. They only used \$108 of the \$250 for a basketball goal for a family in Wilson. Sheriff stated there is now a budget line item for Christmas Outreach, since the \$250 was deposited into the incorrect account, all the Sheriff's Office is wanting to do, is take it from the incorrect account and move it to the right

account. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding the motion to accept the \$250 donation to go into the correct budgeted line item. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon Resolution for Grant #3292108, Regional Counseling and Psychological Program

Juvenile Probation Officer, Bryant Sears spoke about the Grant #3292108 and what all the grant entails. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to accept the Resolution for Grant #3292108. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve County Finance Report

County Treasurer presented the Finance Report for the month of December 2023. Commissioner Blair made the motion and Judge Braddock seconded the motion to accept the Finance Report for the month of December 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Bonds

County Clerk, Karen Strickland stated there was no bonds to approve.

Sheriff's Office to give report

Sheriff Mason introduced the two new employees out at the Sheriff's Office. She introduced Brady Schmoker as the new deputy, said he has three years behind him, said he came from Crosby County, worked a little bit in Floydada. Sheriff then introduced her Admin, Christy Hensley, she has been part time for the Sheriff's Office for about 3 months and just went full time in January of 2024. Sheriff Mason then proceeded to give the jail count, as follows:

Total- 31

Lynn – 18

Lubbock – 13

Scurry – 1 female

Sheriff also then stated that possibly sometime this week she will be getting about 10 more inmates from Lubbock County.

Discuss and Act upon Take Home Vehicle Program for Deputy Brady Schmoker

Sheriff Mason presented the Take Home Vehicle Program for Deputy Schmoker. Chief Deputy Hester worked on the inventory for the vehicle. Deputy Schmoker does live in Lubbock and is 8.431 miles from the County line. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding the motion to accept the Take Home Vehicle Program for Deputy Schmoker. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and Act upon 2023-2024 budgeted amount for 2 trade-in vehicles

-2023 Dodge Ram police pickup with 2019 Chev Tahoe trade-in (84,679 miles)

-2023 Ford F-150 police pickup with 2016 Ford Explorer trade in (electrical and AC issues)

John Via from Frontier Dodge was here to present the proposal for the 2023 Dodge Ram with trade-in. John Via stated the 2023 police unit has been designed to be a police unit. The difference in the 2023 and a regular dodge pickup is that it is designed to idle different, comes standard 4x4 so that the unit can be taken off road, it has a heavier suspension in the front and the rear to be able to allow it to accept the roads that a civilian vehicle isn't. These vehicles also come from the factory standard without a governor on it, to be able to allow the vehicle to take on a high-speed chase. John Via also stated that Frontier Dodge was not on the Buy Board at the moment, but it would not take long to get added back to the Buy

Board. He asked the court to give him till Friday 1/26/2024, to be able to be placed on the Buy Board. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion and Commissioner Blair seconded the motion the table this agenda item until next agenda. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon SB22 Budget re-allocations for March 2024 – September 30, 2024 (6 mo)

Deadline for Grant (1/31/2024)

Sheriff Wanda Mason spoke about what she believes she needs with the SB22 funds. The salaries that are set right now are not near what she believes she needs to keep deputies employed. She stated she had another deputy come and talk to her last Thursday stating he was going to an interview for a job that pays him better than what he is getting right now. She wants to raise her bottom 4 deputies' salary to \$52,000.00, them being entry level deputies, these deputies are Harrison, Cruz, Schmoker and Huse. Sheriff stated she will have a policy in place that states as long as the Grant is given to Lynn County, their salaries will be this, but if Lynn County is not rewarded the Grant their salaries will go back to the standard salary that is set at budget time each year.

- Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to enter into executive session under section 551.072 at 10:28 AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.
- Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to exit executive session and enter back into regular session at 11:14 AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.

County Attorney, Rebekah Filley, mentioned to the court about her plan to re-allocate the SB22 funds for her office. Stated by law, she has to have a Crime Victims Advocate for misdemeanor charges. She plans on making her assistant the Crime Victims Advocate during the week and then hiring a part timer for the nights and the weekends.

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to accept the budget re-allocations for March 2024 – September 30, 2024 with SB22. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Judge Braddock stated we needed to go back to agenda item number 13. Discuss and Act upon 2023-2024 budgeted amount for 2 trade-in vehicles

-2023 Dodge Ram police pickup with 2019 Chev Tahoe trade-in (84,679 miles)

-2023 Ford F-150 police pickup with 2016 Ford Explorer trade in (electrical and AC issues), stating we can accept this, pending John Via getting Frontier Dodge on the Buy Board by 1/23/2024.

Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to bring this agenda item back on the table. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Judge Braddock stated John Via said that he could have Frontier Dodge on the Buy Board by tomorrow, 1/23/2024. The agenda item was worded incorrectly and the Sheriff's Office is wanting to get a better bid the 2016 Ford Explorer. No action was taken.

Approve and pay claims and payroll against the County

County Treasurer read off the bills to the court. Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to approve and pay the claims and payroll against the County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for future agenda

County Treasurer, asked the court if there was any who wanted to donate to Judge Follis for his brother. Any donations made will be given to the Wilson Cemetery on his behalf. Judge Braddock stated the General Land Office through SPAG has awarded Lynn County a grant that they will take care of for our Emergency Preparedness. No other discuss was made.

Adjourn or recess meeting

Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding the motion to recess the meeting until 9 AM tomorrow morning to discuss and act upon the Budget Amendments. All voted in favor, motion carried.

January 23, 2023

Consider and act upon Budget Amendments

Judge Braddock called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to resume back into session. All voted in favor, motion carried.

County Treasurer, Amy Schuknecht read off the budget amendments, as follows:

Senate Bill 22 – Sheriff’s Office

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From:	100-573-5100.11	Deputy Salary	-\$14,114.00
	100-573-5100.12	Jailer – Assistant JA	-\$16,843.00
	100-573-5100.13	Jailer 2 Salary	-\$17,562.00
	100-573-5140.00	Medicare	-\$ 416.00
	100-573-5150.00	Social Security	-\$ 1,782.00
	100-573-5160.00	Health Insurance	<u>-\$ 4,840.00</u>
		Total	-\$55,557.00
To	<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	100-573-5100.14	Chief Deputy	+\$4,333.00
	100-573-5100.15	Lieutenant Deputy	+\$3,952.00
	100-573-5100.16	Patrol Sgt	+\$3,918.00
	100-573-5100.17	Deputy	+\$2,228.00
	100-573-5100.18	Deputy	+\$2,228.00
	100-573-5100.19	Deputy	+\$1,285.00
	100-573-5100.20	Jail Administrator	+\$1,831.00
	100-573-5170.00	Retirement	+\$ 789.00
	100-573-5214	Safety Equipment	<u>\$34,993.00</u>
		Total	+\$55,557.00

Senate Bill 22 – County Attorney

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From:	100-573-5100.20	Assistant Co Attorney	-\$60,000.00
	100-573-5200	Office Supplies	<u>-\$10,000.00</u>
		Total	-\$70,000.00

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To	100-573-5100.21	Crime Victim Advocate	+\$7,500.00
	100-573-5100.22	Crime Victim Advocate 2	+\$27,500.00
	100-573-5100.23	Crime Victim Advocate 3	+\$24,500.00
	100-573-5140.00	Medicare	+\$1,226.00
	100-573-5150.00	Social Security	+\$5,239.00
	100-573-5170.00	Retirement	+\$3,786.00
	100-573-5600	Travel & Education	<u>+\$ 249.00</u>
		Total	+\$70,000.00

With an additional Budget amendment, as follows:

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Sheriff's Office</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	100-471-4716		Christmas Outreach	+\$250.00
	100-571-5511.01		Christmas Outreach	+\$250.00

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the above-described budget amendments. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Judge Braddock made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 A.M. All voted in favor, motion carried.