

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF LYNN**

On this, the 26th day of February, 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, Durham and Judge Braddock were present, and the following member(s) absent: (none), 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, John Hawthorne, lead the invocation.

**Public Comments pertaining to agenda items**

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

**Discuss and act upon allowing KMAC Television to place a SKYCAM on the Lynn County Courthouse**

Judge Braddock stated that Ron Roberts came down and visited with Judge about putting a SKYCAM on top of the courthouse. Ron Roberts stated the SKYCAM uses a real narrow bandwidth. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to place the SKYCAM on the roof of the Courthouse. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discuss and act upon approving TAC's Cybersecurity Training Course**

Judge Braddock stated we approve this contract every year. Anyone using the County computers has to take this course. It is \$5 per user. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to approve TAC's Cybersecurity Training Course. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discuss and act upon Contract for Election Services with the Lynn County Hospital District and Lynn County**

Judge Braddock and Karen Strickland, County Clerk, met with Cal Huffaker and Melanie Richburg Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the intentions of the contract with the Hospital District. The agreement now states that the Lynn County Hospital District will now hold their own elections. Meaning they will do

their own Early voting and their own election day, all Karen Strickland will have to do is just get the County's Election Vendor to program the machines for their elections, and help them set up for both Early Voting and Election Day, and they will rent the County's Election machines. Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to accept the contract for election services with the Hospital District. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discuss and act upon Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements**

Judge Braddock stated the Commissioner Court accepted the Guidelines and Criteria back in April of 2023, there was no signature page on those Guidelines. The court just needs to accept these guidelines again just with a signature page as a sign off on the Guidelines and Criteria. Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Woodley accepting the Guidelines and Criteria with a signature page. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discuss and act upon Resolution appointing Darren Walters as Officer of the Local Rabies Control**

**Authority**

Judge Braddock stated we have done this many times before, it has just always been the Animal Control Officer, and with the City of Tahoka's Animal Control Officer leaving soon and Darren Walter being over the Animal Control, it has been decided it was in the best interest to have Darren Walters as the officer. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to accept the Resolution appointing Darren Walters as Officer of the Local Rabies Control. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discuss and act upon accepting Proposal and Agreement from HUGO REED And Associates, INC. to determine right of way for Nora Road**

Judge Braddock stated this proposal and agreement is to be able to get a survey done on County Road Nora. The proposal is for \$2400.00. Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the proposal and agreement with Hugo Reed and Associates, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discuss and act upon Burn Ban**

No Action Taken

**Consider and act upon Budget Amendments**

Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer stated there is one budget amendment to approve, as follows:

Department	Account	Amount
100-527-5990	Capital Outlay	+\$55,260.00
100-527-5100.10	Salary – EMC	+\$8,201.00
100-527-5140.00	Medicare	+\$120.00
100-527-5150.00	Social Security	+\$510.00
100-527-5170.00	Retirement	+\$815.00

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to approve the budget amendments. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Approve County Finance Reports**

Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer, stated January 2024 Finance Report was to be approved. Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to approve January 2024 Finance Report. All in Favor, motion carried.

### **Approve Bonds**

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

### **Sheriff's Office to give report**

Rebeca Mckibben, Jail Administrator gave the jail count, as follows:

17 – Lubbock

19 – Lynn

36 – in house total

2 – females in Scurry County

1 – male in Lubbock County

### **Discuss and Act upon changing VendEngine to Cidnet platform for inmate phone/media – no cost to Lynn County more revenue into Lynn County – current vendor Crown/Sterling representative to speak (Anthony)**

Rebeca McKibben, and the representative for Crown/Sterling, Anthony spoke to the court about the upgrade changing to this system will be for the Lynn County Jail. This will be an amendment to the already existing contract with Crown/Sterling. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne accepting the upgrade from VendEngine to Cidnet. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Discuss and act upon SB22 allocation changes**

Sheriff Mason is asking to add a deputy 2 salary, so she is paying for 2 deputies and 2 jailers with the SB22 funds. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to accept the Sheriff's Office request of adding a second deputy with the SB22 funds. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Discuss and act upon difference of line item 2 change be subtracted from Inmate Housing Revenue overage FY 23-24.**

No Action Taken

### **Discuss and act upon change to Take Home Vehicle Program from Supervisors**

Sheriff Mason stated she wanted to change the Take Home Vehicle Program for Supervisors. The change she is requesting is that Supervisors ONLY, have the right to have their children in the patrol unit when they have custody of their children when they are called out. As is stands right now, what those Supervisors have to do is, if they have custody of their children at the time of a call, they are to load their children up on their personal vehicles, drop them off with a sitter, head back to where their unit is parked, and then head to the call. Putting them in a bind and behind on responding to the call out. With the change being requested it will cut that time in half, and they are able to respond faster. Sheriff also stated with the way the program is worded, she didn't think she had to request permission from the court to make this change, but she wanted to court to be aware of the changes. No Action was taken, due to Sheriff Mason being able to make those changes with Commissioner approval.

**Approve and pay claims and payroll against the County**

County Treasurer, Amy Schuknecht read off the bills to the court. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Durham 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 informational purposes only. No action may be taken on these except to schedule them for future agenda**

No discussion was made.

**Adjourn or recess meeting**

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 AM. All in favor, motion carried.

