

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LYNN

On this, the 9th day of October, 2023, 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

All being 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

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

Discuss and act upon Order Authorizing DIWALI Fireworks Sales

County Judge stated that this is a new holiday that the legislature has put into effect for the sales of fireworks. County Judge and Treasurer mentioned that this is a foreign holiday and a festival of lights. Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to accept the sales of fireworks for the DIWALI Holiday. Motion carried all voted in favor.

Discuss and act upon 2024 Lynn County Resolution for Indigent Defense Grant Program

Judge Braddock mentioned that this is the money that the County gets for appointing attorneys for indigent defendants. We do this every year, and we get anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to appoint attorneys for those who can not afford one. Commissioner Woodley made the motion and a second by Commissioner Hawthorne. Motion carried all voted in favor.

Discuss and act upon Resolution for Membership into The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Tammy Walker, Representative here to address Court

Tammy Walker was not able to make the meeting, so David Jones spoke in place of her. David Jones, the Executive Director for the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). David gave the history of the MPO and the whole purpose of the MPO. The MPO will assist TxDOT for the Rural areas.

Commissioner Durham made the motion and Commissioner Blair seconded that motion to accept the resolution with the MPO. Motion carried all voted in favor.

Discuss and Act upon appointing a Representative on the LCAD Board of Directors

Judge Braddock stated that Justin Bass is the only one that has showed any interest in being a representative for the LCAD Board of Director for the County and the City of Tahoka. Commissioner Woodley made the motion and Commissioner Hawthorne seconded the motion to appoint Justin Bass as the representative for the LCAD Board of Directors for the County and the City of Tahoka. Motion carried all voted in favor. Ryan Nichols stated that he needs a Resolution from the Commissioner’s Court stating they appointed Justin Bass as representative.

Consider and act upon Budget Amendments

County Treasurer stated that we have one budget amendment for Public Welfare, as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100-555-5900	Court Appt. Attny.	+\$4,735.00
100-555-5903	Indigent Defense – Criminal	+\$15,325.00

Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion and Commissioner Blair seconded the motion to approve the budget amendments. Motion carried all voted in favor.

Approve County Finance Report

County Treasurer stated that we do not have a County Finance Report to approve this month and we will not have a Finance Report until we get our audit back.

Approve Bonds

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

Sheriff’s Office to give report

Chief Deputy Hester gave an update on the inmate totals, as follows:

Lynn – 21 inmates

Lubbock – 15 inmates

Scurry – 3, Female inmate, housed out.

Total – 39 inmates

Chief Deputy Hester also gave us an annual report on the Sheriff’s Department from October 2022 – October 2023, as follows:

2,863 – Traffic Stops

2,407 – Warnings

301 – Citations

155- Arrests

219 – Reckless Driving calls

3 – Recovered Stolen Vehicles

3 – Large Property, recovered

15 – DWI’s

35-36 – Domestic Calls

3 – Mental Health Calls

10 – Attempted Life Calls
6 – SWAT call outs
22 – Major Accidents within the County / SO worked prior the DPS arriving
3 – Fatal Accidents
107 – Called in – Controlled Burns

Discuss and act upon Take Home Vehicle Program for Chief Deputy Hester (Lubbock)

Chief Deputy Hester stated that he sold his house in Hockley County and is moving into a residence in Lubbock County. From that residence in Lubbock to the County line is 11.06 miles. Commissioner Blair made the motion and Commissioner Hawthorne seconded the motion to accept the Take Home Vehicle Program from Chief Deputy Hester. Motion carried all voted in favor.

Discuss and act upon Deputy Take Home Vehicle Program for Lieutenant Hensley (Lubbock)

Chief Deputy stated that we are doing Lieutenant Hensley's Take Home Vehicle this week, because starting next week, Hensley will become full time. Hester also stated that the Sheriff's Office will have 2 Full Time Openings available next week, as of right now, it is only one, but Deputy Rocha will be leaving on the 15th of October. Hensley is 3.25 miles from the County Line. Commissioner Woodley made the motion and Commissioner Durham seconded the motion to accept the Deputy Take Home Vehicle. Motion carried all voted in favor.

Discuss and act upon accepting K-9 Narcotics Donation

Chief Deputy Hester stated to the Court there was \$120.00 donated to the K-9 Narcotics Unit. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion and Commissioner Woodley seconded the motion to accept the donation for the K-9 Narcotics Unit. Motion carried all voted in favor.

Discuss and act upon accepting SWAT Donations

Chief Deputy Hester stated to the Court there was \$330.00 donated to the SWAT Team. Commissioner Woodley made the motion and Commissioner Durham seconded the motion to accept the donations to the SWAT Team. Motion carried all voted in favor.

Approve and pay claims and payroll against the County

Commissioner Blair made the motion and Commissioner Hawthorne seconded the motion to accept and pay the claims and payroll against the County. Motion carried all voted in favor.

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 Auditor, Brenda Wilson spoke to the court about some of the offices within the County that are not doing their bank reconciliations timely and now that the external auditors came, they noticed. Brenda stated that she has told every office that they need to do their reconciliations monthly, and do not fall behind. She also stated that some of the offices are not getting her the monthly reports that she needs.

Adjourn or recess meeting

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with a second from Commissioner Hawthorne to adjourn the meeting 10:18 a.m. Motion carried all voted in favor.