

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LYNN

On this, the 27th day of December, 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

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.

2. 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.

3. Discuss and act upon the audit with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L. L. P. for 2022-2023

Tyler with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss spoke about the audit for Lynn County for the FY 2022-2023. He stated everything was good for the fiscal year for the County. Commissioner Woodley made the motion, with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the audit from Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L. L. P. for 2022-2023 All voted in favor, motion carried.

4. Discuss and act upon Burn Ban

No action was taken, Burn Ban will stay off.

5. Consider and act upon Budget Amendments

Amy Schuknecht stated there was one budget amendment for the Sheriff’s Office, as follows:

Department	Account	Amount
100-471-4716	Christmas Outreach	+\$350.00
100-571-5511.01	Christmas Outreach	+\$350.00

Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding that motion to accept the budget amendment. All voted in favor, motion carried.

6. Approve County Finance Report

Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer presented November 2023 Finance Report. Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding that motion to accept the November 2023 Finance Report. All voted in favor, motion carried.

7. Approve Bonds

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

Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with a second by Commissioner Blair to enter into Executive Session under Section 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations) at 9:49 AM, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding that motion to adjourn Executive Session and enter back into regular session at 10:50 AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.

8. Sheriff's Office to give report

Jail Administrator, Rebeca McKibben, gave the Jail Count, as follows:

Total – 41

Lynn – 20

Lubbock – 20

1 inmate housed out in Lubbock County, trade for an inmate from Lubbock County housed in Lynn County.

Rebeca also stated, she has 1 inmate waiting to be picked up for TDCJ. She stated she had the Jail Fire Inspection done, she ended up receiving a yellow tag, due to there not being a cage on the red fire sensor. She is getting that fixed, she will then receive her White Flag, and she will pass the inspection. Chief Deputy Derek Hester stated the Sheriff's office helped 7 families this Christmas with gifts that were donated during the Toy Drive. He also stated there will be extra forces out on New Year's Eve to help protect the County.

9. Discuss and Act upon accepting donation to Annual Toy Drive - \$100.00 cash with letter from Mitch/Meridith Elrod

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding that motion to accept the \$100.00 cash donation to Annual Toy Drive. All voted in favor, Motion Carried.

10. Discuss and Act upon Take Home Vehicle Program for Deputy Steven Cruz

Chief Deputy Hester presented the Take Home Vehicle Program for Deputy Steven Cruz. Stated he has completed his FTO Phase with the Sheriff's Office and The Sheriff's Office feels confident to let him out on his own, his first day on Patrol by himself will be January 3rd on nightshift. Steven lives 8.10 miles outside the county line. Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to accept the Take Home Vehicle Program for Deputy Steven Cruz. All Voted in Favor, Motion Carried.

11. Approve and pay claims and payroll against the county for Agenda 12/11/2023

Judge Braddock stated the claims and payroll were read off last Commissioners Court but no motion was made to accept them, so Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne

seconding the motion to accept and pay claims and payroll against the county for agenda 12/11/2023. All voted in favor, Motion carried.

12. Approve and pay claims and payroll against the county

Commissioner Blair made the motion, with Commissioner Woodley seconding that motion to accept and pay claims and payroll against the County. All voted in favor, Motion carried.

13. 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.

Amy Schuknecht stated she will be out of the office all next week beginning Monday, January 1, 2024 – Friday January 5, 2024. If anyone needs anything to direct everything to her deputy Kenzie. Judge Braddock stated he contacted Allison Bass about our Precinct Maps for Voting Precincts and Commissioner Precincts. Judge Braddock stated what he was going to try and do was to get those maps added to the County Website.

14. Adjourn or recess meeting.

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding that motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 AM. All voted in favor, Motion carried