

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LYNN

On this, the 12th 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, Blair and Judge Braddock were present, and the following member(s) absent: Commissioner Hawthorne and 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, Matt Woodley, 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 Final Plat on Prairie Winds Subdivision

Danielle Sartini with Clayton Mobile Homes presented the Dedication Deed and Final Plat for Prairie Winds. Judge Braddock asked Zach Holbrook if he had looked over everything and gave the approval on the final plat and Zach said he had approved and stamped the final plat. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to approve and accept the Final Plat on Prairie Winds Subdivision. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon adding Subdivision Review Guidelines and Certificate of Conference from SPPHD to our existing application process

Zach Holbrook spoke to the court about the additions to our existing application process for subdivision. Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding the motion to accept adding the review guidelines and certificate to the application process for Lynn County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon accepting Resolution for SB22 – Rural Prosecutor’s Office Grant

Judge Braddock spoke about the resolution stating he did not know if it was necessary for the Prosecutor’s office to pass a resolution but stated he wanted to make sure the Prosecutor’s office was covered under the SB22 Grant. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the resolution for the Rural Prosecutor’s Office Grant. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon accepting Resolution for SB22 – Sheriff’s Office Grant

Judge Braddock stated the Sheriff’s Office Resolution was the same as the Prosecutor’s Office resolution except that the County Judge and Commissioner’s Court has the final say on the expenditures. Judge also stated that if the funds are misused, the County will return full funds. County Judge, Mike Braddock made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding the motion to accept the Resolution for SB22 – Sheriff’s Office Grant. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon Contract for Election Services with Tahoka ISD and Lynn County

Karen Strickland, County Clerk stated Linda Lennon got in touch with her and asked if she would be open to contracting with Tahoka ISD for the May 4th Election, this year. Karen stated she sent off the contract and Linda got it signed by the school board. Karen stated she has contracted with them before. Judge Braddock asked if Karen was furnishing people to work the election, Karen said she has Carson Lehmann, Sara Alvarado, and Debbie Sanders to work it, which they are always her Tahoka Precinct Election workers. Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding the motion to accept the Contract for Election Services with Tahoka ISD and Lynn County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

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

Karen Strickland, County Clerk, stated it was the same contract as what was accepted for Tahoka ISD but that the Hospital is considered a Political Entity within the County and they do not have to go by the County’s Voting Precincts, per the election code stated in the contract. Melanie had stated at the beginning she wanted a polling place in every city in Lynn County, but Karen told her that she was going to have to find worker because she struggles to find workers for the County elections. Karen then stated that she had a meeting with Cal Huffaker and both Melanie and Cal stated they wanted to have the Board of Director’s Election at the Hospital. Karen said that if that was the route they wanted to go, then they had to find their election workers. Per an email from Melaine that was received by Karen on Saturday, Melaine has gathered up 5 people to work the election, BUT 2 of those 5 works for the hospital. Judge Braddock asked if it was a conflict of interest to have these elections at the Hospital. Karen said she does not think there is a conflict with them having the election at the Hospital, but having people that work for the hospital help with the election, she thinks might be a conflict. Karen said she told Cal that it might be a conflict. Karen also stated that the Hospital has two contracts. The contract being spoken about today was for the Board of Directors, she has not yet received that contract for the Bond Election. Judge Braddock made the motion and Commissioner Woodley seconded the motion to table the contract until next meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon Contract for Election Services with City of Tahoka and Lynn County

Karen Strickland, County Clerk, stated the City of Tahoka got in touch with her to have her be the contracting entity for the City Council Election in May. Commissioner Blair made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding the motion to accept the contract for Election Services with City of Tahoka and Lynn County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon approving Service Agreement with TAC CIRA

Judge Braddock spoke about the Servicing Agreement with TAC CIRA. TAC CIRA is who takes care of our website and emails for the County. We sign a contract with TAC CIRA every year. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to approve Service Agreement with TAC CIRA. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon Fire Contract Agreement with the City of New Home and County of Lynn FY2024

Judge Braddock stated the City of New Home has sent in the signed contract for FY 2024 between City of New Home and Lynn County. Lynn County pays New Home \$1625.00/annually. Judge Braddock made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding the motion to accept the Fire Contract. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon Fire Contract Agreement with the City of Tahoka and County of Lynn FY2024

Judge Braddock stated he had the signed contract from the City of Tahoka. Lynn County pays the City of Tahoka \$16,000.00/annually. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the Fire Contract. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss and act upon Burn Ban

No Action Taken.

Discuss and act upon Order prohibiting certain fireworks during Texas Independence Day

No Action Taken.

Discuss and act upon authorizing Texas Independence Day Fireworks Sale

No Action Taken.

Consider and act upon Budget Amendments

County Treasurer, Amy Schuknecht stated there were no budget amendments to approve.

Approve County Finance Report

County Treasurer, Amy Schuknecht stated there was not a County Finance Report to approve.

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 – Lynn County Inmates

19 – Lubbock County Inmates

- 1 – Floyd County Inmate
- 37 – In House Inmate Totals
- 2 – Females in Scurry County
- 1 – Male in Lubbock County
- 40 – Total in all

2 male inmates are waiting for TDCJ to pick them up and 1 male is waiting for State Jail.

Discuss and act upon Sheriff's Office to purchase a 2024 Dodge RAM Police pick-up

Sheriff Mason started off the discussion with asking the Commissioner's Court if they have decided if the purchase price of \$55,000.00 was good with the exception of the new Emergency Management Coordinator adding a wench to the back of the pick-up? Judge Braddock stated that what was going to happen today was the agreeance of the purchase price of \$55,000.00 for the vehicle with no trade in. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to purchase the 2024 Dodge Ram Police Pick-up for \$55,000.00, funds coming out of the general fund. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Approve and pay claims and payroll against the County

County Treasurer, Amy Schuknecht read off the bills to the court. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair 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

Judge Braddock let the court know that there was going to be a Natural Gas Line come through the County that is going to be crossing 16 county roads. Judge Braddock said he asked for a map to be sent to him so that he knows where the gas line is going to be and which county roads are to be affected.

Adjourn or recess meeting

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion at adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. All voted in favor, motion carried.