

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF LYNN**

On this, the 8th day of April, 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, Matt Woodley, lead the invocation.

**2. 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.

**3. Discuss and act upon Interlocal Cooperation Contract FTA for Justice Courts Pct. 1 & 4**

Christie Olivan, Judge for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace, spoke about the Interlocal Cooperation Contract FTA. She stated that is a contract that has to be renewed every 5 years. Commissioner Durham made to the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the Interlocal Cooperation Contract FTA. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**4. Discuss LCHD Bond, Possible Memory Unit and Letter of Support with CEO Melanie Richburg**

Melanie Richburg started off the discussion with the Letter of Support. She is requesting through the congressional direct spending through Arrington’s Office to get 3 million dollars to get a 16 bed Memory Care Unit on the campus right by Lynnwood which will have emergency power and addition have emergency power to Lynnwood in an event that Lynnwood loses power. The cap was 3 million dollars, so that is what they are going to ask for. The assessment of the 16 bed Memory Care Unit comes in right at 2 million dollars, which the assessment was taken 2 years ago. This is going to be treated like a grant, so there is no additional money needed to be raised and or asked for. It will be treated similar to USDA grants. Commissioner Woodley asked what would be the use of the unit? Melaine stated it would be a

facility that would be in use if the level of care exceeds the level of care in Lynnwood. Judge Braddock asked when Melaine says memory what all does it pertain to. Melaine stated that it can pretty much mean anything that raises their skills, like if they can't take their own medication, or need help being fed or anything like that. Melanie also stated that this will create about 20 new jobs. The Memory Care Unit will be where the courtyard is now next to Lynnwood. Melanie then moved the discussion over to the Bond Election. Stated the bond is going to be for 23 million dollars. Melaine said they have been working for about 4 years, even before COVID to build a new Emergency Room and expand and update the facility to make all of the rooms private and the bathrooms wheelchair and walker accessible. Melaine stated in order to secure a bond, the hospital has to have Community Support and Community backing. The Bond is for a new Emergency Room and Fast Track Clinic, build 11 new rooms that will be private occupancy. It will also have bariatric capability, for those that weigh over 300 pounds, also take the existing rooms that are there and make those into private rooms with wheelchair and walker accessible bathrooms. Also, on the East side of the unit, they are going to make 4 new ICU type patient rooms. The Bond will hold a 3.7% and taxes will increase about .15 cents.

**5. Discuss and act upon Burn Ban**

No action taken

**6. Consider and act upon Budget Amendments**

No Budget Amendments to approve

**7. Approve County Finance Report**

No County Finance Report to approve

**8. Approve Bonds**

No bonds to approve

**9. Sheriff's Office to give report**

Sheriff Wanda Mason gave the jail count, as follows:

38 – Total inmates housed

18 – Lubbock

20 – Lynn

1 female housed in Scurry

1 male housed in Lubbock

**10. Discuss and act upon donation to LCSO K-9 program from West Texas Practical Shooters of \$3,050.00**

Sheriff Mason and Deputy Thornton presented the donation. Deputy Thornton is a member of the West Texas Practical Shooters club. Stated it is a non-profit organization and a 5013C. They started this program for the Lynn County Sheriff's Office back in November. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to accept the donation of \$3,050.00. All voted in favor, motion carried.

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

Commissioner Woodley made the motion and Commissioner Hawthorne seconded the motion to accept and pay the claims and payroll against the County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

- Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to enter into Executive Session under Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) at 10:00AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.
- Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to adjourn Executive Session and enter back into regular session at 10:44 AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**12. Discuss and possible take action upon appointing an individual to fill the vacancy of the office of Lynn County Tax Assessor.**

No action taken

**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.**

Courtney Odom, District Clerk, stated she hired Joanna Saldana to fulfill her part time opening, said she is working out great and that she will be working on getting caught up on CJIS.

Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer, stated she has new insurance cards for everyone that drives a county vehicle.

**13. Adjourn or recess meeting**

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:47AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.