

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES COUNTY OF FALLS

COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2024

1. Proof of posting of notice in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code (Vernon's Texas Codes Ann. 1994) as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.
Proof of posting was requested by Judge Elliott. Sharon Scott, Deputy County Clerk responded that the agenda was posted at both the north and south doors of the Courthouse, as well as on the bulletin board on the second floor.
2. Public comments.
None.
3. Elected official reports.
None.
4. Discussion and/or action concerning American Rescue Plan.
None.
5. Report given by Jay Kingston, District Extension Director Central District 8 for our annual Texas A&M AgriLife Extension interpretation.
Mr. Kingston informed the Commissioners of the past year's activities and events, as well as upcoming events. His talk was accompanied with a colorful handout with more details. He also informed the group that there would be a seminar in Stephenville where they might obtain CEUs.
6. Discussion and/or action concerning approval of purchase of backpacks for 2nd Annual Family Health and Back to School Expo in Chilton.
Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Green moved to approve the purchase; Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.
7. Discussion and/or action concerning Premier Broadband applying for Texas Boot 2 grant.
Chris Dill, account executive, of Premier Broadband presented a handout, as well as a brief discussion of the plans for this area. No actions were taken.
8. Discussion and/or action concerning agreement between Falls County and Mundo & Associates, Planning/Engineering TPWD Grant: Boating Access Ramp- Falls on the Brazos Park.
A map of the proposed improvements to the boat ramps with some changes were discussed, as well as the time frame for the Planning. Because the Army Corps of Engineers is also involved in this planning, it will require some additional time for the completed plan. It should be ready by June of next year. The Judge said there will be a minimum requirement of twenty parking spaces. Commissioner Wuebker moved to accept the agreement" Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried.
9. Discussion and/or action concerning Imposition of Optional Fees 2025.
The Commissioners agreed to maintain the \$10 fee they have been charging. Commissioner Green moved to select Option A with no change. Commissioner Wuebker seconded. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and/or action concerning burn ban and allowing for exemption for any burns supervised by an authorized Volunteer Fire Department.
The commissioners discussed the current fire danger index, and noted Emergency Management was requesting that a burn ban be instituted, *Motion by FA Green, second Jason Willberg motion passed.*
11. Discussion and/or action concerning approval of the purchase of lasers, hardware, software, warranties, and training with Sheriff SB22 Grant funds.
Commissioner Green moved to approve the purchase with SB22 grant funds. Commissioner Wuebker seconded. Motion carried.
12. Discussion and/or action concerning two copy machines for Sheriff's Office.
Following a brief discussion that the current contracts for the Xerox copy machines are about to end, and these new ones would be replacements. Commissioner Wuebker moved to approve the purchase. Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried.
13. Discussion and/or action concerning Interlocal Agreement for Assessment and Collection of Taxes.
None.
14. Review and discussion of Road and Bridge precinct work reports, including Administrator's progress report.
Jeff Jackson began his report with the information regarding the lease of the Mower Max. The lease would be annual over four years. From the company, the interest rate would be 6.2%, with an annual payment of \$70,873.14. Cadence Bank has offered a 5.78% rate, making the annual payment \$70,028.84. Commissioner Green moved to approve the lease through Cadence Bank. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Jeff remarked that there was very little left in his budget. He had looked at a haul truck and belly tractor – a 2007 Freightliner. The cost would be \$36,213.64, but it is not in his current budget. Commissioner Wuebker moved to use the amount from her budgeted insurance amount, which will be around \$8,000, and use whatever is not covered by that amount from the equipment line item. Commissioner Green seconded. The motion was amended to issue the check whenever Jeff informs the auditor's office that he is ready to make the purchase. Jeff also noted that his foreman is still in the hospital. There is a meeting tomorrow with FEMA at 10:00 a.m.. Although they have most of the information with GPS coordinates downloaded, they haven't got the GPS for all of the debris yet.
15. Discussion and/or action concerning the approving of payment of bills, including reimbursements, late charges, the transfer of cash or funds from any line item or departments to another, book transfers and any budget amendments; including but not limited to discussion and action concerning department or non-departmental items with line items that go past their budgeted amounts. Commissioner Green moved approve the payments. Commissioner Wuebker seconded. Motion carried.
16. Discussion and/or action concerning 2024-2025 budget including anticipated income and expenses; the Falls County Detention Center; departmental line items; all funds, including general fund and Farm-to-Market Lateral Road Fund, upcoming year's Appraisal District Budget; fees for processing payroll; and as relevant, what County shall charge school districts for assessing and collecting taxes, and/or other services; and other matters concerning said budget, including budget requests from any elected official, or office heads.
Discussion regarding typos on previous budget-working documents were discussed, and noted as corrected on the current paperwork. It was decided that no major changes were required, Georgie would make changes based on current data the next time we meet. Next date for budget workshop (August 19) was cancelled since there seems to be no need.
17. Approval of minutes of prior meetings of Commissioner's Court.
Commissioner Wuebker moved to approve the August 8 minutes with no changes, and no a correction on Item 16 to change the word "om" to "one" to July 22. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

18. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Signed this 26th day of August 2024.



Jay T. Elliott County Judge



F. A. Green, Commissioner Pct. #2



Nita Wuebker, Commissioner Pct. #4



Milton Albright, ~~Judge~~



Jason Willberg, Commissioner Pct. #3



Sharon Scott, Deputy County Clerk