

# COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

July 26, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 26th day of July, 2021 with the following members present: Judge Stephanie L. Davis, presiding; Gary "Corky" Underwood, Commissioner Precinct #1; Russell Gillette, Commissioner Precinct #2; Sherman Sides, Commissioner Precinct #3 and Jimmy Dale Johnson Commissioner Precinct #4.

Judge Stephanie L. Davis opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Commissioner Underwood gave the invocation.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Commissioner Court Meeting as presented. All approved. Motion passed.

Public Comments; None

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to approve an employee compensation adjustment for the County Court Coordinator/Judges Assistant due to completion of the probation period. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to approve a salary increase for Precinct #3 employees of \$1 per hour to make their salary comparable with the other precinct's employees effective the last week of September, 2021. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the purchase of a 2006 MACK Truck, Vin # 1M1AK06Y16N012651, from Troy Davis, Inc. for the purchase price of \$25,000 for Precinct #3. All approved. Motion passed.

The proposed FY 2022-2023 budget for the 220<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department was reviewed. Comanche County does not set their budget, they are State of Texas employees. The County is only required to provide office space.

Commissioner Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve the proposed FY2022-2023 Budget for the 220th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department. All approved. Motion passed.

Members of the Salary Grievance Committee were selected. Each year before the County budget is set a 9-member Salary Grievance Committee is selected to hear any grievance filed by an elected official who has a salary grievance. The committee is drawn by lot from the list of persons who served on the Grand Jury during the past year.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the following to serve on the Salary Grievance Committee; Alan Wade Pyburn, Linda Lee McKeehan, Patresa Duran Gilbert, Gwendolyn May Davis, Brandi Ackerman, Wesley Henry, Tracy Coan, Rhonda Auvenshine and Cynthia Crownover. Alternates; Randy Lynn Green, Matt Allen Collum, Shondra Auvenshine and Frank Volleman. Commissioner Gillette made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

The Interlocal Agreement between Comanche County and the Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation will expire September 30, 2021. This agreement oversees and provides defense services for indigent defendants in criminal cases where the death penalty is being sought. The fee of \$5,760 for the renewed agreement will remain the same.

Commissioner Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the FY 22/23 made by and between the Regional Public Defender Office, Local Government Corporation and Comanche County. All approved. Motion passed.

No action was taken to grant a waiver to the Housing Authority of the City of DeLeon for the payment in Lieu of Taxes (Pilot) for fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to authorize Patsy Phifer, County Treasurer to update signature cards for the Agency on Aging Account at the Farmers & Merchants Bank. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to approve the closure to the Courthouse to the public at Noon on Friday, August 6, 2021 or an alternate date if there is a scheduling problem, due to computer and internet repairs. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve the Komatsu minor revisions to the Courthouse and Old Cora Master Plans as recommended by the Texas Historical Commission. All approved. Motion passed.

The Texas A & M University Community Planning Core Group plan to be in the County to attend the Peach and Melon festivities.

There are no updates for the Annex at 215 N. Houston.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette will meet July 28, 2021 with a representative from CCMC to discuss rent Comanche County may owe for the space they are using at the CCMC property at 211 S. Austin.

There are 27 active cases of Corona Virus in the County at last update.

There are no updates for the Corona Virus Relief Fund Grant (Cares Act).

There are no changes have been made to the Administrative COVID-19 leave policy.

The Courthouse Corona Virus Policies and procedures remain in effect.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to enter an order to enact a Burn Ban effective July 26, 2021 thru August 24, 2021. All approved. Motion passed.

There is no update on the FEMA projects.

Sheriff Pounds had no update for Sheriff and Jail Operations.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to approve Officer's Reports as presented. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to enter an Order to approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Report for the period of April thru June 2021. The total amount of cash and investments in the custody of the County Treasurer for this period was \$10,401,713.87. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the budget amendments to the county budget. All approved. Motion passed.

There are no Emergency Amendments to the budget.

Commissioner Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment there of in the amount of \$592,274.98. All approved. Motion passed.

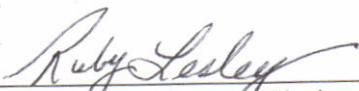
Steven Gillette, Comanche City Volunteer Fire Department served as spokesman for the seven fire departments in the county concerning their budgets. Gillette reported County fire departments that have been helping with the California fires will be returning to Comanche County. An effort is being made to recruit volunteer fire fighters to train and serve in the county. All departments need updated equipment. Application has been for grants. Gillette expressed concern for increased fire danger with the establishment of new subdivisions going into the rural areas of the county. The new residents will be coming from a city environment and will not understand the fire hazards in the rural areas, response time needed to get to a fire or lack of water sources. The VFD's budget will be considered during a later budget workshop.

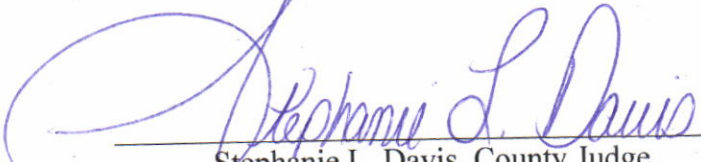
Budget request for the seven volunteer fire departments were presented. They are requesting a 15% increase in the contribution the county makes. The departments were asked to submit their expenses for the previous year.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 26th day of July, 2021 with a motion by Commissioner Sides and a second by Commissioner Gillette. All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 2nd day of August, 2021.

Attest:

  
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Ruby Lesley, County Clerk

  
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Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge