

THE STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

MARCH TERM 2022

COUNTY OF MONTAGUE

REGULAR SESSION

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 28TH day of March, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Court of Montague County, Texas met at a regular meeting with the following present:

Kevin Benton	County Judge	Roy Darden	Commissioner Precinct 1
Mike Mayfield	Commissioner Precinct 2	Mark Murphey	Commissioner Precinct 3
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AUDIO

The meeting was called to order by Judge Benton Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Judge Benton.

#22-057-PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one to speak

#22-058-CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for the 03/14/22 Regular meeting
MONTHLY REPORTS
PAY CLAIMS
APPROVAL OF PAYROLL
TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-059-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THAT APRIL 2022 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN MONTAGUE COUNTY; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

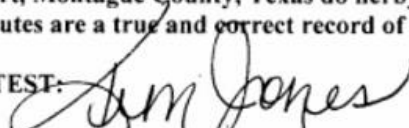
Austin Wright read the Proclamation aloud and also discussed the new HB567 bill, noting that it has decreased the removals in the last 3 to 4 months of child abuse victims and CPS is suffering due to legislation.

Motion from Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve a Proclamation proclaiming that April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Montague County.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

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#22-060-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES PROPERTY RENEWAL QUESTIONNAIRE; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve Texas Association of Counties Property Renewal Questionnaire and give Judge Benton authorization to sign.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-061-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPDATES TO MONTAGUE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Jennifer Fenoglio, County Treasurer discussed adding paid quarantine leave (HB2073), military leave (HB1589), longevity pay and returning to work to the personnel policy to be in compliance.

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to add paid quarantine leave (HB2073), military leave (HB1589), longevity pay and return to work to the personnel policy and give authorization for the Commissioner's and Judge Benton to sign.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

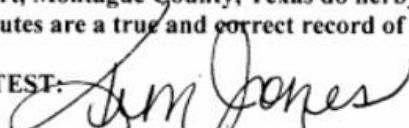
#22-062-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACCEPTING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE OF \$300.00 FROM DAVID AND MARIE DOOLEY; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve for the Sheriff's Office to accept unanticipated revenue of \$300.00 from David and Marie Dooley and put into Auto Repair line item.

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#22-063-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDER AND NOTICE OF THE MAY 24, 2020 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve Order and Notice of the May 24, 2022 Primary Runoff Election.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-064-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ADDITIONAL JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CHARLES LANIER, GRANT MANAGER; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve the additional job description for Charles Lanier, Grant Manager. Charles Lanier will be backup to IT Director, Jessica Moster, in case of emergency to ensure that cybersecurity issues will be handled.

Commissioner Langford-For
Commissioner Murphey-For
Commissioner Darden-For
Commissioner Mayfield-Against

Motion Carried

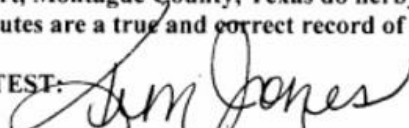
#22-065-DISCUSS AND ELECTING TO UTILIZE THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE FOR DETERMINING LOST REVENUE FROM THE ARPA STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROJECTS; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Langford to utilize the standard allowance to spend on government services through the period of performance for determining lost revenue from the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and will discuss possible projects at a later date.

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#22-066-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY STORM DAMAGE DISPOSAL; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield for the approval of Rolloff Solutions dumpsters to be used for the storm damage disposal until April 9, 2022 and invoice to be paid from the CARES Grant. Will re-evaluate after April 9, 2022 if need dumpsters for longer amount of time.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-067-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ONE-TIME FUEL STIPEND TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO COVER RISING FUEL COSTS; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield to give one-time stipend to fire departments to cover rising fuel costs. The stipend will be as follows: Bowie Rural, Nocona Rural and Saint Jo Fire Departments will receive \$7,500.00 each and the other nine fire departments which consists of Bowie City FD, Forestburg VFD, Montague VFD, Nocona City VFD, Nocona Hills VFD, Oak Shores VFD, Ringgold VFD, Stoneburg VFD and Sunset VFD will receive \$5000.00 each.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-068-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING REPLAT IN PCT #2 AT SILVER LAKES RANCH PHASE SEVEN LOTS 549 AND 553, RESULTING LOT NUMBER TO BE KNOWN AS 549R; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

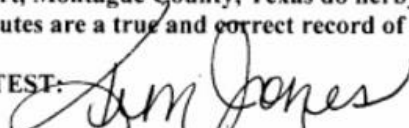
Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve replat in Pct #2 at Silver Lakes Ranch Phase Seven Lots 549 and 553, resulting Lot number to be known as 549R.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-069-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

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Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Darden to table this item.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-070-EXECUTIVE SESSION, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT, CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON'S TEXAS CODES, ANOTATED DELIBERATION REGARDING (1) THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF THE COUNTY'S SEWER/SEPTIC INSPECTOR, (2) THE DUTIES OF THE COUNTY'S SEWER/SEPTIC INSPECTOR, (3) AS WELL AS EVALUATING THE DUTIES OF THE INTERIM SEWER/SEPTIC INSPECTOR; FOLLOWING THE CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION, COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL RECONVENE IN OPEN AND PUBLIC SESSIONS AND TAKE ANY SUCH NECESSARY ACTION AS MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED DELIBERATIONS.

Executive Session started @ 10:15 a.m.

Regular Session reconvened @ 11:10 a.m.

Motion from Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to continue Bob Hammonds as Temporary Sewer/Septic Inspector until June 1, 2022 and give a temporary stipend of \$1000.00 per month to be taken from the CARES grant.

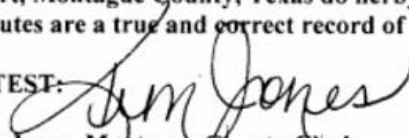
All Voted For
Motion Carried

Motion from Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to immediately approve Commissioner Mike Mayfield to take over the Complaints position and give him authorization to use any County resources at no added salary until June 1, 2022.

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Motion Carried

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Motion from Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Darden to accept applications for Sewer/Septic Inspector from March 30,2022 through close of business April 8, 2022. All applicants need apply through Human Resource Department and have their District Representative license attached. Commissioner Mike Mayfield, Commissioner Mark Murphey and Auditor, Jennifer Essary will make up a panel that will set up interviews at a later date.

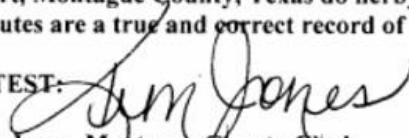
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Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Darden to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned @11:10 a.m.

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