

THE STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

APRIL TERM 2022

COUNTY OF MONTAGUE

REGULAR SESSION

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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.

#22-085-PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one to speak

[#22-086-CONSENT AGENDA](#)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for the 04/11/22 Regular meeting

MONTHLY REPORTS

PAY CLAIMS

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

All Voted For
Motion Carried

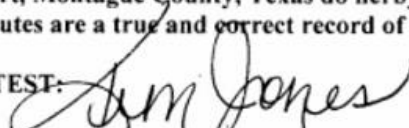
#22-087-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING A LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR MONTAGUE COUNTY; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve Dr. Chance Dingler to local Health Authority for Montague County.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

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#22-088-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER HIRING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING TO REPLACE RETIRING STAFF MEMBER IN THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR’S OFFICE; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Tax-Assessor Collector, Kathy Phillips spoke on behalf of her office needing additional help for the transition of when Deputy Brenda Doshier retires in July 2022, and also for 1 month salary of \$4500.00

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve hiring additional personnel for training to replace retiring staff member in the Tax Assessor-Collector’s Office and funds be taken from contingency line item and transfer into salary line item.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-089-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MONTAGUE COUNTY, TEXAS AND MONTAGUE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

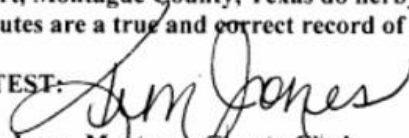
Marcus Thomerson from Montague County Amateur Radio Club discussed on how the radio tower on FM455 would be repurposed and how this MOU would allow them to increase their coverage and also be a backup if needed.

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Montague County, Texas and Montague County Radio Club and give authorization for Judge Benton to sign.

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#22-090-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASING AN AFIX SYSTEM FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Chief Deputy Jack Lawson, spoke on behalf of needing a better In-House Fingerprinting System for the Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Lawson gave two separate options for the Silver System. Montague County could either pay outright \$25,000.00 with a \$4500.00 yearly maintenance fee (a total of \$29,500.00 initially) or have a 3- year contract and a yearly maintenance fee of \$7500.00. Also, Clay and Archer counties would also be able to use the system and split the cost where Montague County would only be responsible for 49%.

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve purchasing an AFIX System for the Sheriff’s Office with a 3-year contract and yearly maintenance fee of \$7500.00 and take from the CARES ACT.

Voted For
Commissioner Langford
Commissioner Murphey

Voted Against
Commissioner Mayfield

Motion Carried

#22-091-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASING OF GRAYKEY, CELLHAWK, AND CELLBRITE SYSTEMS AND ONGOING SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR SHERIFF’S OFFICE; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Investigator Chris Hamilton, District Attorney Casey Polhemus, Chief Deputy Jack Lawson and Deputy Ethan Romine discussed each of the programs and what purpose the use of each one would be with helping with investigations. Examples being: unlocking cell phones (passwords, etc.), producing raw data, gathering information and putting the information in a form that can be read. They also discussed the initial fee for set up would be \$11,855.01 with an annual fee of \$6100.00. The total being \$32,945.01 for the first year. The District Attorney’s Office would be responsible for the annual fees after the first year. Deputy Ethan Romine also stated that there was also a non-profit, Operationl Underground Railroad that may be able to help with the cost.

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the purchasing of Graykey, Cellhawk, and Cellbrite Systems with the total being \$32,945.01 and funds to be taken from the CARES ACT and also with a written policy on who the users would be.

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Voted For
Commissioner Langford
Commissioner Murphey

Voted Against
Commissioner Mayfield

Motion Carried

#22-092-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPLICATION AND ORDER FOR PERMIT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY BORE IN PCT #2 FOR EOG RESOURCES, INC; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the application and Order for permit of right-of-way bore in Pct #2 for EOG Resources, Inc.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-093-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FROM EOG RESOURCES, INC FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY BORE IN PCT #2; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to accept unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$500.00 from EOG Resources, Inc. for right-of-way bore in Pct #2.

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#22-094-DISCUSS AND APPROVING ACCEPTING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE FOR SELLING SCRAP IRON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$831.80 IN PCT #2 TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to accept unanticipated revenue for selling scrap iron in the amount of \$831.80 in Pct #2 and donating to Bowie Mission.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-095-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING REPLAT IN PCT #4 BONITA OAKS RANCH LOTS 15 AND 16, RESULTING TO BE KNOWN AS LOT 15R; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield to approve replat in Pct #4 Bonita Oaks Ranch Lots 15 and 16, resulting to be known as Lot 15R.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-096-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OPENING AND ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR EMULSIFIED ASPHALT AND PRIME OIL; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to accept sealed bid from Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. for emulsified asphalt and prime oil.

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#22-097-EXECUTIVE SESSION, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT, CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON’S TEXAS CODES, ANOTATED DELIBERATION REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE POSITION OF THE COUNTY’S SEWER/SEPTIC INSPECTOR; FOLLOWING THE CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION, COMMISSIONER’S 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 @10:12 a.m.

REGULAR SESSION reconvened @ 10:27 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to appoint Mike Preuninger to Montague County Sewer/Septic Inspector starting June 1, 2022. The set amount of conventional sewer systems to be \$410.00 and aerobic sewer systems to be \$510.00. The Inspector will also file his permits with the County Clerk’s Office before the 5th of each month for the previous month.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#22-098-BUDGET WORKSHOP

Commissioner Mark Murphey leave as is for now
Commissioner Mike Mayfield leave as is for now

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

Meeting adjourned @ 10:30 a.m.

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