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IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

AUGUST TERM 2023

COUNTY OF MONTAGUE

REGULAR SESSION

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AUDIO

The meeting was called to order by Judge Kevin Benton.  
Invocation.

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

#23-173-PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Murphey relayed thank you message from Karen Teague from the Nocona Library Reading Program for the money they have received from Montague County. The Build-A-Bear Program was a big hit and had record attendance.

#23-174 -CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for the 07/24/23 Regular Meeting, 08/07/23 Called Meeting & 08/07/23 Called Meeting  
MONTHLY REPORTS  
PAY CLAIMS  
APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

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

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

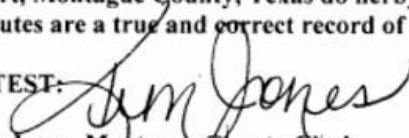
#23-175-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MONTAGUE COUNTY 2024 HOLIDAYS; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve Montague County 2024 Holidays.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

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#23-176-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SHERIFF’S OFFICE ACCEPTING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE OF \$1,593.00 FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield to accept unanticipated revenue of \$1,593.00 from Law Enforcement Partners and put in Law Enforcement supplies.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

[#23-177](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RELEASING \$27,911.99 FROM THE NEW RADIO TOWER INSTALLATION ARPA FUNDING; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve releasing \$27,911.99 from the new radio tower installation ARPA funding.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

[#23-178](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PAYING CENTURY WEATHERPROOFING \$12,000.00 FROM ARPA TO INSTALL 8’ SECURITY FENCE, AREA OF 50’ X 75’, AROUND THE NEW TOWER IN FORESTBURG; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve paying Century Weatherproofing \$12,000.00 from ARPA to install 8’ security fence, area of 50’x 75’, around the new tower in Forestburg.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

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#23-179-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PAYING JAMES LANE PLUMBING \$1,122.50 FROM ARPA FOR COST OVERRUN FOR PLUMBING IN THE COURTHOUSE; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve paying James Lane Plumbing \$1,122.50 from ARPA for cost overrun for plumbing in the Courthouse.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

#23-180-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDER OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND JOING ELECTION; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

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

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

#23-181-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER HIRING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING TO REPLACE STAFF MEMBER LEAVING THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE AND PAY FROM SURPLUS; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve hiring additional personnel for training to replace staff member leaving the County Clerk’s Office and pay from surplus.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

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#23-182-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPDATES TO THE MONTAGUE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Langford to table this item.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

[#23-183](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING THE MONTAGUE COUNTY PREMIUM ONLY PLAN; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve adopting the Montague County Premium Only Plan and give Judge Benton authorization to sign.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

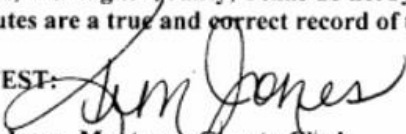
[#23-184](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE MONTAGUE COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the Montague County Investment Policy with no changes taking effect.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

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[#23-185](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING JUDGE BENTON TO SIGN THE HOME-DELIVERED MEAL GRANT PROGRAM RESOLUTIONS PROVIDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Resolutions provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture and give Judge Benton authorization to sign.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

[#23-186](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COUNTY JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT #1, PRECINCT #2, AND HELEN FARABEE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Darden to Memorandum of Understanding between County Judge, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, Precinct #2, and Helen Farabee Substance Abuse Services.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

[#23-187](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve Southern Health Partners Health Services Agreement with the Sheriff’s Office and give Judge Benton authorization to sign.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

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[#23-188](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN DENTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND MONTAGUE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR HOUSING INMATES; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Denton County Sheriff’s Office and Montague County Sheriff’s Office for housing inmates and give authorization for Judge Benton and Sheriff Marshall Thomas to sign.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

[#23-189](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT AND SCOPE OF SERVICES BETWEEN ROYAL AUCTION GROUP AND THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve to enter into agreement and accept scope of services between Royal Auction Group and the Sheriff’s Office.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

[#23-190](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MONTAGUE COUNTY SELLING ITEMS AT AUCTION; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve all Precincts and Sheriff’s Office to sell items at auction.

Amended Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve all County offices to sell items at auction.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

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#23-191-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF LOTS 1 THRU 10, BLOCK 1, DYE CREEK ESTATES SUBDIVISION, BEING 29.63 ACRES IN THE C.W. HAWKINS SURVEY A-354, IN PCT #1; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Darden and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield to approve final plat of Lots 1 thru 10, Block 1, Dye Creek Estates Subdivision, being 29.63 acres in C.W. Hawkins Survey A-354, Pct #1.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

#23-192-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF LOTS 1 THRU 5, KINGDOM ESTATES PHASE I SUBDIVISION, BEING 12.16 ACRES IN THE T.E. & L. CO. SURVEY NO. 3422 A-811, IN PCT #2; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve final plat of Lots 1 thru 5, Kingdom Estates Phase I Subdivision, being 12.16 acres in the T.E. & L. Co. Survey A-354, Pct #2.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

#23-193-BUDGET WORKSHOP-

County Judge-Discussed raising the wage cap for part-time employees from \$15.00 up to \$22.40.

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve raising wage cap for part-time employees from \$15.00 up to \$22.40.

All Voted For  
Motion carried

Motion by Commissioner Darden and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve raise for County Commissioner's Secretary Debbie Boaz to \$22.40.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

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Non-Departmental-  
Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve changing the Child Safety Fee from \$15,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

All Voted for  
Motion Carried

#23-194-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to accept Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget and schedule Public Hearing for August 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

#23-195-KATHY PHILLIPS, COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR, TO PRESENT THE CERTIFICATION OF APPRAISED VALUES FOR TAX YEAR 2023; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to accept \$6,331,391,049.00 as the Certification of Appraised Value for tax year 2023.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

#23-196-KATHY PHILLIPS, COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR TO PRESENT THE NONNEW REVENUE AND VOTER APPROVAL TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2023/ TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve the No New Revenue Tax Rate of .4803 and the Voter Approval Tax Rate of .5018 for the tax year of 2023.

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#23-197-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSED TAX RATE, TAKE RECORD VOTE AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve Proposed Tax Rate of .5017 and schedule Public Hearing for August 28, 2023 at 8:45 a.m.

All Voted For  
Motion Carried

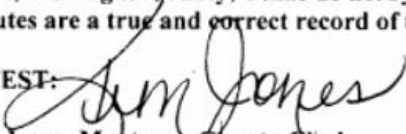
.5017 Tax Rate

Commissioner Langford-For  
Commissioner Murphey-For  
Commissioner Mayfield-For  
Commissioner Darden-For  
County Judge Benton-For

Meeting adjourned @ 9:40 a.m.

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