

THE STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

AUGUST TERM 2024

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 Commissioner Bob Langford.

#24-172-PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one spoke.

#24-173 -CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for the 07/22/24 Regular Meeting

MONTHLY REPORTS

PAY CLAIMS

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

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

All Voted For
Motion Carried

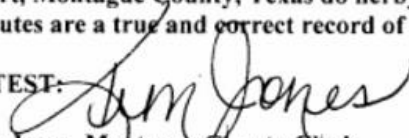
#24-174-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDER ADOPTING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING CHILD-CARE FACILITIES; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve Order adopting a 50% property tax exemption for qualifying child-care facilities and give Judge Benton authorization to sign.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

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[#24-175](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, AS CONSTITUTION DAY IN MONTAGUE COUNTY; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield to approve a Proclamation proclaiming September 17, 2024, as Constitution Day in Montague County and give authorization for Judge Benton and all Commissioner's to sign.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

[#24-176](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MONTAGUE COUNTY 2025 HOLIDAYS; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve the Montague County Holidays for 2025.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

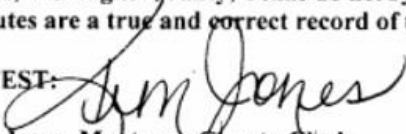
[#24-177](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BURN BAN; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield to approve burn ban up to 90 days.

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Motion Carried

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[#24-178](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION OF MONTAGUE COUNTY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL, MR. GREG ROSS, TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTEX HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve Resolution of Montague County authorizing and approving the reappointment of individual, Mr. Greg Ross, to the Board of Directors of the Nortex Housing Finance Corporation.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

[#24-179](#)-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 Mayfield and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve Home-delivered Meal Grant Program Resolutions provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture and authorize Judge Benton to sign.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

[#24-180](#)-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING NASPO VALUEPOINT FMV LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield to approve NASPO ValuePoint FMV lease agreement with Pitney Bowes with a 60-month contract.

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Motion Carried

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#24-181-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM KOFIL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF INDEX BOOKS IN THE DISTRICT CLERK’S OFFICE; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve proposal from Kofile for the Preservation of index books in District Clerk’s Office with the fee being at no cost.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#24-182-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 5.972 ACRES OFFERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve the purchase of 5.972 acres offered by the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$120,000.00.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#24-183-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PCT. #3 LINE-ITEM BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FROM OPERATING EXPENSE TO PART-TIME; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Mayfield to approve Pct. #3 line-item budget adjustment in the amount of \$15,000 from Operating Expense to Part-time.

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Motion Carried

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#24-184-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER LINE-ITEM USAGE AND EXPLANATION OF PURCHASING OF PROHIBITED ITEMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Commissioner Roy Darden spoke on the county buying cokes for Precinct employees when they are paving roads. He was wanting clarification on if, and when Commissioners were allowed to do this or if this was something that had been put through Commissioner’s Court.

Motion by Commissioner Darden and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve buying cokes for Precinct employees.

All Voted For
Motion Carried (3-1)

#24-185-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SHERIFF AND CONSTABLE FEES: TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Murphey and seconded by Commissioner Langford to approve Sheriff and Constable fees with the amounts be raised \$25.00.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#24-186-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE IMPOSITION OF OPTIONAL FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Imposition of optional fees for calendar year 2025 with the County Road and Bridge fee \$10.00 and the Child Safety fee \$1.50.

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Motion Carried

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#24-187-BUDGET WORKSHOP

Judge Benton discussed that the new server needed to be done now. We could take the money out of contingency instead of out of the 2024-2025 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the new server and take money from contingency.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#24-188-DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to accept Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budget and schedule the Public Hearing for August 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#24-189-KATHY PHILLPIS, COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR, TO PRESENT THE CERTIFICATION OF APPRAISED VALUES FOR TAX YEAR 2024; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the Certification of Appraised Values for Tax Year 2024 being

Certified Net Values: \$2,756,674,277
Rolling Railroad Stock \$15,346,559
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE: \$2,772,020,836

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Motion Carried

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#24-190-KATHY PHILLIPS, COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR TO PRESENT THE NO NEW REVENUE AND VOTER APPROVAL TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2024; TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

Motion by Commissioner Langford and seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve No New Revenue and Voter Approval Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2024 being

No New Revenue Rate: .4961
Voter Approval Rate; .5239

All Voted For
Motion Carried

#24-191-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 .4961 tax rate and schedule Public Hearing for August 26, 2024 at 8:45 a.m.

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

All Voted For
Motion Carried

Adjourn @ 9:59 a.m.

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