

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT

February 13, 2023

Be it remembered that on February 13, 2023, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: County Judge Kevin Brendle. Commissioners, Dennis Wyatt, Precinct #1; Mike Smith, Precinct 2; Charlie Morris, Precinct #3; Greg Arnold, Precinct #4, Danay Carnes, County Clerk and Brandi Abbott, Treasurer. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by Charlie Morris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag.

Whereupon the following business was transacted and is now placed of record in the minutes of said Court:

The following Consent Agenda Items were submitted to the court for approval:

- Minutes of the January 9, 2023, and January 11, 2023, Commissioners Court meeting were reviewed.
- Sheriff Terry Braly presented the Sheriff's Department report.
- Patti Hagar, J.P. presented the Justice of the Peace report.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report.
- Danay Carnes, County and District Clerk presented the Clerk's office report.
- Brandi Abbott, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report.
- County Commissioners reported on road conditions in their precincts.
- Full Maintenance on Pct. 1 Motor Grader that exceeds the County Spending Policy was submitted for approval.

Mike Smith made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as submitted. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Agenda

1. Public Comment – None
2. Mike Fry presented an application for Tax Abatement Agreement with HE-Cotton Solar LLC. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement with HE-Cotton Solar LLC. Greg Arnold Second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Dennis Wyatt made a motion to approve the Resolution by The Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas authorizing the participation in the South Plains Regional Mutual Aid Agreement. Charlie Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Wess Abbott resigned as Emergency Management Coordinator. Wess recommended Matt Hindman to serve in that capacity. Hindman will be appointed to serve as Dickens County Emergency Management Coordinator by Judge Brendle starting March 1st.
5. On a Motion made by Greg Arnold and seconded by Mike Smith the court voted unanimously to approve the Western Surety Bond for Patti Hagar, Justice of the Peace.
6. Commissioners Court discussed the Sheriff's Office deficit budget for jailers' salaries.
7. Mike Smith made a motion to approve the appointments of Election Judges. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 10:24am

Court resumed at 10:38am

8. Charlie Morris made a motion to adopt the Training Reimbursement Policy for Dickens County Road and Bridge and Dickens County Sheriff's Department. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
9. On a Motion by Greg Arnold and seconded by Charlie Morris the court voted unanimously to pay for chairs that will exceed the county spending policy.
10. Mike Smith made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Dickens County and TDEM. Greg Arnold second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Motion to approve Dickens County Investment Policy was made by Charlie Morris. Dennis Wyatt second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Commissioners Court reviewed ARPA funds.
13. Charlie Morris made the motion to hire Tom Martin as Road and Bridge hand for Precinct 4. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Mike Smith made a motion to accept the gift real estate known as Dickens Baptist Church further described as Blk 42, Lots 7-14 and Lots 15-20 in the Original Town of Dickens. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
15. On a motion by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith the Court voted unanimously to purchase a new rear tire for the backhoe that may exceed the County Spending Policy.

- ❖ Motion was made by Dennis Wyatt and seconded by Greg Arnold to approve action on claims incurred against the county since the last Commissioner's Court. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Motion to pay Historical Commission bills was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Line Item Transfer for Sheriff's Office Salaries passed unanimously with a motion by Charlie Morris and a second by Greg Arnold.

- ❖ No budget amendments.

Motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Morris with a second by Mike Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
Court adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DICKENS §

I, Danay Carnes, Dickens County Clerk, attest that the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas, given to me at the time and place heretofore set forth.
DATED at Dickens, Texas, this the 13th day of February 2023.



Danay Carnes

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