

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF POLK §

DATE: August 27, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

ALL PRESENT

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT
AGENDA POSTING # 2024 - CC - 101**

I. Call to Order. * Invocation * Pledges of Allegiance

Be it remembered on this the 27th day of August 2024, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in "REGULAR" called meeting with the following officers and members present, to wit;

Honorable Sydney Murphy – County Judge presiding,
Guylene Robertson – Commissioner Pct #1,
Mark DuBose – Commissioner Pct #2,
Milton Purvis – Commissioner Pct #3,
Jerry Cassity - Commissioner Pct #4,
Schelana Hock – County Clerk and
Louis Ploth – County Auditor.

WELCOMED & CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM BY JUDGE SYDNEY MURPHY.

- INVOCATION LED BY SHAWN FERRY OF PINE FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH.
- PLEDGES TO U.S. & TEXAS FLAGS LED BY SCHELANA HOCK.

II. SPEAKERS BUREAU PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION FROM SPEAKERS BUREAU REGARDING DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE AND NON-COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS.

1. SPEAKERS BUREAU TO DISCUSS PRIVATE ROAD/NON-COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD REPAIR ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FEMA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

III. 2024 TAX RATE AND FY2025 BUDGET

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024 TAX RATE
JUDGE MURPHY OPENED THE HEARING AT 10:09.
THE COMMISSIONERS COURT HAS PROPOSED A TAX RATE OF \$0.6092 PER \$100 FOR 2024, WHICH WILL FUND THE FY2025 BUDGET.
PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.6092 PER \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.571903 PER \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.609239 PER \$100
JUDGE MURPHY CLOSED THE HEARING AT 10:13.
3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2025
JUDGE MURPHY OPENED THE HEARING AT 10:09.
NINA MCAFEE, RESIDENT OF PRECINCT 2, ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING SOME CONCERNS OVER THE PROPOSED BUDGET.
JUDGE MURPHY CLOSED THE HEARING AT 10:13.
4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES, EXPENSES

AND ALLOWANCES FOR FY2025.

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE ORDER.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

5. VOTE TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSED FY2025 BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED.

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSED FY2025 BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED.

ROLL-CALL VOTE:

MILT PURVIS - YES

JERRY CASSITY - YES

MARK DUBOSE - YES

GUYLENE ROBERTSON - YES

SYDNEY MURPHY - YES

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

6. ADOPT FY2025 BUDGET.

MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, ADOPT THE FY2025 BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

ROLL-CALL VOTE:

MILT PURVIS - YES

JERRY CASSITY - YES

MARK DUBOSE - YES

GUYLENE ROBERTSON - YES

SYDNEY MURPHY - YES

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING 2024 TAX RATE FOR POLK COUNTY (FY2025).

MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF 0.6092, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 6.72 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.

ROLL-CALL VOTE:

MILT PURVIS - YES

JERRY CASSITY - YES

MARK DUBOSE - YES

GUYLENE ROBERTSON - YES

SYDNEY MURPHY - YES

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

8. APPROVE REVISED PAY SCALE TO BE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 23, 2024.

MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

IV. Public Comments

None.

V. Informational Reports

None.

VI. Old Business

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION RELATED TO BID #2024-15 "REQUEST FOR OUTSIDE AUDITOR SERVICES."
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM PATTILLIO, BROWN & HILL FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING 2024 AND 2025, IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$53,980 FOR FY2024 AND \$55,300 FOR FY2025.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

VII. New Business - Consent Agenda

JUDGE MURPHY NOTED AN ADDENDUM TO ITEM 11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,078.64.
SCHELANA HOCK NOTED ON AGENDA ITEM 18 THAT THE POLLING LOCATION AT THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE GOODRICH IDS ADMIN BUILDING. MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: (ALL VOTING YES)

10. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: AUGUST 13, 2024 (REGULAR SESSION)

11. APPROVE SCHEDULES OF BILLS.

DATE	AMOUNT	FUND	CHECK #
7/3/2024	257,137.63	Texas Co. & Dist. Retirement	ACH 3826,3832,3831,3841 , 3845,3854,3860,3864
8/9/2024	131,396.90	General	306240-306257
8/13/2024	1,086.03	General	306331
8/13/2024	724,120.45	CDBG Buyout Grant	ACH 037/10-13
8/14/2024	987.77	General	306338-306-339
8/15/2024	20,684.611	Grants	ACH 035/1240/306...- 306337
8/16/2024	1,420.33	General	ACH 3921,3922,3923,3926 , 3927,3928
8/16/2024	22,766.68	General	306369-306377
8/16/2024	132,649.57	General	ACH 3901,3909,3910,3911,3913, 3914,3915,3917,3918,3919, 3907,3908

8/20/2024	176.50	General	306378-306379
8/23/2024	145.13	General	ACH 3930,3931,3932
8/27/2024	380,222.40	General	306380-306482
TOTAL	\$1,672,794.00		
	Addendum #1	To be added to a future agenda: \$143,078.64	

12. APPROVE ORDER DESIGNATING SURPLUS PROPERTY.
ORDER INCLUDES ITEMS NO LONGER IN USE BY THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AND CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1.
13. RECEIVE AND RECORD PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS SUBMITTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SINCE LAST MEETING.
14. RECEIVE COUNTY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 114.025.
15. RECEIVE TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2024.
16. APPROVE ORDER OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024.
17. APPROVE ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE ONE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2024, AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
18. APPROVE EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY SCHEDULE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION, AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
19. APPROVE COUNTY CLERK PRESERVATION AND RECORDS RESTORATION PLAN, WHICH INCLUDES A COUNTY COURT RECORDS ARCHIVE FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10, AS REFLECTED IN THE FY2025 BUDGET.
20. APPROVE ADDITION TO LIST RELATING TO USE OF COUNTY INMATE LABOR FOR CIVIC PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43.10 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.
21. RECEIVE GRANT AWARD AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT NUMBER C-00928 WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY VICTIM COORDINATOR AND LIAISON GRANT (VCLG) PROGRAM FOR 2024-2025.
22. APPROVE UPDATE TO MASTER STREET ADDRESS GUIDE.
TO REMOVE ROADS WITHIN THE ONALASKA CITY LIMITS FROM COUNTY MAINTENANCE, PER THE ORDER APPROVED ON AUGUST 13, 2024.
23. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH FIFTH ASSET, INC. D.B.A. DEBTBOOK, TO RENEW AGREEMENT FOR FY2025.
24. APPROVE REVISED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLK COUNTY AND TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE.

25. RATIFY APPROVAL OF CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR THE WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY, FUNDED BY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS, EXTENDING THE CONTRACT END DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2024.

VIII. New Business - Regular Agenda

26. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS, AS FOLLOWS:
- A REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION FORM REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS SINCE LAST MEETING AND REVIEW OF ANY AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY HIRING.
JUDGE MURPHY NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO EMERGENCY HIRES. MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE AS PRESENTED.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
27. CONSIDER FY2024 BUDGET REVISIONS 2024-19 AND AMENDMENTS 2024-19(A), AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, APPROVE AS PRESENTED.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
28. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FY2025 ANNUAL BIDS.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE AS PRESENTED.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
29. CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO EXPENDITURES FROM MAINTENANCE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUILDINGS (BUDGETED FUNDS) FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE AUTOMATIC DOOR AT THE POLK COUNTY ANNEX.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, APPROVE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION FROM HOUSTON DOOR CHECK, IN THE AMOUNT OF 8,395.94 (WITH DOWN PAYMENT OF \$5,877.16), CONTINGENT UPON THEIR ABILITY TO COMPLETE WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
30. CONSIDER APPROVAL, APPROVAL UPON CONDITIONS MET, OR REJECTION OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FOR TEMPE CREEK RESERVE, LOCATED IN PRECINCT 1.
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, APPROVE UPON CONDITION OF SUBMITTING PLAT WITH APPENDIX H FOR PERMIT AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT SIGNATURES.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

31. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LOCATION AGREEMENT WITH VEND BUFFET.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, APPROVE AS PRESENTED.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
32. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR APPROVAL OF THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH OCV, LLC, FOR CUSTOM MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND SUPPORT, TO BE PAID FROM INMATE COMMISSARY AND PHONE COMMISSION FUNDS.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE REQUEST.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
33. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ONALASKA WATER SUPPLY COMPANY'S REQUEST TO EXPAND THEIR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDED PROJECT USING THE REMAINING FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THEM BY POLK COUNTY.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE REQUEST.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
34. DISCUSS LONG-RANGE GOALS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO ESTABLISH COMMITTEES AND TIMELINES.
JUDGE MURPHY DISCUSSED NEEDS FOR VARIOUS COMMITTEES TO FACILITATE THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING OF SPECIFIC GOALS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY THE COURT.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, APPROVE FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TO ASSESS AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS WITH COMMISSIONER PURVIS AS CHAIR.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TASKED WITH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH, TO BE CHAIRED BY THE SHERIFF OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND INCLUDING COMMISSIONER DUBOSE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, APPROVE FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TASKED WITH EVALUATING THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CLINIC, INCLUDING ASSESSING POTENTIAL COSTS, BENEFITS, OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS, AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, AND PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT, TO BE CHAIRED BY SYDNEY MURPHY AND INCLUDE COMMISSIONER ROBERTSON.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, APPROVE
FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TASKED WITH EVALUATING THE BEST USE OF OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND AVAILABLE GRANTS TO EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING EXPLORING PARTNERSHIPS, IDENTIFYING GAPS IN
CURRENT SERVICES, AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT FOR IMPACTFUL
AND SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

Adjourn

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO ADJOURN AT 10:57 AM.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED



SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK