THE STATE OF TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING

COUNTY OF MCCULLOCH

JULY 12, 2021

The Commissioner's Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 12th day of July, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present:

Frank Trull
County Judge
Carol Anderson
Commissioner Pct. #1
Randy Deans
Commissioner Pct. #2
Jason Behrens
Rick Kemp
Commissioner Pct. #4
Christine A. Jones
Mikkie Williams
County Treasurer

Minutes from June 28, 2021 were approved in Court with Commissioner Kemp making the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Bills for July 12, 2021 were presented and approved with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and Commissioner Kemp seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Elected Officials/Department Heads: District Clerk Michelle Pitcox informed the court on the newly opened Records online feature with our software provider LGS. Mrs. Pitcox let the court know of the benefits to both her office and the County Clerk's office and that there would be no additional cost to the county. Both offices would receive revenue from the provider for copies of documents that were purchased.

Commissioner Anderson spoke to the court on the grants for repairs on county roads in McCulloch County and will be checking to see if McCulloch County would be considered an economical disadvantage county to better improve position to get the grants and larger dollar amounts. Commissioner Rick Kemp addressed the other Commissioners to let them know that millings need to be picked up on CR 418 to clean up and prepare for more to be delivered from TX Dot.

Public Comment: NONE

Discussion:

- 1. Charlie Campbell spoke to the court on the finances on the repeaters for McCulloch County. The repeaters would better cover McCulloch County in the out reaching parts of the County to improve communications during emergencies and calls from remote parts of the county. The pricing would be pretty much the same with the possibility of lowering cost. The quote was for just under \$60,000.00 and the grant monies received would help cover it. He did inform court that the parts and equipment are on back order and could take some time to get in. The Commissioners are wanting to do a workshop with the local volunteer fire departments to discuss solutions and grants.
- 2. Sheriff Matt Andrews spoke to the court on maintenance on the generator at the Jail and the fact that it has not been done or maintained in the last 2 years. He did research and found the company Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC whom built and put in the generator. They would be the best choice to come and do maintenance and check emergency power systems operations on a regular basis.
- 3. County Treasurer Mikkie Williams addressed the court with the child safety funds allocation letting them know that the funds have very specific instructions as to how and what the funds could spent on. The County can keep 10% of the total for administration cost and 34% be allocated to child safety with the remaining total being turned over to the City of Brady. They would have the same conditions and instructions that the county had to follow but the Commissioners would like a report from the City as to not duplicate the same entity receiving double funds.
- 4. County Treasurer Mikkie Williams let the court know that she had received bid proposals for a 5-year audit servicer with McCulloch County from Neffendorf & Blocker, P.C. out of Fredericksburg with an annual fee of \$18,000 for the first year with a small increase each year and Eide Bailly LLP out of Abilene with an annual fee of \$36,725.00 for the first year with a small increase each year. Both were very similar in service and have very good reputations. Both proposals were given to the Commissioner for comparison.

5. County Attorney Mark Marshall and County Treasurer Mikkie Williams addressed the court with concerns of verbiage in the McCulloch County Employee Handbook and wanting to make it more clear for all parties involved in the areas of sick and leave time, and how PTO is accrued along with employee evaluations needing or not needing to be done. Mr. Marshall advised that any one wanting to make a change to please write it down or email him the changes they are wanting and he will try to get it all worked out and into the handbook.

Action:

- The Court approved a Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Border Crises in Human Trafficking. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0.
- The Court accepted and approved Waukesha-Pearce Industries LLC with McCulloch County Sheriff Department the site maintenance visits and check of the emergency power system operations at the McCulloch County Jail. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0.
- 3. The Court approved the child safety funds allocation to all entities. The amount of \$24,540.00 will be distributed as follows: 10% \$2,454.00 staying with the county for administration cost, 34% \$8,343.00 being distributed to 6 entities equally in the amount of \$1,390.60 with the remaining \$13,742.40 going to the City of Brady. Commissioner Behrens making the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
- The court accepted and approved the bid proposal for Audit services for 5 years from Neffendorf & Blocker, P.C. out of Fredericksburg, Texas. Commissioner Kemp made the motion with Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

Christine A. Jones

County Clerk

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M. with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Deans. All in favor motion carried. 5-0

Frank Trull

County Judge