

The Commissioner’s Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 27TH day of September, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with invocation by Commissioner Kemp and Pledges. All of the following were present:

Frank Trull	County Judge
Carol Anderson	Commissioner Pct. #1
Randy Deans	Commissioner Pct. #2
Jason Behrens	Commissioner Pct. #3
Rick Kemp	Commissioner Pct. #4
Christine Jones	County Clerk
Mikkie Williams	County Treasurer
Matt Andrews	Sheriff

The meeting opened at 9:03 am with a Public Hearing on the FY 2021-2022 McCulloch County Proposed Budget per Local Government Code 111.007. There were no public comments or concerns so the meeting was closed at 9:06 with Commissioner Anderson making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Behrens. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

MINUTES

Minutes from August 23rd, 2021 were approved in Court with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Minutes from September 3rd, 2021 were approved in Court with Commissioner Kemp making the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Minutes from September 13th, 2021 were approved in Court with Commissioner Kemp making the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

BILLS

Bills for September 27, 2021 were presented and approved with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Elected Officials/Department Heads: County Commissioner Behrens reported that he met with Heart of Texas Roofing at the County Clerk’s office to discuss the roof repairs. They discussed a custom-made piece of flashing that would cover from one end of the building to the other to stop the leaking. Commissioner Behrens also reported that on one of his trucks that has four batteries, two were stolen. Be careful and on the lookout at your barns.

Commissioner Deans reported that the Boom Axe he requested for the months of September and October would be extended through November given the absences due to illness within his department. County Treasurer Mikkie Williams reported that her office has gotten the new payroll software installed, it was a great transition and to please be patient with her and her staff in order to get all the wrinkles worked out and catered to the County needs. She also asked for Precincts 1 and 4 to please get in pictures and inventory of equipment in their precinct. Auditors have called asking for things and her office is trying to get ahead and be prepared.

Public Comment: Justice of the Peace Maggie Sawyer thanked Mark Marshall for his hard work and determination for the County and that he would be missed greatly.

Discussion:

1. Mr. Kelly Jenkins spoke to the Court on behalf of Endeavors a community housing assistance program. It was founded in 1969 by several local Churches in San Antonio, Texas and through the CARES Act they have extended their program even more at least through March 2022. They are working with landlords, realtors, and developers to help keep people from evictions and homeless. They serve 96 counties throughout the Texas.

Action:

1. County Attorney Mark Marshall addressed the court for the purchase of a laptop for his office with funds from this Pre-Trail Diversion budget. Mr. Marshall informed the Court as to how the funds are collected and become available for him to use for his office. He uses the funds to stipend his assistant and to pay ½ of the LGS program used in his office. He feels transparency in the best for all and like to get the approval of the Commissioner Court before using the funds. The Court approved for Mr. Marshall to use the funds for a new laptop costing \$2868.39 through LGS for use during

Court and County Business. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Kemp seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

2. The Court approved to record the vote to adopt the FY 2021-2022 budget with any changes previously approved. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$513,954.99 (9.79%) and of that amount \$6827.57 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Commissioner Behrens made the motion and Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0.
3. The Court Voted and approved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. Commissioner Anderson made the motion and Commissioner Behrens seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
4. On Monday, September 27, 2021 the McCulloch County Commissioner Court voted to adopt a tax rate of \$.74 fully. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Kemp seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
Pursuant to Texas Tax Code 26.05 (b)(2) The M & O (Maintenance and Operations Including Special Road & Bridge) Tax Rate will be .0632307. This Tax Rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's Tax Rate. The Tax Rate will effectively be raised by 7.33% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,00 home by approximately \$50.57. This action passed by a vote of 5 to 0. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
Pursuant to Texas Tax Code 26.05 (b)(1) The I & S (Interest and Sinking) Tax Rate will be .104793. This action passed by a vote of 5 to 0. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
5. The court accepted the letter of resignation from County Attorney Mark Marshall. Mr. Marshall stated he has had a wonderful experience here in McCulloch County and it was a pleasure working with everyone. Commissioner Deans made the motion to accept the letter of resignation with Commissioner Kemp seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
6. The court considered and accepted a quote from Snider Technology minus the Cell Booster line item in the Sheriff's Office for network equipment and access points for WIFI. Total cost of contract with Snider Technologies is \$13,626.48 with monies coming from this FY budget out of contingency and other line-item adjustments. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
7. The Court considered and approved the contract with TextMyGov to replace the Code Red Emergency notification program in use now in McCulloch County. The Code Red Emergency program is not working at this time and we cannot make contact with any representative of any kind to discuss or get resolution to the non-working system. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
8. The Court approved the contract between McCulloch County and the Texas Association of Counties County information Resources agency for email services and website services. The County Judge Frank Trull and County Treasurer Mikkie Williams contacted Snider Technologies and discussed with them the terms of the contract and needs of McCulloch County in order to get the best services. The contract approval was motioned by Commissioner Behrens with Commissioner Anderson seconding. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. with Commissioner Kemp making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Behrens. All in favor motion carried. 5-0


Frank Trull County Judge


Christine A. Jones County Clerk

