

The Commissioner’s Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 13th day of February, 2023 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	Commissioner Pct. #3
Don Bratton	Commissioner Pct. #4
Christine Jones	County Clerk
Matt Andrews	County Sheriff
Greg Torres	County Attorney

Bills for February 13, 2023 were presented and approved with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Elected Officials/Department Heads: District Clerk Michelle Pitcox addressed court and would like the court to keep her office in mind for use of ARPA Funds to help get storage shelves and bins for her records. Mrs. Pitcox would also like to receive ARPA funds to replace the old and outdated sound system and microphones for the McCulloch County Courtroom.

County Judge Frank Trull reported to the court that he was in attendance at COG and that the county has the possibility of getting a grant to help replace repeaters here in McCulloch County.

Public Comment:

Discussion:

1. Commissioner Deans and JT Owens brought to the court the discussion of replacing the cascade system for the Brady Volunteer Fire Department with the use of ARPA funds in the amount of \$84,975.87. The machine that is in use now is over 20 years old and will not fill the existing bottles. The old machine will be turned over to the Texas Forest Service that will find and donate to a more needed area at no charge to the County.
2. Commissioner Deans and JT Owens brought to the court the discussion of replacing the North and South Repeaters for the Brady Volunteer Fire Department with the use of ARPA funds in the amount of \$38,800.00. The South portion of the county is currently not working. The recent cold weather here in McCulloch County has damaged the repeaters hardware, which has been patched for now, but will not last very long and does not give good service for our emergency service and first responders. Mr. Owens stated that the upkeep and needed repairs will be done by the fire station itself and not the county.
3. Commissioner Bratton discussed the disposition of damaged equipment that transpired in September, 2022 in which he did not take office until November of 2022. Commissioner Bratton related the options in which he has to resolve the issue and let the court know that it will be costly.

Action:

1. The Court acted and approved for Central Texas Telephone Co-op to bore underneath CR 418 in the southeast portion of Precinct #3 from its existing buried handhole #703-36L-8/HH1, existing the right of way to the south and entering private property. The minimum bore depth will be 60” under the surface of the road. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
2. The Court approved the purchase of a new cascade system with ARPA funds in the amount of \$84,975.87. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
3. The Court approved the purchase of the North and South Repeaters with ARPA funds in the amount of \$38,800.00. Currently the repeater for the South portion of the county is not working. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
4. The Commissioners approved the budget amendment to move \$6000.00 from the K9 main to equipment line item for the purchase of 2 Motorola hand held radios which will replace 2 Kenwood radios that will not work with current system or more that 1 mile out in the County. Commissioner Behrens made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Recess at 9:57 AM

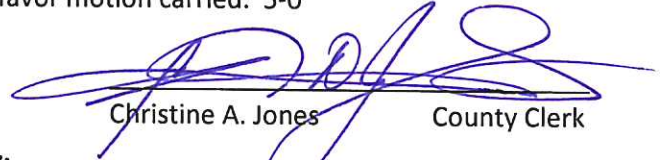
Reconvened 10:10 AM with a motion by Commissioner Behrens and seconded by Commissioner Dean to move to workshop. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

1. The court reconvened for a workshop in relation to healthcare and McCulloch County Inmates. The court discussed with County Attorney Greg Torres a possible contract with Heart of Texas Hospital for the care of inmates at the jail with Harper Neal.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM with Commissioner Behrens making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Bratton. All in favor motion carried. 5-0



Frank Trull County Judge



Christine A. Jones County Clerk

