

The Commissioner's Court of McCulloch County met in Regular Session on the 24TH day of March 2025 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present:

Frank Trull	County Judge
Carol Anderson	Commissioner Pct. #1
Randy Deans	Commissioner Pct. #2
Rod Young	Commissioner Pct. #3
Don Bratton	Commissioner Pct. #4
Christine A. Jones	County Clerk
Mikkie Williams	County Treasurer
Greg Torres	County Attorney
Matt Andrews	County Sheriff

Invocation was given by Commissioner Young followed by the Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Public Comment: Jason Jacoby addressed the court about CR 128 in Precinct #1. He is concerned about a dangerous spot on the road that is very narrow and deep on both sides that could be a hazard to the citizens of McCulloch County. He informed the court that there is plenty of material in the bar ditch that could be used to widen the road and fill in the deep trenches on the sides.

MINUTES:

Minutes from March 10, 2025, were presented and approved with corrections. Commissioner Anderson made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

BILLS:

Bills for March 24, 2025, were presented and approved. Commissioner Deans made the motion and Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0

Elected Officials/Department Heads: Commissioner Deans reported that he has spoken to contractors about the roof and awning projects at the County Clerk/Tax Assessor's office. The awning will cost \$4500.00 to fix so that rainwater will not back flow onto the roof causing leaks and damage in the offices. Hopefully, this will fix the problem permanently otherwise there will be major roof construction that will have to be done.

Commissioner Anderson reported that last week one of the limbs on the Northeast side of the courthouse was hanging from all the strong winds in McCulloch County. She called the City of Brady for assistance and Joe Solis came and assisted with cutting the limb down along with several other limbs that were not in good position and hanging. Commissioner Anderson let the court know that the limbs that were cut were very damaged inside and it would be a good idea to have the three trees on that side that have a lot of damage and needed to be investigated. Commissioner Anderson let the court know that the spindle on the boom axe had to be replaced.

Commissioner Bratton reported roof damage at the library from the strong winds in McCulloch County. He has talked with contractor and the ridge cap will need to be repaired.

Discussion: Commissioner Young reported that he met with Jasper Stover from Stover Ranch/Kona Energy concerning battery storage system near substation on CR 368 North of Doole. They are requesting an easement on the County right of way. Commissioner Young will be meeting with Western Land Services and County Attorney about requirements. Commissioner Anderson asked if this was the same company that previously asked about a tax abatement and asked Commissioner Young to ask about safety issues from fire and containment in case of emergency situations. There were concerns from several commissioners about the noise level of the battery storage system. The court would like to have them set on an Agenda to be able to answer questions and concerns.

Action:

1. The Court acted and approved the use of the courthouse lawn for Farmers Market for June through July on Saturday mornings 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.
2. The Court took NO ACTION on budgeted protection from health and safety attacks: the result of long abandoned and/or neglected properties to public nearby buildings and residences. Six public Rochelle buildings are at risk from ignored/trashed properties within ½ mile of public buildings. Leith Johnson is asking for the court to budget \$10,000.00 per Precinct to be able to start cleaning up and removal of old buildings and fire hazard materials. Commissioner Deans made the motion to take NO ACTION and Commissioner Young seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.

3. The Court acted and approved on appointing individuals to serve on the McCulloch County Historical Commission per the recommendations from existing appointees. The appointees for 2025-2026 are Ronnie Moore, Kevin Dodds, Alvin Bolton, Mark Moseley, Rex Ewert, and Ken Keene. County Judge asked how often they meet and Mr. Moore let him know they meet once every quarter. This appointment is necessary to send to the Texas Historical Commission. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carried. 5-0
4. The Court considered and approved an amendment request to TDA to reconcile the final quantities and scope of work for the Rochelle WSC Water Improvement CDBG project. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
5. The Court acted and approved a certificate of completion for CDBG waterline and AMR meter contracts on behalf of Rochelle WSC. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
6. The Court TABLED the provision of Emergency Medical Services for the City of Melvin. Mayor Marelina Brown addressed the court with a report of the City of Melvin's financials and tax dollars and request that the County sign a modified Interlocal Agreement to include City of Melvin with EMS runs for 3/28/2025 through October 31, 2025. The city of Melvin will reimburse the County for the actual costs incurred for the service by May 1, 2026. The court informed Mayor Brown that they will need to contact and go before the City of Brady, they are the providing entity of the EMS service. The County has no authority to give EMS service to anyone. Mayor Brown asked if the County would attend a meeting at the City of Brady on April 1, 2025, to discuss and possibly get Interlocal Agreements started so that they can have EMS service available in a shorter amount of time. The County agreed to the meeting and will post an Agenda for said meeting. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in Favor Motion Carries. 5-0
7. The court acted and approved a Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month for April 2025. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Young seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
8. The Court acted and approved the McCulloch County Child Welfare Board the use of the Courthouse lawn for a yard art display for the week of April 13th -April 21st. This display will be created by Kellie Medrano to promote that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This will also be in conjunction with the 10th annual HOT Car Show Benefit and Swap meet. Commissioner Bratton made the motion with Commissioner Young seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
9. The Court acted and approved to extend the current Burn Ban for an additional 30 days. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
10. The Court acted and approved donations, memorials, and reporting with corrections on the monies received to the McCulloch County Library for February 1 to February 28, 2025. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0
11. The Court acted and approved on a Closed Executive session pursuant to Government Code Chapter 551.071consultation with the County Attorney/Attorney regarding Rattlesnake Power, LLC/Heart of Texas Wind LLC Tax Abatement agreement compliance. Commissioner Deans made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

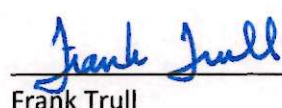
CLOSED SESSION AT 12:29 PM

12. The Court acted and approved to reconvene Open Session

OPEN SESSION AT 12:33 PM

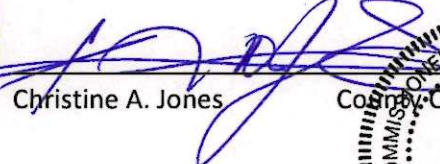
13. The Court acted and approved for valve replacement to Anthony Finley d/b/a Eternal Mark Construction. Commissioner Young made the motion with Commissioner Bratton seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM with Commissioner Deans making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Bratton. All in favor motion carried. 5-0


Frank Trull

County Judge




Christine A. Jones

County Clerk

