

REGULAR MEETING

The Commissioner’s Court in and for the County of Schleicher met for a Regular Meeting this the 24th day of June 2024, with the Commissioners Gary Gibson, Steve Nelson, Kirk Griffin and Chris Meador present when the following proceedings were had to wit.

(1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance recited and led by County Judge Charlie Bradley.

(2) DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Quorum determined, Called Meeting to Order at 9:04 A.M.

(3) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes form 6-4-2024 Commissioners Court Meeting.
- b. Accounts Payable Check Register 6-5-2024
- c. Accounts Payable Check Register 6-6-2024
- d. Payroll Check Register 6-12-2024
- e. Justice Court Report May 2024
- f. County and District Clerk Report May 2024
- g. FNB Pledges by Pledgee and Maturity
- h. May Ad Valorem Tax Collections Report

Motion to accept consent agenda by Commissioner Kirk Griffin. Seconded by Commissioner Chris Meador. Motion passes.

(4) INDIGENT CARE REQUEST

None at this time.

(5) ACCOUNT PAYABLES

Account Payables/Invoices – (6-19-2024) Invoices – Treasurer Jennifer Henderson presented Appraisal District’s Quarterly payment and asked that the court consider approving the accounts payable invoices with the addition of payment for the Appraisal District – Motion to accept and approve invoices with the addition of the payment to the Appraisal District by Commissioner Gary Gibson. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Nelson. Motion passes.

Schleicher County Payroll Pay Period – (6-24-2024) - Motion by Commissioner Chris Meador. Seconded by Commissioner Gary Gibson. Motion passes.

(6) OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE

May 2024 Funds Report – Treasurer Jennifer Henderson presented May 2024 Funds Report. Motion to accept by Commissioner Kirk Griffin. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Nelson. Report approved, motion passes.



Approved
07-08-2024

(7) PRESENTATION BY NEFFENDORF & BLOCKER, P.C.

Outside auditors were unable to attend today's meeting. This item will appear on a future agenda.

(8) PRESENTATION FROM SCISD

SCISD Superintendent Oscar Aguero asked for time to present to the court, but he is currently out of town. This item will appear on a future agenda.

(9) DEBTBOOK RENEWAL AGREEMENT

Treasurer Jennifer Henderson suggested renewing the agreement for one year. She has asked for a new, revised contract that does not include auto renew. Treasurer will be researching other companies that provide the same services. New revised contract will be presented in two weeks. Motion to allow Judge Bradley or Treasurer Henderson to sign contract by Commissioner Chris Meador. Seconded by Commissioner Gary Gibson. Motion passes.

(10) TAC HEBP RENEWAL FY 2025

Treasurer Jennifer Henderson presented the cost differences to the court. She proposed that the county cover the increases from \$900 to \$932 for employee only coverage as well as the increase from \$1,200 to \$1,240 for employee plus dependent(s) coverage. Motion to accept and approve the changes as presented by Commissioner Kirk Griffin. Seconded by Commissioner Chris Meador. Motion passes.

(11) PUBLIC HEARING

County Judge Charlie Bradley commenced the hearing at 9:29 a.m. and opened up the floor to the public. Purpose for the public hearing is to address concerns regarding the creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Schleicher County Reinvestment Zone-Rockefeller for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county. Mr. Bass, Mr. Westlake and Ms. Kirk were present to address concerns from the public.

192 million – approximately 300 acres for solar

80 million – 30 acres for storage

Amounts and acreage were presented as part of Mr. Bass' presentation.

Public Hearing concluded at 10:02 a.m.

***Five minute break

(12) REINVESTMENT ZONE

Motion to extend the original Reinvestment Zone an additional five years by Commissioner Steve Nelson. No second. Motion dies for lack of second.

SKIPPED ITEMS FOR THE MEETING TO RUN IN THE ORDER THAT MR. BASS HAD

(15) AMENDMENT TO TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

Consider Amendment to Tax Abatement Agreement with Mittel Rockefeller for the construction of a storage power project of approximately 200 MW with an estimated cost of

\$58 million to the county. Motion to approve by Commissioner Steve Nelson. Court needed to take action on this agenda item. Seconded by County Judge Charlie Bradley. Took vote – 2 yes – 3 no – Motion fails.

(14) STORAGE CAPACITY

Consider adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Mittel Rockefeller Storage, LLC. Motion to accept and approve by Commissioner Chris Meador. Court needed to take action on this agenda item. Seconded by County Judge Charlie Bradley. Vote was taken 1 yes – 4 no – Motion fails.

(13) ROAD USE AGREEMENT

No vote taken due to the fact that the previous agenda item (14) failed.

(16) LONE STAR CONSULTING

Treasurer Jennifer Henderson addressed the court citing the benefits to entering into an agreement. The cost is \$4,000 monthly, the funds would have to be located in the current budget, the cost can be budgeted for in next year's budget. Motion to enter into an agreement and fund out of the Road Department's budget by Commissioner Kirk Griffin. Seconded by Commissioner Chris Meador. Motion passes.

(17) MOU WITH CITY OF ELDORADO

County Judge Charlie Bradley addressed the court stating that County Attorney Clint Griffin drew up a contract regarding the use of county equipment and personnel to clean up vacant lots within the city limits to possibly put them back on the tax roll. Motion to accept and approve by Commissioner Gary Gibson. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Nelson. Motion passes.

(18) SHERIFF AND CONSTABLE FEES FOR 2025

County Judge Charlie Bradley presented in Sheriff Jason Chatham's absence. There will be no changes to the fees in 2025. The fees will remain as they were for 2024. Motion to accept and approve the Sheriff fees for 2025 without changes by Commissioner Chris Meador. Seconded by Commissioner Gary Gibson. Motion passes.

***Five minute break at 11:08 a.m.

Reconvene at 11:15 a.m.

(19) ANLC LEASE PURCHASE QUOTE

Treasurer Jennifer Henderson presented on behalf of Sheriff Jason Chatham. The sheriff's office has a lease in place that allows for two new vehicles each year on a four-year lease agreement. The vehicles that were not ready last year are ready now. Asking the court to approve the quote from ANLC to, in essence, pick up where we left off. \$39,240 is already built into this year's budget. Motion to accept and approve by Commissioner Chris Meador. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Nelson. Motion passes.

(20) COMMUNICATIONS RADIO TOWER

County Judge Charlie Bradley notified the court that the light on our communications tower is out and the county is out of compliance. Sheriff Jason Chatham has sought two different quotes – The first, replace the light at the top with a red light (only sufficient for nighttime) for \$11,111 and the tower would have to be re-painted for an additional \$8,000

- The second option is to replace the light at the top with a red light for nighttime and a white light for daytime for \$14,000.

Judge Bradley also notified the court that the guidewires were out of compliance. He suggested replacing the guidewires as well as the turnbuckles on the tower for a cost of \$23,500.

Motion to declare an emergency and approve up to \$40,000 to replace the light on top of the tower, replace the guidewires and the turnbuckles by Commissioner Kirk Griffin. Seconded by Commissioner Chris Meador. Motion passes.

(21) BURN BAN

Motion to enact burn ban by Commissioner Chris Meador. Seconded by Commissioner Gary Gibson. Motion passes and burn ban goes into effect.

(22) BIDS

None at this time.

(23) COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A thank you was voiced for all the work that is done.

(24) NEW BUSINESS

County Judge Charlie Bradley reported to the court that there had been a break in at the County Pool over the weekend. He has already contacted Angelo Overhead Door to hopefully repair the existing doors rather than replace. Treasurer Henderson will contact VGI for possible quotes on camera installation at several locations in the county.

(25) ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss motion to adjourn by Commissioner Chris Meador. Seconded by Commissioner Gary Gibson. Motion passes, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Attendees: County Judge Charlie Bradley, County Treasurer Jennifer Henderson, County Attorney Clint Griffin, County Deputy Clerk Marsha Maskill, Kadie Kirk, Brandon Westlake, Philip Allard, Kathy Mankin, Shelley McAfee, William McAfee, Dennis Grafa, Brian Treadwell, and Sandra Pfeuffer

I, **MARY ANN GONZALEZ**, CLERK FOR SCHLEICHER COUNTY DO HEREBY ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY OF THE Commissioner Court Minutes for the Regular Meeting held June 24, 2024.



Mary Ann Gonzalez, County & District Clerk
Schleicher County





Marsha L. Maskill, County & District Deputy Clerk
Schleicher County