

REGULAR MEETING

The Commissioner's Court in and for the County of Schleicher met for a regular meeting this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 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 at 9:04 A.M.

**(3) CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes from 7/19/24 Commissioners court meeting.
- B. Accounts payable check register 8/19/24
- C. Payroll check register 8/21/24

Motion to accept consent agenda by Commissioner Chris Meador. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Nelson. Motion passes.

**(4) INDIGENT CARE REQUEST**

None at this time.



**(5) ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**Accounts Payables/invoices-** (9-3-24)- Invoices- Motion to accept and approve invoices Commissioner Steven Nelson. Seconded by Commissioner Chris Meador. Motion passes.

**Schleicher County Payroll Pay Period-** (8-28-24)- Motion to accept and approve by Commissioner Gary Gibson. Seconded by Commissioner Kirk Griffin. Motion passes.

*Accepted  
9-16-24*

## **(6) OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE**

No reports at this time.

## **(7) PUBLIC HEARING 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET AND 2024 TAX RATE**

Public Hearing began at 9:13 A.M.

Justice of the Peace Rahegyn Franke addressed the court – First she mentioned that her J.P. Salary was the lowest of all the officials and that the hours she works are longer. She doesn't have a Monday through Friday 9 to 5 job. This last holiday was the first holiday since she took office that she wasn't called out on. She also mentioned to the court that her postage line was only \$100.00 she anticipates the line item for postage will be over \$2,000.00 by the year's end.

Former Justice of the Peace, Phil Edmiston addressed the court stating that the postage for the JP office is inadequate. He mentioned that the travel a Justice of the Peace does alone deserves a higher pay, he had asked about use of a county vehicle for her at last year's budget hearing because the amount of travel in over and beyond what other county employees do in their own vehicles. Judge Franke uses her own vehicle. He also questioned the \$6,000 stipend for the treasurer's office and the need for \$15,000 in travel and training that had been proposed.

Cathy Kuykendall questioned whether or not the Justice of the Peace still had a part-time job in San Angelo. Judge Franke responded, yes, but this job is her priority.

Michele Bischoffberger addressed the court to provide an update on the library project. This December marks three years from the start of the project. There was a hiccup in June, the county needs to come up with \$174,000.00 additionally from outside sources.

Kathy Mankin inquired what a Veteran's Service Officer was. Who is that? Do we have one? Judge Bradley responded that we do not have one, but the amount is worked into the budget in case we do get one throughout the year.

Conan Emmons spoke on the topic of Tax Abatements. He asked that the commissioners and the public get informed. Tax abatements are good for the development a community.

Shae Parker mentioned that the fire department could benefit greatly from purchasing a new 1,000-gallon fire truck similar to the one that was purchased two years ago.

Public Hearing closed at 9:45 a.m.

County Judge Charlie Bradley will visit with Shae and Bob Parker about the purchase of a new fire truck.

\*\* Break till 10:18a.m.

\*\*Resume meeting

Judge Bradley announced that the line item for postage in the Justice of the Peace budget should have been \$1,000.00, not \$100.00. He will look at other possible avenues in the future.

### **(8) ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARIES**

Judge Bradley mentioned that per the published proposed budget, only two elected official salaries went up, Justice of the peace and treasurer.

Each official received a 3% increase and the \$6,000.00 stipend is to offset the work that the treasurer does for grants.

Sheriff Chatham addressed the court and publicly thanked Treasurer Henderson for the work that she does in order for the sheriff's office to receive their grants.

Commissioner Gary Gibson commented on making the salaried the same. Very few counties have any other elected official making more than the county judge.

Commissioner Kirk Griffin mentioned that there are no salary caps in place. Everyone comes in making what their predecessor was making with no regard to how they will work. He proposed that the Justice of the Peace salary be brought up to match the salary of the clerk.

Judge Bradley mentioned that he and Commissioner Meador had discussed the salary for the deputy tax accessor collector and the custodian were compatible, but the custodian makes more. Judge Bradley stated that he made a mistake when calculating what those salaries should be.

Commissioner Kirk Griffin suggested that the Justice of the Peace, the County Judge, and the County Attorney need to be brought up to \$58,500.00.

Motion by Commissioner Griffin to raise Justice of the Peace, Judge, and Attorney to \$58,000.00 and give \$6,000.00 stipend to the Treasurer. We leave all other elected officials at the purposed amounts and review the stipend annually.

Seconded by Commissioner Gibson.

Judge Bradley called for an individual verbal vote –

Commissioner Precinct 1 – yes

Commissioner Precinct 2 – no

Commissioner Precinct 3 – yes

Commissioner Precinct 4 – yes

Judge Bradley – no

Motion passes with a 3 to 2 vote of yes.

\*\*Recess at 11:02 a.m.

\*\*Reconvene at 11:34 a.m.

### **(9) SCHLEICHER COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2025 AND 2024 TAX RATE**

County Judge Charlie Bradley mentioned that there will be a change to the postage line under the Justice of the Peace budget. It can be fixed with a budget amendment at a later time.

Commissioner Meador made the motion to continue with the SB22 stipends for the 2025 Budget, as they benefit jail deputies, jailers and part-time employees.

Seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Motion passes.

Under courthouse expenses &37,440 for custodian will have \$1,850 removed changing that line item.

Treasurer Henderson would like for 2 deputies, Stacey and Barbara, to be budgeted for 40 hours a week.

Motion by Commissioner Gibson to use reserve general fund balance to create Emergency Equipment Fund in the amount of \$150,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Meador. Motion passes.

### **(12) RENEWAL OF KOLOGIC AGREEMENT**

Sheriff Chatham presented already budget – Three-year contract vs. One year contract. Motion by commissioner Nelson. Seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Motion passes.

### **(10) 2025 BUDGET**

Motion to approve 2025 budget. Motioned by commissioner Meador. Seconded by commissioner Griffin.

Griffin called for an individual verbal vote-

Commissioner Precinct 1- Yes

Commissioner Precinct 2- yes

Commissioner Precinct 3- yes

Commissioner Precinct 4- yes

Judge Bradley- yes

Motion passes.

**(13) BIDS**

None at this time.

**(14) COMMENTS**

Kranke Thanked the court.

**ADDENDUM**

Review of the 911 addressing System. Judge Charlie Bradley mentioned that he needed to visit with John Paul Fuentes from CVCOG. Reserved for September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting

**(15) NEW BUSINESSES**

None at this time

**(16) MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motioned by Meador. Seconded by Gibson. Motion passes. 12:32 p.m.

Attendees: Gary Gibson, Steve Nelson, Kirk Griffin, Chris Meador, Judge Charlie Bradley, County Attorney Clint Griffin, County Clerk Marsha Maskill, County Justice of the Peace Rahegyn Franke, County Tax Assessor Collector Vanessa Covarrubiaz, County Sheriff Jason Chatham, Sheriff Deputy Tim Sanders, Justice of the Peace Clerk Katlyn Lindsey, Conon Emmons, Phil Edmiston, Rennond and Cathy Kuykendall, Shay Parker, Robert Parker, Kathy Mankin, Michele Bischoffberger, Monty Bybee, T.J Rodrigez

I, **MARSHA L. MASKILL, CLERK** FOR SCHLEICHER COUNTY DO HEREBY ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY FOR  
THE Commissioner Court Minutes for the Regular Meeting held September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marsha L. Maskill", written over a horizontal line.

Marsha L. Maskill, County & District Clerk  
Schleicher County