

August 26, 2024

On this the 26th day of August A.D., 2024 at 9:30 o'clock A.M. came to be had a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Ward County, Texas, held in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse of said County in the Town of Monahans with the following members present:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Greg Holly | County Judge |
| Tino Sanchez | Commissioner Precinct No. 1 |
| Larry Hanna | Commissioner Precinct No. 2 |
| Dexter Nichols | Commissioner Precinct No. 3 |
| Eddie Nelms | Commissioner Precinct No. 4 |

- (1) Judge Holly called the meeting to order.
- (2) Determination of a Quorum – Judge Holly, Commissioner Sanchez, Hanna, Nichols, and Nelms were present.
- (3) Judge Holly led the pledge and offered the Invocation.
- (4) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the minutes for August 12, 2024.
- (5) WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen and a grave public necessity exists in the budgets of The GENERAL FUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, FARM TO MARKET ROAD FUND, COUNTY ATTORNEY CHECK FEES FUND, SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND, D.A. FORFEITURE FUND, D.A. SEIZURE FUND, COUNTY CLERK, RM&P FUND, D.A. RESTITUTION FUND, HOSPITAL MEDICAL BENEFITS FUND, WARD COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS FUND and the HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND, which could not be included in the original budget of 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve budget amendments for the county and hospital as follows:

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen, and a grave public necessity exists in the budget which could not be included in the original budget of 2024.

THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court, in its meeting of August 26, 2024, will consider an amendment to the current budget as follows:

| | | | | | Change in Department |
|------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND 010 | | | | | |
| Courthouse Annex | 0165 | Wages, Part Time | 0179 | -1,500.00 | |
| | | Supplies | 0250 | 250.00 | |
| | | Supplies, Janitor | 0252 | <u>1,250.00</u> | 0.00 |
| District Clerk | 0220 | Supplies | 0250 | 500.00 | |
| | | Records Management | 0270 | <u>-500.00</u> | 0.00 |
| Sheriff State Supplement SB22 0331 | | Salary, Deputy | 0149 | -14,419.59 | |
| | | Social Security | 0235 | -1,103.00 | |
| | | Retirement | 0238 | -2,085.00 | |
| | | Vehicle | 0551 | 7,607.59 | |
| | | Firearms/Safety Equip | 0580 | <u>10,000.00</u> | 0.00 |
| Jail Expense | 0340 | State Prisoner Expense | 0711 | <u>40,000.00</u> | 40,000.00 |
| Coliseum/Arena | 0500 | Repairs/Maint | 0420 | 500.00 | |
| | | Refunds | 0730 | <u>-500.00</u> | 0.00 |
| Barstow Community Center | 0510 | Supplies | 0250 | 100.00 | |
| | | Vehicle Maint/Fuel | 0780 | <u>-100.00</u> | 0.00 |
| Grandfalls Community Center | 0520 | Repairs/Maint | 0420 | 100.00 | |
| | | Fuel | 0775 | <u>-100.00</u> | 0.00 |
| Pyote Community Center | 0540 | Supplies | 0250 | -30.00 | |
| | | Repairs/Maint | 0420 | <u>-120.00</u> | -150.00 |
| Wickett Community Center | 0560 | Supplies | 0250 | 30.00 | |
| | | Repairs/Maint | 0420 | <u>120.00</u> | 150.00 |
| Event Center Park | 0605 | Utility, Water | 0416 | <u>7,500.00</u> | 7,500.00 |
| Pyote Park | 0610 | Supplies | 0250 | -1,000.00 | |
| | | Repairs/Maint/Supplies | 0420 | <u>1,000.00</u> | 0.00 |
| Monahans Pool | 0670 | Wages, Monahans Library | 0181 | -100.00 | |
| | | Repairs/Maint | 0420 | <u>100.00</u> | 0.00 |
| Permanent Improvements | 0850 | Repairs/Bldg, Permanent Improvements | 0421 | <u>-47,500.00</u> | -47,500.00 |
| No change to General Fund expenses | | | | | |

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 012

| | | | | | |
|---------|------|--------|------|-----------------|------|
| Revenue | 0000 | Sundry | 4450 | 8,000.00 | |
| Expense | 0000 | Travel | 0400 | <u>8,000.00</u> | 0.00 |

Increase to Emergency Medical Service Revenue and Expense for \$8,000.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND 015

| | | | | | |
|---------------|------|-------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Precinct 1 | 0001 | Wages, Part Time | 0180 | 1,280.00 | |
| | | Supplies | 0250 | <u>-1,280.00</u> | 0.00 |
| All Precincts | 0010 | Utility, Water | 0416 | 1,500.00 | |
| | | Utility, Electric | 0418 | <u>-1,500.00</u> | 0.00 |

No change to Road & Bridge Fund expenses

COURT REPORTER SERVICE FUND 035

| | | | | | |
|---------|------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------|----------|
| Expense | 0000 | Reporter Services, Court Reporter | 0336 | <u>5,000.00</u> | 5,000.00 |
|---------|------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------|----------|

Increase to Court Reporter Service Fund expense for \$5,000.00

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUND 210

| | | | | | |
|---------|------|------------------------|------|-------------------|------------|
| Revenue | 0000 | Interest Earned | 4601 | <u>57,365.52</u> | 57,365.52 |
| Expense | 0000 | Law Enforcement Center | 0558 | <u>178,711.15</u> | 178,711.15 |

Increase to American Rescue Plan Act Fund Revenue for \$57,365.52 and Expense for \$178,711.15

DATE: August 22, 2024
TO: Greg Holly, County Judge
FROM: Leticia C. Rodriguez
RE: Budget Amendment

Whereas, an emergency has arisen, and a grave public necessity exists in the budget of the Hospital Operating Fund, which necessity is due to unforeseen conditions, which could not be included in the original budget for the year 2024.

Therefore, the Commissioners' Court in its meeting of August 26, 2024 will consider an amendment to the current budget as follows:

| <u>Revenue</u> | <u>Acct No.</u> | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Grants | 0000-4307 | 100,000.00 |
| From General Fund (Indigents) | 0000-4430 | 56,000.00 |
| Sundry | 0000-4450 | 16,000.00 |
| Interest Earned | 0000-4601 | 53,000.00 |

| <u>Expense</u> | <u>Acct No.</u> | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 340B Pharmacy Program | 0000-0253 | 100,000.00 |
| Audit | 0000-0460 | 20,000.00 |
| License/Fees | 0000-0487 | 5,000.00 |
| Facility Renovations | 0000-0566 | 95,000.00 |
| Rental/Equipment | 0000-0632 | 5,000.00 |

- (6) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve payment of the county's bills.
- (7) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve officers' reports.
- (8) Review current month's financial reports for the hospital. No action taken.
- (9) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court approving order of election.
- (10) Motion made by Commissioner Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and unanimously adopted by the Court approving deputation and oath for the sheriff's office.
- (11) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to acknowledge the jail re-inspection.
- (12) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve out of state travel for justice court training.
- (13) Motion made by Commissioner Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve agreement with West Texas Centers regarding the Ward County Mental Health Center.
- (14) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve contracts for secure and non-secure placement of juveniles, together with other professional services contracts for the juvenile probation department.

- (15) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court approving quitclaim deed to document road closure in Estes Addition.
- (16) Public hearing on the 2025 budget. No response. Hearing closed.
- (17) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court adopting the 2025 budget.
- (18) Public hearing on tax increase. No response. Hearing closed.
- (19) Motion made by Judge Holly, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2025 budget.
- (20) Motion made by Judge Holly, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to set the tax rate for 2024 at \$0.69 per \$100 valuation. The motion was made according to Section 26.05(B), Texas Tax Code, as follows: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.69 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 9.59% increase in the tax rate."
- (21) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize golf course greens project to begin in 2024.
- (23) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize ball field renovation to begin in 2024.
- (22) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to adjourn 10:20 a.m.