

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CASTRO

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2023, COMMISSONERS COURT MET IN A REGULAR CALLED MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

MANDY GFELLER - COUNTY JUDGE
PAUL RAMIREZ - COMMISSIONER PCT. 1
TIM ELLIOTT - COMMISSIONER PCT. 2
MICHAEL GOOLSBY - COMMISSIONER PCT.3
RALPH BROCKMAN - COMMISSIONER PCT. 4
JOANNA BLANCO - COUNTY CLERK

APPEARANCES: Elaine Flynt – Co. Treasurer, Pauline George – Co. Financial Admin, and Sal Rivera-
Co. Sheriff.

- ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order by Judge Gfeller at 9:02 A.M.
- ITEM 2: OPEN FORUM:
Commissioner Goolsby asked about Annual Physical's if employees still get a day off and the answer was yes.
JoAnna – Reminder that the Cybersecurity link was emailed to everyone on 03/17/2023.
- ITEM 3: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CREATION OF OGALLALA RENEWABLE PROJECT REINVESTMENT ZONE 2023-01 AS PART OF A PROPOSED TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASTRO COUNTY AND OGALLALA RENEWABLE PROJECT, LLC.
Public Hearing was opened by Judge Gfeller at 9:04 A.M.
Garrett and Audie answered some questions from the Commissioners.
Public Hearing was closed by Judge Gfeller at 9:12 A.M.
- ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OGALLALA RENEWABLE PROJECT REINVESTMENT ZONE 2023-01 AS PART OF A PROPOSED TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASTRO COUNTY AND OGALLALA RENEWABLE PROJECT, LLC.
Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Goolsby to approve the Resolution Designating Ogallala Renewable Project Reinvestment Zone 2023-01.
Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for.
- ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASTRO COUNTY AND OGALLALA RENEWALBE PROJECT, LLC. INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 312.207(c) OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE IS AS FOLLOWS:
Motion was made by Commissioner Goolsby and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement between Castro County and Ogallala Renewable Project, LLC as required by Section 312.207(c) of the Texas Tax Code. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.

- ITEM 6: REVIEW PROPOSAL FOR PRESERVATION ARCHITECT – ARCHITEXAS – ZOOM CONFERENCE SUSAN FROCHEUR (9:15 A.M.)
Zoom Conference with Susan Frocheur started at 9:15 A.M. and ended at 9:36 A.M.
Discussion only. No Action.
- ITEM 7: DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON PROCLAMATION FOR CASTRO COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH; (APRIL 2023).
Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to approve the Proclamation for Castro County Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month of April 2023. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for.
- ITEM 8: DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON COURTHOUSE SECURITY – VIDEO SURVEILLANCE – DISPATCH AND JUDGE’S OFFICE.
Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to approve the Video Surveillance quote from FiteIT for the Dispatch office, Judge’s office, and the additional cameras for the Courthouse using the ARPA Funds. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.

SKIPPED TO ITEM 11:

- ITEM 11: DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CASTRO COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND PARMER COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE.
Motion was made by Commissioner Goolsby and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to accept the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the Castro County Sheriff’s Office and Parmer County Sheriff’s Office. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.
- ITEM 12: DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.
Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Brockman to approve the Minutes from March 13, 2023, as presented. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for.
- ITEM 13: DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON JOB RELATED TRIPS AND EXPENSES THRU 03/27/23.
Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to approve the Job Related Trips and Expenses thru March 27, 2023. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copies Attached.
- ITEM 14: DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON ACCOUNTS PAYABLE THRU 03/27/23.
Motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Goolsby to approve the Accounts Payable thru March 27, 2023. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.
- ITEM 15: DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:
(A) COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
(B) COUNTY TREASURER
(C) FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR
(D) COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK
(E) COUNTY JP

- (A) Motion was made by Commissioner Brockman and seconded by Commissioner Goolsby to approve the Tax Assessor/Collector's report. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.
- (B) Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to approve the County Treasurer's February 2023 report. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.
- (C) Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Goolsby to approve the Financial Administrator's report. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.
- (D) Motion was made by Commissioner Goolsby and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to accept the County/District Clerk's February 2023 report. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.
- (E) Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Goolsby to approve the J.P.'s February 2023 report. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.

ITEM 16: COUNTY COMMISSIONER(S) REPORT

Discussion only. No action.

Pct. 1 – Cleaning bar ditches, Culvert work, and fixing to run the nail picker.

Pct. 2 – Working on a few roads, Culvert work, and cleaning around the shop.

Pct. 3 – Working on a few roads.

Pct. 4 – Building roads and sprayed weeds around the Expo.

ITEM 17: COUNTY JUDGE REPORT

Discussion only. No action.

Judge and Bob worked on the sprinkler system and needing to replace some of them.

Prayers for Janet Sammann. Judge is still working on the County Health Officer. Dr. Hardee will be gone, and they will have an interim until Dr. Smith gets here in June. Judge is checking to see if we can have the same Fire Marshall as the City. The City's current Fire Marshall is David Fisher. Judge will be going to a Central Plains meeting and checking to see if we can hold the Emergency Hearing's in the county in order to save money. Tire Disposal Day – April 1st in Amarillo. Judge announced we will be going to a Consent Agenda.

BACK TO ITEM 9:

ITEM 9: REVIEW PROPOSAL FOR PRESERVATION ARCHITECT – KOMATSU ARCHITECTURE – IN PERSON OR ZOOM CONFERENCE W/ KARL KOMATSU (10:30 A.M.)

Zoom Conference w/Karl Komatsu started at 10:30 A.M. and ended at 11:15 A.M.

Discussion only. No action.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON CONTRACT FOR PRESERVATION ARCHITECT FOR COURTHOUSE RESTORATION MASTERPLAN.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brockman and seconded by Commissioner Goolsby to use Karl Komatsu for Preservation Architect for the Courthouse Restoration Masterplan. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for. Copy Attached.

ITEM 18: ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Goolsby and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 A.M. Motion carried 4 to 0 voting for.

SAID MINUTES WERE PRESENTED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2023. MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOOLSBY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED THREE TO ZERO VOTING FOR WITH COMMISSIONER BROCKMAN BEING ABSENT.


MANDY GFELLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


JOANNA BLANCO, COUNTY CLERK

