

**COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HONORABLE COURT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, ON 26TH, 2024 AUGUST, 9:00A.M. AND THAT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS HAD TO WIT:

**PRESENT: JUDGE ENSEY
COMMISSIONER SMITH
COMMISSIONER CORNELL
COMMISSIONER HARRIS
COMMISSIONER NEELY**

1.0 THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE ADAM ENSEY AND HE GAVE THE INVOCATION, COMMISSIONER SMITH GAVE THE PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

2.0 JUDGE ADAM ENSEY OPENED THE BUDGET AND TAX HEARING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT AT 9:00AM

3.0 COMMISSIONER HARRIS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT A NEW FUND TO THE 2025 BUDGET WARRANTED BY LAW AND REQUIRED BY THE INTEREST OF THE TAXPAYER CALLED ARMSTRONG COUNTY FIRE/FUND 54

1. INCREASED 10416603 CAD RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR SHERIFFS OFFICE TO \$9000.00 TO \$11,000.00, AND CHANGED THAT THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE PAID BY THE COUNTY, NOT THE SB22 FUND

2. 10-416-803 INCREASED TO \$28,208.00

3. 10-421-101 DECREASED BY \$11,500.00

COMMISSIONER SMITH SECOND THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH 4 AYES

4.0 COMMISSIONER HARRIS MADE THE MOTION TO ALLOW COUNTY ATTORNEY, SCOTT SHERWOOD AND JUDGE ENSEY TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF A PROPOSED TAX ABATEMENT WITH CRUSOE ENERGY SYSTEMS, COMMISSIONER CORNELL SECOND THE MOTION AND CARRIED WITH 4 AYES

5.0 COMMISSIONER CORNELL MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO INSTALL LICENSE PLATE READERS IN ARMSTRONG COUNTY AT LOCATION 1: 385 US HIGHWAYS 287 CLAUDE, TX & LOCATIONS 2: 1223 US HIGHWAY 287, CLAUDE, TX AND LOCATION 3: HIGHWAY 207 AT FM285 NB WAYSIDE, TX, COMMISSIONER NEELY SECOND THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH 4 AYES

6.0 COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE THE MOTION TO ALLOW TAWNEE BLODGETT, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK TO OPEN A COURT REGISTRY ACCOUNT AT CITIZENS' BANK, COMMISSIONER CORNELL SECOND THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH 4 AYES

7.0 COMMISSIONER HARRIS MADE THE MOTION TO INSTALL DOOR ACCESS CONTROLS AND SECURITY CAMERAS IN COURTHOUSE AND EXPENSES FOR DOORS \$12,412.81 AND CAMERAS \$ 6599.89 WILL BE PAID OUT OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY, COMMISSIONER CORNELL SECOND THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH 4 AYES

8.0 JUDGE ENSEY CLOSED THE PUBLIC BUDGET AND TAX HEARING AT 9:32AM

9.0 COMMISSIONER CORNELL MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 BUDGET BY RECORD VOTE, COMMISSIONER NEELY SECOND THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH 5 AYES

10.0 COMMISSIONER HARRIS MADE THE MOTION THAT PROPERTY TAXES BE LOWERED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF .355241 GENERAL FUND & .151519 ROAD AND BRIDGE LATERAL FUND FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF .506760. THIS TAX RATE WILL LOWER TAXES FOR MAINTANCE AND OPERATIONS MORE THAN LAST YEARS RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE LOWERED BY -11.98% AND WILL INCREASE TAXES FOR MAINTANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000.00 HOME BY 0.00%, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECOND THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH 5 AYES

11.0 FILED 2023-2024 ARMSTRONG COUNTY DIR-CERTIFIED CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

1ST SUPPLEMENT

1. COMMISSIONER NEELY MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AMENEDDED GUIDEDLINES AND CRITERIA FOR TEXAS TAX CODE CHAPTER 312 TAX ABATEMENT, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECOND THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH 4 AYES

2ND SUPPLEMENT

1. COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ADDITIONAL CHARGES OF \$15121.25 FROM EFORCE FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BEING PAID OUT OF PILT FUND, COMMISSIONER NEELY SECOND THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH 4 AYES

12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS- NONE

13.0 COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN, COMMISSIOER CORNELL SECOND THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH 4 AYES

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES OF THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

ATTEST:


TAWNEE BLODGETT, COUNTY CLERK


ADAM ENSEY, COUNTY JUDGE