

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA POSTING # 2023 - 081**

Be it remembered on this the 15TH day of AUGUST, 2023, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in “REGULAR” called meeting with the following officers and members present, to wit;

- Honorable Sydney Murphy – County Judge presiding,
- Guylene Robertson – Commissioner Pct #1,
- Mark DuBose – Commissioner Pct #2,
- Milton Purvis – Commissioner Pct #3,
- Jerry Cassity - Commissioner Pct #4,
- Schelana Hock - County Clerk and
- Louis Ploth – County Auditor.

The following agenda items, orders and decrees were duly made, considered and passed.

1. WELCOMED & CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M. BY JUDGE SYDNEY MURPHY.
 - INVOCATION LED BY SHERIFF BYRON LYONS.
 - PLEDGES TO U.S. & TEXAS FLAGS LED BY COUNTY CLERK SCHELANA HOCK.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023 TAX RATE:

JUDGE MURPHY PROVIDED AN EXPLANATION OF THE 2023 TAX RATE.

CURTIS DICKENS & PAUL LAFFERTY COMMENTED AND ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TAX RATE AND THE COUNTY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. JUDGE MURPHY EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY DID SET A TWENTY PERCENT HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, WHICH IS THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION THAT A COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO ADOPT, SHIFTING THE TAX BURDEN AWAY FROM OUR RESIDENTS’ HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES. THIS IS WHY THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF 0.583 WILL EFFECTIVELY RAISE TAXES BY 11.52 PERCENT, BUT WILL ACTUALLY DECREASE TAXES FOR A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$9.81.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2024:
JUDGE MURPHY ADVISED THAT THE NOTICE OF HEARING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE POLK COUNTY ENTERPRISE ON AUGUST 3, 2023. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS FILED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITH THE COUNTY CLERK ON JULY 28, 2023. SHE ALSO UPDATED THE COURT ON CHANGES TO THE BUDGET SINCE THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS FILED.

NO FURTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

5. MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE ORDER SETTING ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES, EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES FOR FY2024.
ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED)

6. MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSED FY2024 BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED.
ALL VOTING YES.

7. MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO ADOPT FY2024 BUDGET.
INDIVIDUAL VOTES RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

MILTON PURVIS – YES
JERRY CASSITY – YES
MARK DUBOSE – YES
GUYLENE ROBERTSON – YES
SYDNEY MURPHY - YES
ALL VOTING YES.

8. MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY MILTON PURVIS, THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF 0.583, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 24.11 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.

INDIVIDUAL VOTES RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

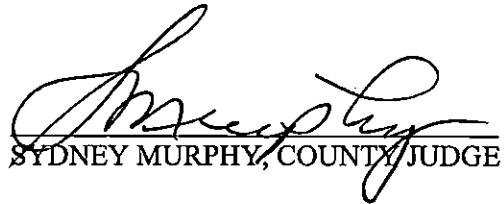
MILTON PURVIS – YES
JERRY CASSITY – YES
MARK DUBOSE – YES
GUYLENE ROBERTSON – YES
SYDNEY MURPHY – YES
ALL VOTING YES.

(SEE ATTACHED)

ADJOURN:

MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO ADJOURN COURT THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023 AT 10:21 A.M.

ALL VOTING YES.


SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK