

MINUTES  
BALMORHEA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 18, 2026

MEMBERS' PRESENT: MAYOR JOHN L. DAVIS, IKE WARD, JOY LEWIS,  
ROSA DOMINGUEZ, JULIE LEWIS, DANNY VASQUEZ III

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: JEANETTE BALLESTEROS


VISTORS: JOSUE MENDOZA, DOAK PAINTER, REEVES COUNTY CONSTABLE RAY J. MORA

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John L. Davis at 7:00 pm.
2. Mayor John L. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Danny Vasquez made a motion, Julie Lewis stated she would like to ask Doak Painter to explain the stipulations that the council would like for this check. Mr. Painter stated he wanted to remain independent and not make any decisions. Mr. Painter asked if there were some hotel/motel monies also given out to this individual. Joy Lewis responded, yes close to \$17,000 that included advertisement and we will need reporting on everything. Mr. Painter stated that he thought it was just this \$5,000 but after talking to Laura Lannom the city finance director, she stated that there had been money out of the hotel/motel given out also. Mayor Davis stated that Isaiah Mendoza with IDM Construction knows he must provide a breakdown of expenditures. Mr. Painter handed out an expense report form that itemizes what the expense was and what source of funds were used to carry out the event. Mr. Painter stated that he had added a note to the bottom of the form stating that the County funds are to be expended first and then hotel/motel tax funds are to be utilized for any remaining amount: leftover unused proceeds will be deposited back to hotel/motel tax fund. Any amount in excess of total funds provided is the responsibility of the sponsor. When I come back and do your audit I want to see all the invoices that back the amount used up. This sponsor needs to realize that if you spend over \$2,000 that individual will have to get a 1099 form on January 1, 2027. Mr. Painter added that as a certified accountant he understands why someone might not want to do this because what is to say that you issue a check for \$5,000 sponsor uses \$2,500 and pockets \$2,500. If you don't have this accounting to support all the numbers, then as a taxpayer I feel cheated. Joy Lewis asked what funds needed to be spent first. Mr. Painter responded that the county fund check of \$5,000 should be

spent first, then whatever you all committed from hotel/motel tax. Danny Vasquez asked if that was something that needed to be done in that order. Mr. Painter responded that he suggested that the council make a motion to say order of expenditure should happen this way. Mayor Davis stated that it would be late doing this because when you contract bands you have to pay deposits. Mr. Painter responded it can be done when you gather everything around with receipts. Rosa Dominguez stated that the Balmorhea Volunteer Fire Department had donated an additional \$4,000, so which would be used first. Mr. Painter responded it is fully the council's decision on which one you want them to spend first, and you get receipts on. Mr. Painter recommends that if the county is giving you money you should spend that money first. Mayor Davis added that the county has said they will be donated towards these events once or twice a year we need to get our information correct from here on out. Mr. Painter added if this is going to be an ongoing thing you might consider an interlocal agreement so that you all are fully covered. Julie Lewis asked if it would be a good idea for all council to sign off when we get receipts, like a bill of sale. I would like to see that its accountability. Mr. Painter added that the form he presented would take care of it all along with receipts. Danny Vasquez III made a motion, Joy Lewis stated she would like to propose that you read the whole stipulation as a motion. Mayor Davis stated that he needed a motion at this time, the county has written a check already or I would have to do what I have done in the past. Joy Lewis made a motion, seconded by Danny Vasquez III to approve accepting funds from Reeves County in the amount of \$5,000 to pass through the city to pay Isaiah Mendoza with IDM Construction for the purposes of the Memorial Day Festival Event and for the Reeves County Funds to be expended first and then the Hotel/Motel funds and report back with proper documentation. Motion Carried 5-0. Julie Lewis asked if she could address the Balmorhea Public Library issue and Mayor Davis stated it would have to be on the next agenda to be addressed.

4. Danny Vasquez III made a motion, seconded by Ike Ward to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. Motion Carried 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8 DAY OF JUNE 2026.

  
JOHN I. DAVIS, MAYOR

  
SANDRA NAVARRETE, CITY CLERK