

February 23, 2026

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 AM to consider the below listed agenda items. Members of the Court present were Judge McDowell, Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, Cecil Gaither Sr and John Walker. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Renee Warren-Treasurer; Tim Reeves-Sheriff, Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Chalone Hefley; Brenda Sparlin; Louis Stas, Billy Hennig; Taire Knight and Kevin Meek-Ag Agent.

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell and then Commissioner May Jr offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the monthly fee reports as submitted by the County Treasurer: Claim report covering the period of February 10, 2026 through February 28, 2026 and totaling \$133,460.70 and the accrued cash report for the period ending December 31, 2025 and totaling \$17,286,196.70. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending February 21, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell offered his thanks to all that were involved in the fighting the recent fires. He mentioned that the next Consignment Auction will be March 28, 2026.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No reports were presented

SO-DEATH OF CANINE JOKER ACKNOWLEDGED

Sheriff Reeves reported to the Court that Canine officer Joker had recently passed away and is no longer part of his department, effective January 29, 2026. Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to acknowledge the death. Motion carried unanimously.

4H AGRI-LIFE MECHANIZED AGRICULTURE SHOP ADJACENT TO THE WHEELER COUNTY SHOW BARN DISCUSSED

Kevin Meek, Agri-Life Agent met with the Court to discuss the possibility of constructing a building to be used for mechanized agriculture classes or any other Extension Service related classes or workshops. Commissioner Gaines mentioned that he had spoken to a contractor and received a proposal for a 30'x50' building costing \$27,600.00.

No action taken. Discussion only.

RENEE WARREN & NICHOLE MOCK-Continuing Education Certificates and County Investment Academy Certificates approved

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to accept the Certificates acknowledging their completion of the mandatory courses. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT APPROVED

County Treasurer Renee Warren presented the County Quarterly Investment Report for the first quarter reflecting interest earned in the amount of \$194,157.50. Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the investment report as presented.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to pay the bills as approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am. Motion carried unanimously.

JUDGE PAT MCDOWELL

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____