

March 23, 2026 9:00 AM

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date to consider the below listed agenda items. Judge McDowell presiding over the meeting which was attended by Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Gaither Sr and Walker. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector, Tim Reeves-Sheriff; Rick Walden-JP #2; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Taire Knight, Louis Stas and County Judge Elect-Chalone Hefley.

Court was called to Order by Judge Mc Dowell who then 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 County Treasurers claim report for the period of March 10, 2026 through March 18, 2026 and totaling \$126,747.49 and her Treasurers report for the period ending January 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES APPROVED

Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the compensatory time balances as of March 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 reported the following:

He and Commissioner Walker attended the recent Shamrock Library dedication and acknowledgement of donations made by the Holmes and Henderson families; The St Patricks celebration in Shamrock was a success which was made possible in part by the County Commissioners and precinct employees; He participated in the monthly PRPC board of directors meeting on March 19, 2026; HR Director Annette Walden and team for setting up the Talking Trios health event were offered thanks.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Gaines reported that several participants ^{were} at the recent stock show in Houston. Several exhibitors made it to the sale with their animals, which included his two granddaughters.

SO-DAVID CARY RUSHING ADDED TO PAYROLL AS A PART TIME DEPUTY, effective March 23, 2026-\$20.24 hourly

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve adding David Cary Rushing to the Sheriff Department payroll as a part time deputy sheriff, effective March 23, 2026, with an hourly salary of \$20.24 (SB 22 funds included). Motion carried unanimously

PACE PROGRAM-RESOLUTION ADOPTED FOR INTENT TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY PACE PROGRAM

Ryan McCormick, representing Lone Star PACE, a third party administrator, met with the Court to offer information and answer questions concerning establishment of a PACE Program in Wheeler County. This is a program which offers owners of commercial, industrial and large multifamily residential real property owners the ability to enter into written contracts to impose assessments on the property to repay the financing by the owners of permanent improvements fixed to the property. There is no cost to Wheeler County. Shamrock EDC is the requestor. After discussion, Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adopt the Resolution, make the required posting on the Wheeler County website along with the PACE Staff Report Program summary. Motion carried unanimously.

PACE PROGRAM-PUBLIC HEARING SET-April 13, 2026 9:01 AM

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to set a Public Hearing concerning the PACE Program for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 9:01 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

NICHOLE MOCK-APPROVAL OF TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY LICENSE

Nichole Mock, County Auditor, presented the Court a copy of her current Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. for acceptance. Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to accept the copy of her current Texas State Board of Public Accountancy license. Motion carried unanimously.

NICHOLE MOCK, AUDITOR-APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM

No action taken.

TAC RISK MANAGEMENT POOL LIABILITY RENEWAL-CONTRIBUTION -May 1, 2026 through May 1, 2027

After discussion, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the renewal contribution for the Risk Management Pool Liability Renewal contribution for the period of May 1, 2026 through May 1, 2027. Total premium will be \$92,440.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #3 and PCT #4 COMMISSIONERS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE SALES PRICE AND CONTRACT TERMS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 108 E 12th STREET IN SHAMROCK

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to grant John Walker-Commissioner Pct # 3 and Cecil Gaither Sr-Commissioner Pct #4 authority to negotiate sales price and contract terms for the purchase of the property located at 108 E. 12th Street in Shamrock, currently owned by Sand Dollar Creek Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS-Cecil Gaither Jr resignation accepted, effective March 31, 2026

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Cecil Gaither Jr to remove himself from the Board of Directors for the Emergency Services District No. 1, effective March 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS-Annette Walden appointed, effective April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to appoint Annette Walden to serve on the board of directors for the Emergency Services District No. 1, for a term beginning April 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the bills for payment and pay accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 am. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED