

MAY 11, 2026 10:00 AM

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session at 10:00 AM to consider the below listed agenda items. Members present were: Judge Hefley, Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Cecil Gaither Sr and John Walker. Commissioner Phillip Gaines was absent. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock County Auditor; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Tim Reeves-Sheriff; Rick Walden-JP #2; Billy Hening; Brenda Sparlin; Julie Reed; Steve Bonds; Louis Stas.

Court was called to Order by Judge Hefley and then Jackie Don May Jr offered an opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nichole Mock-County Auditor spoke to the officials and department heads in attendance about the email she had sent concerning Budget requests for the 2027 year. She explained the new process she is implementing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to approve the minutes from the April 2026 meetings as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to accept the monthly fee reports for April 2026. Motion carried unanimously. Included in the reports is the County Treasurers Claim report totaling \$71,286.49.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES APPROVED

Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending May 9, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to approve the following line item transfers:

CO JUDGE-\$1,750.00 from Conf Training Official to Bond Premium

CO ATTY -\$ 500.00 from Supplies to Fuel Expense

Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge Hefley reported that she had recently attended a Probate School in Lubbock.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No reports were given.

PCT #2-STOP SIGNS ON COUNTY ROADS 18 & J (2 miles north of Hwy 152) TO BE INSTALLED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the installation of stop signs on County Roads 18 & J, 2 miles north of Hwy 152. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-SCOTTIE ALAN CAMPBELL ADDED TO PAYROLL AS A PART-TIME JAILER/DISPATCHER, effective May 15, 2026-\$17.99 hr.

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to add Scottie Alan Campbell to the payroll as a part-time jailer/dispatcher, effective May 15, 2026 with a salary of \$17.99 per hour (SB 22 funds included) Motion carried unanimously.

CA-STEVE BONDS RESIGNATION LETTER APPROVED-County Attorney Chief Investigator, effective May 8, 2026

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to accept the Letter of Resignation from Steve Bonds for his position as County Attorney Chief Investigator, effective May 8, 2026.

SO-STEVE BONDS ADDED TO PAYROLL AS CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF, effective May 11, 2026-\$27.63 hourly (SB22 included)

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to add Steve Bonds to the payroll as Chief Deputy Sheriff, effective May 11, 2026 with a salary of \$27.63 per hour with SB 22 funds included. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-JACOB MAXWELL CHANGED FROM PART TIME TO FULL TIME JAILER/DISPATCHER, effective May 15, 2026-\$21.78 hr (SB22 included)

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to change Jacob Maxwell from a part time jailer/dispatcher to a full time jailer/dispatcher, effective May 15, 2026 and a salary change to \$21.78 per hour (SB 22 funds included). Motion carried unanimously.

SO-DARRELL MOORE ADDED TO PAYROLL AS A FULL TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF, effective May 11, 2026-\$25.11 hr (SB 22 funds included)

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to add Darrell Moore to the payroll as a full time Deputy Sheriff, effective May 11, 2026 with a salary of \$25.11 per hour (SB 22 funds included). Motion carried unanimously.

JUDGE CHALONE HEFLEY-Public Official Bond Approved

Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Public Official Bond for Chalone Hefley to serve as Wheeler County Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

SELF INSURANCE BOND CERTIFICATE RELEASED-Judge Chalone Hefley, effective April 16, 2026

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to release the Self Insurance Bond Certificate for Judge Chalone Hefley, effective April 16, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR 2025 APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to approve the Independent Audit for 2025 as submitted by Doshier Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN APPROVED

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the University of Texas at Austin and Wheeler County for Regional Security Operations Center (RSOC) Services. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS APPROVED

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Purchase of Property and County Attorney Position

Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to enter into Executive Session at 9:17AM as allowed pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072. Motion carried unanimously.

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to return to Regular Session at 10:12 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken on Purchase of Property

No action taken on County Attorney position

~~RECORDS OF OR OTHER MATTERS~~

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

JUDGE CHALONE HEFLEY

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_