

JUNE 8, 2026

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular session on the above date and was called to Order by Judge Chalone Hefley. Members present were: Commissioners, Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, Cecil W Gaither Sr and John Walker-Commissioners 1,2,3 & 4 respectively. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Jeff Shortnacy-Constable Pct #2; Renee Warren-Treasurer; Rick Walden-JP #2; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Kevin Meek-Extension Service; Britt McCarter, Louis Stas, Ky Harper and Melissa Hester-Department of Emergency Management.

At 9:30 AM Commissioner Jackie Don May Jr offered the opening prayer.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

3. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the monthly fee collection reports and the County Treasurer disbursement report for the period of May 21, 2026 through June 3, 2026 and totaling \$373,330.79. The Treasurer also submitted the Investment Report for the period ending April 30, 2026 reflecting a balance of \$18,359,668.70. Motion carried unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the minutes as written for the May 2026 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending June 6, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

6. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

7. BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

8. BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

9. BURN BAN

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to remove any Burn Ban stipulations, effective June 8, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

10. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None was offered.

11. PCT #3-ROAD CUT PERMIT GRANTED JASON BRASHEARS-6415 Co Rd 17, Water Line

Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to grant Jason Brashears a permit to cut a County Road (6415 Co Rd 17) for installation of a water line. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-JENNI SPENCE REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective June 15, 2026

At the request of Treasurer Renee Warren, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to remove Jenni Spence from the payroll, effective June 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

13. TREASURER-ANNETTE WALDEN MOVED TO 1ST DEPUTY POSITION, effective June 16, 2026, \$21.98 hourly

At the request of Renee Warren, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to move Annette Walden to 1st deputy position effective June 16, 2026 with a salary of \$21.98 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

14. TREASURER-MARY KAY TALLANT ADDED TO PAYROLL, effective June 22, 2026, \$21.73 per hour

At the request of Renee Warren, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to the payroll, effective June 22, 2026 with a salary of \$21.73 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

15 FIREWORKS REGULATION ORDER FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN COUNTY
Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to not issue an Order regulating fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Wheeler County, at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

16. WHEELER COUNTY POLICY ON CASH HANDLING AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS, INTERNAL CONTROLS, BONDING AND INSURANCE TO BE ESTABLISHED, Local Government Code 113.022
After discussion, Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to establish internal controls for receipting, handling and depositing of county funds, including bonding or insurance requirements for employees handling said funds, in accordance with Local Government Code 113.022. Motion carried unanimously.

17 BOND--PUBLIC OFFICIAL POSITION SCHEDULE BOND FOR COUNTY TREASURER OFFICE APPROVED--2 employees, effective June 1, 2026
At the request of County Treasurer Renee Warren, Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Public Official Position Schedule Bond for the County Treasurer Office employees. Motion carried unanimously.

18 BUDGET--2027 WHEELER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET CONSIDERED
Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to table any action concerning the proposed budget until Chief Appraiser Kimberly Morgan could be in attendance for questions. Motion carried unanimously.

19 COUNTY ATTORNEY--Internal Audit
No action taken. This item was processed during the May 22, 2026 Commissioners Court meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION--PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.072
John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to enter into Executive Session at 9:47 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

- 21. Purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located in the City of Shamrock
- 22. Review, deliberate and consult with legal counsel regarding the legal process and potential approval of request by Syntrio (Santa Rosa) for fiber optic cable installation.
- 23. Review notification and discussion with legal counsel regarding Xcel Energy.

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to return into Regular Session at 10:09 am. Motion carried unanimously.

24. CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 108 E. 12th STREET, SHAMROCK
Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to allow Judge Chalone Hefley to begin the process to acquire a Purchase Contract and sign the document on behalf of Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

25. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Chalone Hefley, County Judge

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK
APPROVED: _____