

MAY 22, 2026

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 AM to discuss matters of mutual concern. Judge Hefley called to court to Order with the following members in attendance: Phillip Gaines, Cecil W Gaither Sr and John Walker-Commissioners Precinct No. 2,3 & 4 respectively. Commissioner Jackie Don May Jr was absent. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Sherris Jones-District Clerk; Jeff Shortnacy-Constable Pot #2; Natalie Thomas-JP #1; Carrie Gaines & Angela Jolly-Sheriff Department; Jessica Newkirk; Jan Hill; Bobbie Walker; Brenda Sparlin; Julie Reed; Mike & Sharon Miles; Leslie Timmons; Timm Rodgers; Greg Clark; Misty Helton-Copeland; Kye Harper; Logan & Dawson Hefley; Billy Hemigand Melissa Miles.

At 10:00 AM the above remained in attendance and Judge offered an opening prayer to prior to consideration of the agenda items. Judge Hefley expressed her concerns about misinformation being shared concerning happenings in the County.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Timm Rodgers addressed the Court and encouraged all to establish a relationship with all commissioners to work together for the betterment of Wheeler County. He also expressed his opinion that all public meetings should be attended to better educate and make informed decisions.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the monthly Claim Report as submitted by the County Treasurer and covering the period of May 12, 2026 through May 20, 2026 and totaling \$279,272.34. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to approve the compensatory time balances as shown for the period ending May 16, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

5. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

6. BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

7. BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

8. BURN BAN

No action taken.

9. JUDGES REPORT

Judge Hefley reported that she will implement a procedure in the near future which will be placing her monthly report of activities on the County web site, which will make it more accessible to the public. The report will be a listing of the previous months meetings and activities.

10. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No report offered.

11. INTERNAL AUDIT-COUNTY ATTORNEY PRE TRIAL DIVERSION FUND AND ATTORNEY TRUST FUND (Hot Check)-the period covered was October 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept the Internal Audit of the County Attorney Pre-Trial Diversion Fund and the Attorney Trust (Hot Check) Account for the period of October 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

12. NICHOLE MOCK-WHEELER COUNTY AUDITOR- APPOINTED TO PREPARE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE WHEELER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to appoint Nichole Mock, County Auditor, to prepare the annual audit of the financial records of the Wheeler County Emergency Services District No.1, pursuant to Sec. 775.082 et seq., Texas Health and Safety Code and provide a written report to the Commissioners Court. Motion carried unanimously.

13. COUNTY ATTORNEY-Letter of Resignation accepted from Leslie Timmons, effective May 7, 2026

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to accept the Letter of Resignation submitted by Leslie Timmons as County Attorney, effective May 7, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CERTIFICATE OF SELF-INSURANCE IN LIEU OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL SURETY BOND-County Attorney

No action needed.

15. PUBLIC OFFICIAL SURETY BOND-Melissa Miles, County Attorney approved

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the Public Official Bond for Melissa Miles as Wheeler County Attorney, for the unexpired term beginning May 22, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

16. COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM-Melissa Miles, effective May 22, 2026  
Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to appoint Melissa Miles to serve as Wheeler County Attorney effective May 22, 2026 for the unexpired term. Motion carried unanimously.

17. MELISSA MILES SWORN IN AS WHEELER COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Judge Chalone Hefley swore Melissa Miles in to serve as Wheeler County Attorney, effective May 22, 2026.

18. SEALED BIDS TO BE ADVERTISED-ROAD MATERIALS (NON ARPA PURCHASES)-Bid No. RB 2026 3

Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve advertisement for sealed bids to purchase road materials (Non ARPA Purchase) and bid no. #RB\_2026\_3 for the period of July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

19. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to pay the bills as approved. Motion carried unanimously.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072

Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to enter into Executive Session at 10:22 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to return to Regular Session at 10:38 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of property-No action taken

Regulation of certain fireworks in unincorporated areas-no action taken

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

JUDGE CHALONE HEFLEY

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MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

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