

JANUARY 8, 2024

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 attending were: Judge McDowell, Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, David Simpson and John Walker-Precincts 1,2,3 and 4, respectively. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court, Nichole Mock-County Auditor, Renee Warren-County Treasurer, Sherri Jones- District Clerk, Cindy Brown-Tax Collector, Natalie Thomas, JP #1, Johnny Carter-Sheriff, Ken Daughtry-Emergency Management, Louis Stas-Wheeler Times, Jim Beck-County Star News, Chalone Hefley-Wheeler Title & Abstract and Lauren Guest.

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell at 9:00 am and then offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT REPORTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the monthly fee collection reports for: JP #1, JP #2, County Clerk, District Clerk and Tax Collector and the County Treasurer disbursement report, all for December 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the minutes as written for the December 2023 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the compensatory time balances for each office, as of January 5, 2024. 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 that Senator Perry would be conducting a Town Hall meeting at the Courthouse on January 16, 2024. He reported that the County Stock show was a success. He also mentioned that information is being gathered concerning the repairs that are needed both inside and outside the courthouse. The commissioners stated that there are items that need to be considered at the show barn, which include insulation and concreting the areas that are currently dirt flooring.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Gaines expressed his Thanks to the court for their help and participation in the County Stock show. Commissioner May Jr also included his Thanks.

PCT #1-APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR USED MOTOR GRADER

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to allow advertisement for sealed bids for one (1) used motor grader, which was then seconded by John Walker. Advertisement will be for 2 weeks and be considered at the January 22, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERNAL AUDIT FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND AND HOT CHECK FUND REPORT ACCEPTED, ending September 30, 2023

Nichole Mock, County Auditor, presented her report for the Internal Audit conducted on the County Attorney Pre trial Diversion Fund and Hot Check Fund, for the period ending September 30, 2023.

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to accept the reports as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

TITLE CLEARING FOR TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SW/4 SECTION 4, T&NO SURVEY-Hayden and Lauren Guest, discussed

Chalone Hefley, Manager of Wheeler Title & Abstract and Layren Guest met with the Court to discuss a problem concerning the owners of a portion of land out of the SW/4 Section 4, T&NO survey, consisting of approximately 1.25 acres. Chalone Hefley stated that the property is currently being considered for sale and the attorneys assisting with the title verification have expressed a question concerning the owner of the 1.25 acres. A cursory check indicates that the property is owned by Wheeler County.

After discussion and request that Ms. Hefley consult with the County Attorney, no action was taken at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

  
MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK  
APPROVED: 2/12/2024

Pat McDowell, County Judge