

February 12, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular session on the above date of 9:00 AM with the following members in attendance: Judge McDowell, Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, David Simpson and John Walker-Precincts 1,2,3 & 4 respectively. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock County Auditor; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Johnny Carter & Belinda Daniels-Sheriff and Administrative Assistant; Ken Daughtry-Emergency Management; Jim Beck-County Star News; Louis Stas-Wheeler Times; Barry Sanders, Ada Lester, Dan Same-Wheeler Mayor and Amando Lujan.

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell and then Jackie Don May Jr offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ada Lester, County Historical Committee Chairman, met with the Court to request assistance with preparing the Wheeler County Show Barn for a Texas Independence Day event. The Commissioners agreed that they would see that the barn is prepared and cleaned.

Wheeler Mayor, Dan Sams, met with the Court to advise that there is a Maximum Contaminant Level Violation for the City of Wheeler drinking water. The nitrate level is higher than the approved level. This was for information purposes only.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept the monthly fee report for January 2024 for JP #1; JP #2; County Clerk; District Clerk; Tax Collector and County Treasurer December 2023 report. Also, the County Treasurers Claim Report covering the period of January 23, 2024 through February 7, 2024 and totaling \$495, 767.20. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the minutes as written for the January 2024 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY HOURS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2, 2024 APPROVED

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the compensatory hours balances as of February 2, 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.

COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported the Palo Duro check has been received.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None

SO-INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WHEELER

Sheriff Carter and Mayor Sams offered further information and asked for clarification on the physical year to be used on the Agreement. A draft has been submitted to the County Attorney for approval.
No action taken.

SO-VICTORIA NORMAN ADDED TO PAYROLL-Part Time Jailer/Dispatcher-\$17.00 hourly, effective February 19, 2024

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to add Victoria Norman to the Sheriff Department payroll, effective February 19, 2024 with an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-USE OF SB 22-RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUNDS

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF PANHANDLEREGIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BOND-2024

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the No Litigation Certificate with the Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation for \$20,000,000 in bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the first quarter investment report as submitted by the County Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CIRA SERVICE AGREEMENT-1 YEAR TERM

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the CIRA Service Agreement with the Texas Association of Counties. Motion carried unanimously.

QUIT CLAIM DEED EXECUTION APPROVED-Guest Property

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the execution of a Quit Claim deed from Wheeler County to Hayden and Lauren Guest. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR PROGRAM APPROVED

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the Failure to Appear Program with Texas DPS. Motion carried unanimously.

IT DEPARTMENT-APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NETWORK CONTROLLER-up to \$8,000.00 PLUS SHIPPING

At the request of Larry Gatlin, IT Director, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the purchase of a network controller with a price up to \$8,000.00 plus shipping. Motion carried unanimously.

CYBER SECURITY TRAINING COMPLIANCE-FY 2024

Larry Gatlin, IT Director, presented verification that all Wheeler County employees have successfully completed the mandatory Cyber Security Training for FY 2024.

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept the Cyber Security Training Certification for FY 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to pay the bills as approved. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Briefing from IT Administraor on Cybersecurity and status of IT for Wheeler County.

Phillip Gaines made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:28 AM. Motion carried unanimously. Phillip Gaines made a motion to leave Executive Session and return to Open Meeting at 10:27 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

LARRY GATLIN APPROVED TO SERVE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES

Philip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve Larry Gatlin being appointed to the Advisory Committee with the Texas Department of Information Resources. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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


MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK
APPROVED: 3/11/2024

JUDGE PAT MCDOWELL