

February 26, 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, Commissioner Jackie Don May Jr, Commissioner Phillip Gaines, Commissioner David Simpson. Commissioner John Walker was absent. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-Auditor; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Debbie McLaughlin-District Clerk Deputy; Johnny Carter-Sheriff and Belinda Daniels-Administrator; Annette Walden-HR Director; Ken Daughtry-Emergency Management; Britt McCarter-Maintenance; Louis Stas-Wheeler Times; and Kristen Moudy-Wheeler EDC director. Two representatives from the Texas Association of Counties were also present.

CALL TO ORDER-Judge McDowell
OPEN PRAYER-Judge McDowell

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nichole Mock, County Auditor, spoke to the Court concerning the fuel cards, changes in use and the need to have attention focused on submissal of tickets for road materials to the Auditors office.

APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the Treasurers Claim report for the period of February 13, 2024 through February 21, 2024 and totaling \$148,851.04. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY BALANCES APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the compensatory fund balances for the period ending February 26, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Budget Amendment for use of the ARPA Funds to purchase Ninja Software in the amount of \$32,434.00. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the budget transfer for \$26,715.00 from R&B 1 Truck and Tractor purchase to Vehicle Purchase Extension service. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the following line item transfers:

Treasurer	-\$ 601.00	from Equip Purchase to Conf & training staff
SO	-\$ 7,020.00	from Wages PT to Wages pt custodial
	-\$ 262.00	from Supplies to Ammunition & Weapon exp
JAIL	-\$ 1,000.00	from Cash Short/long to Computer expense
	-\$ 200.00	from Supplies to Computer Expense
EXTENSION	-\$ 898.00	from Supplies to Equipment purchase
	-\$ 1,000.00	from Fuel Expense from Vehiole Expense
BldMain	-\$21,000.00	from Ext Bldg Exp to Capital Expenditure Bldg Main
	-\$ 1,700.00	from Equip Purchase to Conf & Training
EmergMan	-\$ 74.00	from Travel to Conf Training
R&B 1	-\$ 3,938.00	from Truck & Trailer purchase
	-\$ 2,200.00	from Contract labor to equip purchase
R&B 2	-\$39,750.00	from to truck & trailer purchase
	-\$ 3,938.00	from road material to capital purchase
R&B 3	-\$ 3,938.00	from road material to capital purchase
R&B 4	-\$ 3,938.00	from road material to capital purchase

Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to implement a Stage 1 Burn Ban, effective February 26, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported on the possibility of repaving of the parking lot at the Agri-Life building, the upcoming Historical program at the Agri-Life bldg and the closing ceremony at the Mobeetie Bank. He also mentioned the elevator maintenance and Mental Health Hearings conducted by Potter County.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

It was reported that there will be a training conference in Amarillo on March7, 2024.

PURCHASE OF CAT 84" PADFOOT SHELL KIT APPROVED-\$9,500.00

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the purchase of one 84" padfoot shell kit in the amount of \$9,500.00, which will be divided equally between all 4 precincts. Motion carried unanimously. Purchase from Midway Equipment Ltd.

SO-BRANDON ARNOLD REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective February 16, 2024

At the request of Sheriff Carter, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to remove Brandon Arnold from the payroll, effective February 16, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-RENEAL OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR APPROVED, \$5,942.00

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the payment for rental of an emergency generator for the Sheriff Office/Jail due to a failure of the current one. The cost is \$5,942.00. Rental was from Warren Cat. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-HOURLY PAY RATE FOR PART TIME DEPUTIES AND JAIL EMPLOYEES CHANGED, EFFECTIVE October 1, 2023

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to change the hourly pay rate for part time deputies and jail employees to comply with the minimum compensation requirements of SB 22 and effective October 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-HEALTHY COUNTY PRESENTATION-TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Stacy Bruington and Kathy Davenport from the Texas Association of Counties met with the Court to present a program providing information for the Healthy County Program, offered by the Texas Association of Counties. Discussion was had concerning the top three medical diagnoses for Wheeler County employees and preventative practices for employees to improve health through an incentive program. No action taken.

TREASURER-CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATES ACCEPTED

County Treasurer, Renee Warren, presented her continuing education certificates for her attendance at the County Investment Academy and the Public Funds Investment Act training program.

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to accept her continuing education certificates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTHY COUNTY AND WELLNESS PROGRAM ADOPTED FOR WHEELER COUNTY AND COORDINATOR AND ASSISTANTS APPOINTED

After discussion, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to adopt the Healthy County and Wellness Program for Wheeler County elected officials and employees and appoint Annette Walden, HR Director, as the coordinator with the assistance of Debbie McLaughlin and Britt McCarter. They are authorized to consider and suggest an incentive rewards program for participants. Motion carried unanimously.

TREE TRIMMING BID CONSIDERED-A&T YARD SERVICE--PAMPA

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve using A&T Yard Service, Pampa, Texas for tree trimming service at the Courthouse, cost to be less than \$15,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

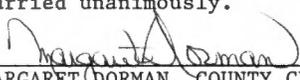
Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the bills for payment and pay accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING-10:22 AM

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 AM. Motion carried unanimously.


MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: 3/11/2024

JUDGE PAT MCDOWELL