

MARCH 25, 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. Judge McDowell called the meeting to order and then the opening prayer was offered by Jackie Don May Jr. Members in attendance were: Judge McDowell, Commissioner Jackie Don May Jr; Commissioner Phillip Gaines; Commissioner David Simpson and Commissioner John Walker. 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; Dee Dee Reeves-JP #1 Clerk; Johnny Carter and Belinda Daniels-Sheriff and Adm Assistant; Ken Daughtry-Emergency Management; Kristen Moudy-EDC Director; Josh Brooks and Wendy Hazzard-Extension Service; Barry Sanders and Autumn Ferguson and Louis Stas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

AGRI-LIFE EXTENSION SERVICE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Josh Brooks-District Extension Administrator and Wendy Hazzard-County Extension Agent, met with the Court to present information concerning the recent activities in the county, both from programs being conducted and response to the recent wild fires in Wheeler and the surrounding counties. Josh Brooks offered his thanks and compliments to all involved. No action taken.

DOSHIER-PICKENS DELIVERY OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT-John Merriss

John Merriss, representing the Doshier-Pickens firm met with the court to present the 2023 financial audit to the court. No action taken.

2023 FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL AUDIT APPROVED

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the 2023 fiscal year financial audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the County Treasurer report for the period ending January 31, 2024 and her claim report covering the period of March 12, 2024 through March 31, 2024 and totaling \$75,538.97. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY BALANCES APPROVED-March 25, 2024

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the compensatory balances through March 15, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the budget amendments as listed for the Sheriff Department, Constable #2 and R&B #1. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the presented budget transfers, which reflect monies received through the SB 22 Grant for Rural Law Enforcement. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS APPROVED

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the budget line item transfer as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Thanks to all who helped with fire activities.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None given.

TIMOTHY PYLE REMOVED FROM SHERIFF DEPARTMENT PAYROLL-Effective March 19, 2024

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to remove Timothy Pyle from the payroll, and allow Mr. Pyle to take his drug dog with him, effective March 19, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-ASSET FORFEITURE FUND-POLICE ACADEMY TUITION

Discussion was had concerning Sheriff Carters request to use Asset Forfeiture monies to pay tuition for a prospective person to attend the police academy in Amarillo.

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to allow Asset Forfeiture monies to be used for payment of tuition for a person to attend the police academy in Amarillo, but, the person will be required to sign a contract concerning employment with Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-DRUG DOGS-RELEASE TO HANDLER IF EMPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED

No action taken.

SO-AMENDED INVOICE APPROVED-2023 CHEVROLET TAHOE PURCHASE-Holliday Chevrolet-\$58,696.65

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the invoice for purchase of one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Holliday Chevrolet, which reflects a trade in allowance of \$4,500.00 for one 2019 Ram. Total purchase price after trade in allowance will be \$58,696.65. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-RENEWAL OF PITNEY BOWES LEASE AGREEMENT-\$26.06 MONTHLY

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the renewal of the Pitney Bowes Lease Agreement for a 48 month period and \$26.06 monthly. Motion carried unanimously.

ELEVATOR-MAINTENANCE CONTRACT CONSIDERED-American Elevator Co Inc

Judge McDowell presented information concerning the current maintenance agreement and service of the courthouse elevator, serviced by Otis Elevator.

After discussion, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to allow Judge McDowell to contact Otis Elevator concerning termination of the current contract with Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED FOR FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH TXDOT-Bridge Replacement-County Road U(E Branch Bronco Creek)

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to adopt the Resolution in agreement of a Advance Funding Agreement with TxDot for a bridge on County Road U (E Branch Bronco Creek) with a projected cost of \$960,623.00. Motion carried unanimously.

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK-CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the Continuing Education for Margaret Dorman, County Clerk for the 2023 year. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None requested

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 AM. Motion carried unanimously.


MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: 4/8/2024

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE