

April 22, 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 present were: Judge McDowell, Commissioner Jackie Don May Jr, Commissioner Phillip Gaines, Commissioner John Walker. Commissioner David Simpson was absent. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Rick Walden-JP #2; Natalie Thomas-JP #1; Ken Daughtry-Emergency Management; Belinda Daniels-Sheriff Department; Lee Lacy-Veterans Service Officer; Barry Sanders; Louis Stas; Autumn Ferguson; Bradd and Ashley Koepke.

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell who then offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None offered.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the County Treasurers monthly claim report covering the period of April 9, 2024 through April 19, 2024 and totaling \$273,435.23. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES-April 5, 2024

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the compenstory time balances as of April 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 he had recently met with an Xcel Energy representative and attended a PRPC meeting concerning weather instances and mentioned that county road signs needed to be replaced.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Jackie Don May reported that the tree planting at the Tom Britt Memorial park was well attended and also the fire school held at the Mobeetie Fire Department building was a success. All will attending a meeting in Amarillo.

INSURANCE REVIEW WITH KOEPKE INSURANCE

Brad and Ashley Koepke met with the Court to discuss the insurance that they administer for Wheeler County and what the trends are state wide as well as nationwide. No action taken.

INSURANCE PREMIUM SUMMARY-Koepke Insurance

Brad and Ashley Koepke met with the Court to discuss the insurance premium that will be due May 1, 2024. They explained the increases and suggested that perhaps there are some buildings that could be self-insured. A Special meeting will be held on Monday April 29, 2024 to consider the list of properties that Wheeler County insures.

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the premium summary as presented and totaled \$299,840.00. Motion carried unanimously.

DONATION FROM PERDUE BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS & MOTT ACCEPTED-\$1,000.00 for fire related expenses by Road & Bridge

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept and acknowledge the \$1,000.00 donation made by Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott for the Road & Bridge departments. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING CHANGED TO MAY 28, 2024

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to change the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court meeting from May 27, 2024 to May 28, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

VETERANS PARKING SPACE ON NORTH END OF COURTHOUSE DESIGNATED

Lee Lacy, Veterans Service Officer, met with the Court to ask that a designated parking space be created at the Courthouse. After discussion, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to designate the lot space on the west side of the loading area on the north end of the Courthouse be designated as a Veterans Parking space and the County will provide a sign with the designation. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-BRADEN MOORE REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective April 8, 2024

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to remove Braden Moore from the payroll of the Sheriff Department, effective April 8, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-BRANDY HAYNES REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective April 5, 2024

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to remove Brandy Haynes from the payroll of the Sheriff Department, effective April 8, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-OMEGA ELECTRONIC TO INSTALL RADIOS-10 units-\$2,000.00-Asset Forfeiture Funds

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve Omega Electronic to install radios in 10 units for a sum of \$2,000.00. They will be Oklahoma frequency radios. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-MARSHALL SHORTNACY ATTENDANCE AND FEE PAID FOR AMARILLO POLICE ACADEMY

After discussion, no action taken.

AUDITOR-APPROVAL OF TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY LICENSE

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the certificate for Nichole Mock complying with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy license requirements, for the period of May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDITOR-GRANT WORKS ARPA FUND LETTER

No action taken.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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


MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: 5/13/24

JUDGE PAT MCDOWELL