

May 28, 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, 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; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Debbie McLaughlin-Deputy District Clerk; Belinda Daniels-Sheriff Office; Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser; Cecil Gaither, Janie Van Zandt, Pam Hibler and Marla Ford-North Wheeler County Hospital Board; Ann Graham, Tonya Finsterwald, Suzanne Lohberger, Roger Pace, Kathleen Cross and Ada Lester-Wheeler County Historical Committee.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD-TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO WHEELER COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The following members of the Wheeler County Historical Committee met with the Court to present the Distinguished Service Award for 2023 as presented to them by the Texas Historical Commission for the 2023 year. After congratulations were offered by the Court, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to acknowledge the award on behalf of the Commissioner's Court. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the County Treasurers Claim Report for the period of May 14, 2024 through May 23, 2024 and totaling \$357,362.72. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIMES APPROVED-Ending May 24, 2024

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the compensatory times for each department, through May 24, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the following budget amendments:

SO -\$ 4,280.00 reimburse Prisoner transport
CO ATTY-\$29,101.00 for Criminal Investigator expense

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the below listed line item budget transfers:

SO -\$ 112.00 from Supplies to Ammunition & Weapon Exp
-\$ 6,000.00 and 3,710.00 from Fuel & Ens to Vehicle Expense
Ind. Def -\$10,000.00 from Contingency to Indigent Defense

Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell mentioned a number of items that he would like to consider in the future, such as: use of county owned vehicles, compensatory time, air conditioners in CH and the inability of the south Wheeler County ambulances being able to communicate by radio with deputies.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No offered.

LAW ENFORCEMENT K9 POLICY APPROVED

After discussion, Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve a Wheeler County Policy for Law Enforcement Dogs. The effective date will be May 28, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

PAUPER CREMATION POLICY

After discussion, no action was taken.

TAX DEED APPROVAL-Harish Patel-Lot 14, Block 5, Shamrock, High School Addition

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the Tax Deed for the sale of Lot 14, Block 5, Shamrock, High School Addition to Harish Patel, effective May 28, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

MARIAH SELBY-SALARY INCREASE VICTIMS COORDINATOR, effective May 28, 2024

At the request of the County Attorney, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to name Mariah Selby as the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the County Attorney office and increase her salary \$7,000.00, effective May 16, 2024. Funds will come from SB 22 Rural Prosecutors Grant Award. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Members of the North Wheeler County Hospital Board were in attendance and spoke to the Court with their budget concerns. No other members from the public were in attendance.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Phillip Gaines 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

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

Pat McDowell, County Judge

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____