

NOVEMBER 25, 2024 9:00 AM

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date to consider the below listed agenda items. Members present were: Judge McDowell, Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, David Simpson and John Walker. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Rick Walden -JP Pet #2; Natalie Thomas-JP #1; Kimberly Morgan; Dan Sams and Marcos-City of Wheeler; Wendy Hazzard, Shantell Campbell and Josh Brooks-Extension Service; Tyler Kincaid and Belinda Daniels-Sheriff Dept; Leslie Timmons-Co Attorney; Kevin Meek, Clifford Oldham and Louis Stas.

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell who then offered the opening prayer. He also offered condolences for the passing of Curtis Broadous-County Attorneys Investigator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Amando Lujan met with the court and voiced his concerns about the area of county road 21, going to his property. The concerns were due to the recent large rains and washing out of the road. Discussion was had between him and the commissioners. No action taken.

ACCEPTANCE OF FEE REPORTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to accept the Claim Report for the period of November 13, 2024 through November 20, 2024 and totaling \$89,616.79. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES-as of November 23, 2024

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the compensatory time balances for employees as of November 23, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

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No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported that he had recently attended an educational conference in College Station, which included AI training.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Phillip Gaines reported that he had gone with Investigators to the Bit Coin business on Highway 152, east of Wheeler and the business did pass inspection. Jackie Don May Jr thanked everyone for their participation in the recent activities at the Wheeler County Showbarn.

✓ KEVIN MEEK APPOINTED AS COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT-Agriculture & Natural Resources-effective January 1, 2025

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to appoint Kevin Meek as the Wheeler County Extension Agent-Agriculture & Natural Resources, effective January 1, 2025 with a Wheeler County salary contribution of \$17,971.50. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ APPROVAL OF QUARTER 4 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT

David Simpson amde a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the 4th Quarter Investment report as presented by Renee Warren, County Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ SICK LEAVE POOL COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR 2025

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to appoint the following as Sick Leave Pool Committee Members: Sherri Jones and Natalie Thomas-Elected Officials; and Shantill Campbell, Angela Jolly and Britt McCarter-Employees, effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ RESOLUTION ADOPTED-COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX EXEMPTION

Jackie Don May Jr amde a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the Resolution in support of the County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ 2023-2024 INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT APPROVED

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the 2023-2024 Indigent Health Care Report as submitted by Nichole Mock, County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ SO-PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS/DASHCAMS FOR 2023 CHEVROLET PICKUP-VIN #79675-\$\$\$3,4870.00

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the purchase and installation of lights and dashcams in a 2023 Chevrolet Pickup in the amount of \$3,480.00 from Omega Electronics. SB 22 funds will be used. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ JP #1-PATSY MCCARTER REMOVED FROM PAYROLL-effective November 11, 2024

At the request of Natalie Thomas, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to remove Patsy McCarter from the payroll, effective November 11, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ 2024-2025 DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONTRACT-Panhandle Auto Burglary Theft Unit September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025

Jackie Don May Jr amde a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the Contract for the Panhandle Auto Burglary Theft Unit involving Gray, Hemphill, Lipcomb, Roberts and Wheeler County. The term will be September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ JP #1-APPROVAL OF JUVENILE DIVERSION PLAN AND DIVERSION AGREEMENT-effective January 1, 2025

At the request of Natalie Thomas, JP #1, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the implementaion of the Juvenile Diversion Plan & Diversion Agreement program and the \$50.00 participation fee, effective January 1, 2025. 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. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

JUDGE PAT MCDOWELL

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____