

December 30, 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, Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines and David Simpson. Commissioner John Walker was absent. Also attending were: Bobbie Walker-Deputy County Clerk; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Rick Walden-JP #2; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Rhonda Scott-Sheriff Department; Marcos from the City of Wheeler; Barry Sanders; Suzanne Lohberger, Tonya Finsterwald, Kathleen Cross and Gina Seitz-Wheeler Historical Commission.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by Judge McDowell who also called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

MONTHLY FEE REPORTS APPROVED

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the County Treasurers Claim Report for the period of December 10, 2024 through December 19, 2024 and totaling \$92,623.08. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending December 19, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

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

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS APPROVED

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the budget line item transfers as listed below:

CO JUDGE	-\$ 30.00	from Supplies to Dues & Publication
CO CLERK	-\$ 635.00	from Election expense to Election workers
SO	-\$ 355.00	from Supplies to Bond Premium
CONS 1	-\$ 178.00	from Supplies to Bond Premium
CO ATTY	-\$ 178.00	from Supplies to Bond Premium
CONS 2	-\$ 355.00	from Equip Purch to Bond Premium
R&B 1	-\$ 355.00	from Warehouse Exp to Bond Premium
R&B 3	-\$ 557.00	from Warehouse exp to Road Materials & Bond Premium
R&B 4	-\$ 273.00	from Supplies to Road Materials

Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported that our representative from TAC had recently visited; interviews had been conducted for the Emergency Management position and the Swearing In Ceremony for newly elected officials will be January 1, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Gaines reported that the recently held livestock show was a success.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS FOR 2025

Tonya Finsterwald and Suzanne Lohberger spoke to the Court concerning the request that Suzanne Lohberger and Kathleen Cross be reappointed to the committee. After discussions, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to reappoint Suzanne Lohberger and Kathleen Cross to the committee with the previously named members. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-BRYSON RICH CHANGED TO FULL TIME JAILER/DISPATCHER, effective January 2, 2025-\$20.43 hourly

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to change Bryson Rich to a full time jailer/dispatcher, effective January 2, 2025 with an hourly rate of \$20.43. Motion carried unanimously.

BONDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Public Official Bonds for: Leslie Timmons, Tim Reeves, Cindy Brown, Jackie Don May Jr, David Simpson, Mack Marshall and Jeff Shortnacy for terms beginning January 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM INVOICE APPROVED-\$380.00 re: Emergency Management Coordinator as Contractor

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve payment of an invoice in the amount of \$380.00 for Bryan Guymon to give an opinion on structuring the Emergency Management Coordinator position as a "contractor". Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH WHEELER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT-Releasing of 1st and 2nd quarter payments without liability of Wheeler County Treasurer

After discussion, Judge McDowell made the following motion: In the spirit of the agreement and for the benefit of the Wheeler County Citizens release of the 1st and 2nd quarter FY2025 payments of \$75,000.00 each will be made, upon the provision of providing the 2022 audit and the 2023 audit engagement letter for the South Wheeler County Hospital District and also release the Wheeler County Treasurer from any liability as a result of the payments. David Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TAC HEALTH AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to vote FOR for the following candidates on the Health and Employee Benefits Pool Board of Directors election ballot: Charlie Bradley, Ronnie Gordon, Tanner Smith, Tam Terry, and Wanda Watson. Motion carried unanimously.

JP #2-APPROVAL OF JUVENILE DIVERSION PLAN AND DIVERSION AGREEMENT

At the request of Rick Walden, JP #2, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the Juvenile Diversion Plan and Diversion Agreement for JP Pct #2, effective January 1, 2025 and allow collection of the \$50.00 Administrative Fee. Motion carried unanimously.

TASCOSA OFFICE MACHINES-Maintenance Agreements for County Judge & County Clerk copy machines approved

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the Maintenance Agreements for the copy machines in the County Clerks office and the County Judges office as submitted by Tascosa Office Machines. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____