

JANUARY 27, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on January 27, 2025 at 9:00 am with the following members present: Judge McDowell, Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Simpson and 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; Rick Walden- JP #2; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Jeff Shortnacy-Constable Pct #2; Tim Reeves, Carrie Gaines and Belinda Daniels-Sheriff and Department employees; Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser; Barry Sanders, Terrye Knight, Louis Stas and Marcos Castillo-City of Wheeler.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sherri Jones-District Clerk, requested additional information concerning Courthouse Security and then informed all that the next surplus property auction would be in April, with a deadline of March 15th for submissals to the auction.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Philip Gaines to approve the County Treasurers Claim report for the period of January 14, 2025 through January 23, 2025 and totaling \$267,204.97. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending January 25, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the following budget amendment:
LEOSE FUND-\$1,330.00 received from grant
Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the following budget line item transfers:
Auditor-\$339.00 from Supplies to Computer expense
Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported that he had recently attended a PRPC meeting in Amarillo and also had gone with Commissioner Gaines to tour the Precinct No. 2 portion of the County.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

It was reported that the next Commissioners school will be in Amarillo on March 6, 2025.

NICHOLE MOCK-APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BOND

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Official Bond for Nichole Mock, County Auditor for the County Auditor appointment for the period beginning August 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-JOEL SWIGER REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective February 1, 2025

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to remove Joel Swiger from the payroll, effective February 1, 2025.

SO-TYLER JERNIGAN ADDED TO PAYROLL, PARTIME, effective January 27, 2025-\$20.24 hourly

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to add Tyler Jernigan to the SO payroll as a part time Deputy Sheriff, effective January 27, 2025 with an hourly rate of \$20.24 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-PURCHASE OF 4 PORTABLE RADIOS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES AND 2 INSTALLED RADIOS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES APPROVED-\$16,889.16

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to purchase 4 portable radios and 2 installed radios for the Sheriff Department for \$16,889.16. The purchase will be through Buy Board and SB 22 funds will be used. Motion carried unanimously.

CA-JAMES STEVEN 'STEVE' BONDS ADDED TO PAYROLL-County Attorney Criminal Investigator-\$60,000.00 annually,eff 2/1/25

At the request of Leslie Timmons, County Attorney, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to add James Steven 'Steve' Bonds to the payroll as the County Attorney Criminal Investigator, effective February 1, 2025 and with an annual salary of \$60,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

CC-CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE APPROVED FOR 2024-Section 51.605 Texas Government Code

Margaret Dorman, County Clerk, presented her Continuing Education certificate for 2024 as certification that she had completed the mandatory education hours as stated in Texas Government Code 51.605. Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the certificate. Motion carried unanimously.

DC-LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS (LGS) AMENDED AGREEMENT

At the request of Sherri Jones, District Clerk, Philip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the amendment to the Agreement to change the users from 3 to 2, therefore,changing the monthly fee to \$338.00 monthly. Motion carried unanimously.

IT-REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FIBER INTERNET SERVICE OF 1 GB SYMMETRIC-Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center
No action taken.

INTERNET PROVIDER CHANGE FROM GRANITE TO FIBER LIGHT, effective October 1, 2025-All Wheeler County facilities in the City of Wheeler


Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve changing internet provider from Granite to Fiber Light, effective October 2025 with a per month fee of \$2,236.00 or \$26,832.00 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 AM. Motion carried unanimously.


MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: 2/10/2025

JUDGE PAT MCDOWELL