

February 10, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 AM with the following members in attendance: Judge McDowell, Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Simpson and Walker. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Renee Warren-Treasurer; Tim Reeves, Belinda Daniels, Caden Walden and Rhonda Scott-Sheriff and Employees; Natalie Thomas-JP#1; Dan Sams and Carlos Castillo-City of Wheeler; Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser; Louis Stas and Terry Knight.

Court was called to Order by Judge McDowell at 9:00am and then Commissioner May Jr offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the minutes for the January 2025 meetings as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the January 2025 fee reports for: JP #1; JP #2; County Clerk; District Clerk; Tax Collector and County Treasurer and the Accrued CashBalance as submitted by the Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending February 8, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the budget amendments below:

- ARPA Grant Revenue-\$35,726.00-Road Materials
- R&B #2-\$10,000.00 sale of used assets to Truck & Trailer Purchase
- K9-\$13,750.00-Asset Forfeiture -K9 Grant

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the following budget line item transfers:

- R&B#2-\$20,000.00 from Fuel to Truck & Trailer purchase
- \$11,299.00 from Road Materials to Truck & Trailer Purchase
- R&B#3-\$ 1,058.00 from Warehouse Expense to Road Materials & Conf, dues & Travel

Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported on the pending Palo Duro law suit, number of occupants in the County Jail from Gray County, tax collection percentage, Legislature in session in Austin and bills of concern, Auditor working on getting an accurate list for insurance and Healthy County meeting this week.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT-None

IT DEPARTMENT-SUPERVISION/MANAGEMENT TO COMMISSIONERS COURT

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to establish the supervision/management of the IT Department be under the Commissioners Court jurisdiction, effective February 10, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #2-PURCHASE OF A 2019 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD-\$31,298.14 after trade-ins-VIN#111042

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the purchase of one (1) 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD pickup from Ware Chevrolet, with the trade of one (1) 2012 Chevrolet 1500, VIN#101296 and one (1) 2008 Chevrolet 1500, VIN#121578. Trade allowance will be \$10,500.00 total from original purchase price of 2019 pickup. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-PURCHASE OF 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE-CAP FLEET /BUY BOARD-\$40,400.00-SB 22 GRANT FUND

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the purchase of one (1) 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe from Cap Fleet/Buy Board for \$40,400.00 using SB22 Grant fund monies. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2023 CHEVROLET TAHOES-CAP FLEET/BUY BOARD-\$93,630.00 EACH-TRADE IN OF 3 UNITS-\$58,000.00

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the purchase of two(2) Chevrolet Tahoes from Cap Fleet/Buy Board for \$93,630.00 each with the following trades:

2023 Chevrolet Silverado-VIN #179675; 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe-VIN#390809; 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe-VIN#389090 with a total trade allowance of \$58,000.00. Total Invoice amount \$129,260.00. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT APPROVED BETWEEN WHEELER COUNTY AND 31ST DISTRICT ATTORNEY-K9

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve an Interlocal Agreement between 31st District Attorney, Wheeler County Sheriff Office and Deputy Joseph Jones concerning the purchase and use of one K9 for discovery and investigation of criminal activity, effective February 10, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

IT-TAC/CIRA SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION APPROVED-Larry Gatlin Administrator

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the software license pilot program agreement with Texas Association of Counties for membership in CIRA and name Larry Gatlin as the administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

DC-SHERRI JONES CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE APPROVED-2024

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the Continuing Education Certificate for Sherril Jones as required by Texas Government Code 51.605 for the 2024 year. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____