

July 14, 2025

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; Commissioner Pct #1-Jackie Don May Jr; Commissioner Pct #2-Phillip Gaines; Commissioner Pct #3-VACANT; Commissioner Pct #4-John Walker. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Carrie Gaines-Jail Admin; Dee Dee Reeves-JP #1 employee; Ken Daughtry; Barry Sanders; Karla Benson; Andy Lisle; Mark Trostle; Louis Stas and Taire Knight.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by Judge McDowell after Court was called to Order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-June 2025

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the minutes from the June 2025 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which wss seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the monthly fee reports for June 2025 as submitted and also approve the County Treasurers claim report for the period of June 24, 2025 through July 9, 2025 and totaling \$221,384.23. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES APPROVED

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the compensatory time balances as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported on the 4th of July activities in Wheeler, storm cleanup by County, ferrel hog grant possibility, vacancy in commissioner pct #3 precinct, budget discussions and pauper burials.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The recent rain was mentioned.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1-Hearing date and time set for Public Hearing

Jackie Don May, Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to set a Public Hearing,concerning the creation of the South/County Emergency Services District No. 1, for Monday, July 28, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Wheeler County Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR E911 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVICES APPROVED

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Interlocal Agreement with PRPC for E911 Public Safety Answering Point Services. The effective date will be September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR-Approval of purchase of Lots in Shamrock-\$1,500.00

At the request of Cindy Brown, Tax Collector, no action was taken.

TAX COLLECTOR-CHRISTIAN HEFLEY REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective July 14, 2025

At the request of Cindy Brown, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to remove Christian Hefley from the payroll, effective July 14, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-AUSTIN JOHNSON ADDED TO PAYROLL, effective July 1, 2025, part time jailer/dispatcher-\$17.99 hourly

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to add Austin Johnson to the sheriff department payroll as a part-time jailer/dispatcher, effective July 1, 2025. Salary will be \$17.99 per hour including SB 22 funds. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-VICTORIA WRIGHT ADDED TO PAYROLL-effective July 1, 2025, part time jailer/dispatcher-\$17.99 hourly

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Judge McDowell to add Victoria Wright to the sheriff department payroll as a part-time jailer/dispatcher effective July 1, 2025. Salary will be \$17.99 per hour including SB 22 funds. Motion carried unanimously.

CC-LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH PITNEY BOWES APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to renew the Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes for the postage machine in the County Clerks office. The term will be 36 months. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-APPROVAL OF WHEELER COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY-1 year term

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the Amended Investment Policy for Wheeler County for a 1 year term. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-CHANGE FROM WHEELER COUNTY HEBP COBRA ADMINISTRATION TO TAC VENDOR PARTNER-WILLIS TOWERS WATSON (WTW) BENEFIT CONNECT

At the request of Renee Warren, County Treasurer, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to transition from Wheeler County HEBP Cobra Administration to TAC partner, Willis Towers Watson (WTW) BenefitConnect, effective December 1, 2025. 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.

ADJOURN MEETING-9:20

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MCDOWELL

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____