

~~AUGUST 14~~, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular session on the above date an 9:00 AM to consider the following agenda items. Members present were: Judge McDowell, Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, Cecil W Gaither Sr, and John Walker. Also attending were: Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Tim Reeves, Tyler Kincaid; and Carrie Gaines-Sheriff and employees; Steve Bonds-Criminal Investigator; Rick Walden-JP #2; Natalie Thomas-JP #1; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Bobbie Walker-Deputy County Clerk; Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser; Brenda Sparlin; Louis Stas and Taire Knight.

Judge McDowell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and then offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Non were offered/

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the minutes from the July 2025 meetings as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE COLLECTION REPORTS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Philip Gaines to approve the monthly fee collection reports for JP #1; JP #2; County Clerk; District Clerk and Tax Collector and the Treasurers Claim report covering the period of July 29, 2025 through August 7, 2025 and totaling \$103,470.89. Motion carried unanimously.

✓APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the compensatory time balances for employee as of August 9, 2025. 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

None offered

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None offered

✓TAX-ACCEPTANCE OF 2025-2026 TAX ROLLS

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to accept the appraisal rolls for Wheeler County as follows: Wheeler County-\$1,446,144.116.00; Road & Bridge-\$1,446,144.116.00; and Lateral Road-\$1,442,738,476.00. Motion carried unanimously.

✓TAX-ACCEPTANCE OF TAX CALCULATION WORK SHEETS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to accept the Tax Calculation work sheets as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

✓TAC-NO CHANGE IN \$10.00 ROAD & BRIDGE FEE-Tax Collector

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve no change in the collection of a \$10.00 Road & Bridge fee by the Tax Collector office. Motion carried unanimously.

✓PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2025 SET- \$0.51724

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to set the proposed tax rate for 2025 at \$0.517.24. Motion carried unanimously.

✓RESOLUTION ADOPTED FOR 2026 RURAL SHERIFFS OFFICE SALARY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Resolution in support of the 2026 Rural Sheriffs Office Salary Assistance Grant Program. Voting FOR: Judge McDowell, Commissioner May Jr, Commissioner Gaither Sr and Commissioner Walker. Commissioner Gaines abstained. Motion carried.

✓BUDGET FOR 2026 RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUND-Not approved

Discussion of "Certificate Pay" resulted in no action being taken. No action on approval of budget.

✓CA-PURCHASE OF USED VEHICLE FOR WHEELER COUNTY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR APPROVED-Under \$40,000.00

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the purchase/acquisition of a used vehicle for the Wheeler County Criminal Investigator which will be a vehicle from the current Sheriff Department fleet. Motion carried unanimously.

✓TAC HEBP PLAN YEAR 2026 RENEWAL CONTRACT APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the renewal contract for the 2026 HEBP Plan offered by Texas Association of Counties. The rate chosen will be the Renewal Rate. Motion carried unanimously.

✓TREASURER-3rd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Philip Gaines to approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report for the period ending June 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

✓COMMISSIONERS COURT DATE CHANGE-From October 13, 2025 to October 14, 2025

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to change the October 13, 2025 Commissioners Court to October 14, 2025, due to a holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED BUDGET DISCUSSION

Nichole Mock, County Auditor, spoke to the Court regarding some line item changes: IT software expenses for FY 2025 previously budgeted in IT has be moved back to each department after October 1, 2024, therefore, reflecting an increase from original budget; SB22 monies havebeen separated from each department and put into a fund by its self, allowing for better reporting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ADJOURMENT OF MEETING-9:57 AM

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

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED:

AUGUST 12, 2025 9:00 AM-Courthouse Jury Room

The Wheeler County Commissioners court met in Special Session on the above date to consider the below listed items with the following in attendance: Judge McDowell, Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Gaither Sr and Walker. Also attending were: Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Annette Walden-HR Coordinator; Tim Reeves-Sheriff; Bobbie Walker-Deputy County Clerk; Steve Owens, David Whitis and Rita Fyffe-Texas Association of Counties representatives; and Jennie Spence-County Treasurer accounts payable.

Judge McDowell called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM

TAC RISK MANAGEMENT ONBOARDING WORKSHOP-property insurance

Information was given concerning the renewal process, liability claims. Renee Warren requested that her office be notified immediately concerning claims and/or incidents. No action was needed.

ADJOURMENT OF MEETING-10:33AM

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED:

AUGUST 12, 2025 12:00 PM

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Special Session on the above date to consider the below listed items with the following in attendance: Judge McDowell, Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Gaither Sr and Walker. Also attending were Bobbie Walker-Deputy County Clerk; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Kimberly Morgan and Julie Reed-Wheeler Appraisal District; Pam Scates-Hemphill County Appraiser; Troy Potts-Shamrock Mayor; Crystal Hermsmeyer-Shamrock EDC; Kristen Moudy-Wheeler EDC; Mark Howard and Barry Sanders.

CALL TO ORDER

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell and then Mark Howard offered the prayer.

TAX ABATEMENT TRAINING-Bryan Guymon, Underwood Law Firm

Mr. Bryan Guymon, Underwood Law Firm, met with the group to discuss and offer training regarding the tax abatement process. No action was required.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AT 1:07PM

Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: