

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00am to consider the below listed agenda items. Members present were: Judge McDowell, Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Gaither Sr. Commissioner Walker was absent. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector, Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Rick Walden-JP #2; Natalie Thomas-JP #1; Tim Reeves and Tyler Kincaid-Sheriff and Deputy; Steve Bonds-Criminal Investigator; Kimberly Morgan; Brenda Sparlin; Taire Knight; Louis Stas.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to approve the fee reports as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to approve the compensatory time balances as submitted for the period ending September 6, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

Co Clerk -\$ 2,000.00 from Equipment to Supplies
SO -\$ 1,000.00 from Wages employees to Wages-PT
JAIL -\$15,000.00 from Prisoner Medical to Prisoner Medical-Out of County
JP #2 -\$ 250.00 from Wages Emp to OT
BLD MAIN -\$ 1,000.00 from Health Insurance to Wages PT
-\$ 500.00 from Conf Training Staff to Dues & Publication
CO ATTY -\$ 2,105.00 from Conf & Training Staff to Vehicle & Fuel Expense
-\$ 300.00 from Dues & Publication to Conf & Training Staff
NON DEPT -\$ 3,000.00 from Indigent Def CPS to Indigent def-Unindicted
R&B #2 -\$ 2,000.00 from Insurance Exp to Supplies & Parts

Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported on the recent 4-H banquet and mentioned that Commissioner Gaines had been given an award of appreciation, the recent TAC conference in Austin and his visit with John Smithee. He also reported that September is preparedness month through Emergency Management and that the Emergency Management plan will be due soon and mentioned the Hazard Mitigation plan with FEMA.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Gaines reported that the concrete project at the show barn in Wheeler has been completed and it is a large improvement to the facility.

Commissioner May Jr reported that the recent Mobeetie celebration was a success and thanked Commissioner Gaines for allowing 2 of his employees to assist him.

✓ SO-2025 CHEVROLET TAHOE PURCHASE APPROVED-\$55,337.00-John Vance Fleet Service-Asset Forfeiture Funds

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Philip Gaines to approve the purchase of one 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe from John Vance Fleet Services, Guthrie Oklahoma in the amount of \$55,337.00, with Asset Forfeiture Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ ERENDIRA GALLARDO ADDED TO PAYROLL-Janitorial-Weigh Station & JP #1-\$17.00 hourly, eff February 1, 2025

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to add Erendira Gallardo to the payroll as a janitorial employee for the Weigh Station & JP #1, effective February 1, 2025 and with an hourly pay rate of \$17.00 per hours. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ SHERIFF & CONSTABLE FEES FOR 2026 SET

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to set the Sheriff & Constable services fees as they were for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ FIBER LIGHT RIGHT OF WAY GRANTED-Courthouse grounds

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to grant FiberLight a right of way across the courthouse grounds for the installation of a duct system for fiber optic lines, etc. Motion carried unanimously.

✓ CONTRIBUTION OF \$1,000.00 FROM COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND to Old Mobeetie Texas Association-Cataline School Bldg

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve a \$1,000.00 contribution from the Community Support Fund to the Old Mobeetie Texas Association to go towards the replacement of the roof on the historic Cataline School building in Old Mobeetie, Texas. Motion carried unanimously.

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-9:17 AM

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat McDowell, County Judge

Margaret Dorman, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____