

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular session on the above date at 9:00 AM to consider the below agenda items. Members attending were: Judge McDowell, Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, Cecil Gaither Sr, and John Walker. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Rick Walden-JP #2; Natalie Thomas-JP#1; Jeff Shortnacy-Constable #2; Brenda Sparlin; Louis Stas and Taire Knight.

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell and then Jackie Don May Jr offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC HEARING-Hazard Mitigation Plan

No one from the public section appeared to offer public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Taire Knight met with the Court to offer comments concerning the traffic and speeding of vehicles on County Road SB (Dump Ground Road). After discussion, the commissioner in that area offered to put up Speed Limits signs and the Constable for that area stated that he will look into it also.

FEE REPORTS ACCEPTED

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept the amended Treasurers report for August 2025 and approved the Treasurers claim report and accrued cash report. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES AND PAYOUT REPORTS APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending September 20, 2025 and the payout of funds by department as of September 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr approve the following budget transfer:

BLDG MAIN-\$1,000.00 from Emergency management longevity to Bldg Main Health Insurance

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

SO -\$ 5,000.00 from Wages-employees to wages-part time
JAIL -\$ 7,000.00 from Supplies to Bldg Exp
-\$ 3,000.00 from Equip rent to Bldg Exp
EXTENSION -\$ 2,500.00 from Utilities agri life to equipment purchase
-\$ 775.00 from retirement to Wages-PT
JP #2 -\$ 300.00 from Wages employees to OT
AUDITOR -\$ 25.00 from Supplies to Conf Training official
INFO TECH -\$ 1,000.00 from Software to computer hardware
NON DEPT -\$ 1,000.00 from Contract reporter-CPS to Atty Ad Litem
-\$ 500.00 from 31st Dist Ct Reporter to Atty Ad Litem
R&B #1 -\$10,433.00 from Equippurchase to Contract labor
R&B #2 -\$ 1,000.00 from Utilities to Supplies
-\$ 2,000.00 from Warehouse exp to Supplies
R&B #3 -\$10,000.00 from Fuel to Road materials
-\$10,000.00 from Warehouse exp to Road materials

Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported and offered information on the following items and occurrences:

At a recent PRPC meeting in Amarillo Ken Daughtry was presented with an award for his work as the Emergency Management director in Wheeler County.

The need to have someone acquire an Applicator license for spraying of chemicals

Discussion of fuel tax refund and better tracking system

Status of the county owned vacant lot east of the ambulance barn was discussed

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

All mentioned that the repair and revitalization of the Show Barn in Wheeler has been completed after concreting of the rest of the floor.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR 2025 APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan for Wheeler County, City of Mobeetie, City of Shamrock, City of Wheeler, Fort Elliott CISD, Kelton ISD, Shamrock ISD and Wheeler ISD as required. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT APPROVED-Pioneer West Museum

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Pioneer West Museum and Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT APPROVED-Wheeler Historical Museum

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Wheeler Historical Museum and Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT APPROVED-Old Mobeetie Texas Association

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Old Mobeetie Texas Association and Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT APPROVED-Shamrock Public Library

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Shamrock Public Library and Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT APPROVED-City of Wheeler for the Wheeler Library

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wheeler for the Wheeler Library and Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

COURT DESIGNATION DATES SET FOR 2026-Texas Local Government Code 81.005 (a)

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to designate the Second and Fourth Mondays as Commissioners Court dates for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-KOLOGIK SOFTWARE INC-Software renewal agreement approved-1 year-\$600.00

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Kologik Software Inc renewal agreement for 1 year with a cost of \$600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED-SEPTEMBER 2025-National Preparedness Month

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to recognize September 2025 as National Preparedness Month by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Motion carried unanimously.

TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (TDEM) SUBGRANT RECOGNIZED-Smokehouse Creek Fire February 2024-Sheriff Department overtime-\$2,175.60

Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to recognize the subgrant award from the Texas Division of Emergency Management under the FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grant program from the Smokehouse Creek fire in February 2024. The amount is \$2,175.79 for SO department overtime. Motion carried unanimously.

2026 DESIGNATED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to set the below listed days as designated holidays for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

January 1	Thursday	New Year's Day
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 16	Monday	Presidents Day
April 3	Friday	Good Friday
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day
June 19	Friday	Emancipation Day
July 3	Friday	Independence Day
September 7	Monday	Labor Day
October 12	Monday	Columbus Day
November 26,27	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving
December 23-25	Wednesday-Friday	Christmas

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.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK
APPROVED: _____