

JANUARY 12, 2026

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 present: Judge McDowell, Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Gaither Sr and Walker. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney, Rick Walden-JP #2; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Kimberly Morgan-Chief Appraiser; Barry Sanders; Mary Kay Tallant-Emergency Services District; Tim Reeves, Angela Jolly and Carrie Gaines-Sheriff and Department; Taire Knight, Brenda Sparlin; and Louis Stas.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept the monthly fee reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the compensatory time balances through January 10, 2026. 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 thanked all involved in cooking and serving the meal to 353 people. There were 19 bags of meat sold at the end. The Stock Show was a success due to good participation. He also expressed his thanks to Britt McCarter for installing christmas lights on the courthouse. He mentioned that the Emergency Management guideline book will be updated soon.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Jackie Don May was thanked for his and his road hands help for installation of "rippers" on other precincts equipment.

CINDY BROWN-ELECTED TO SERVE ON WHEELER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026-2027

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to cast all 560 available Wheeler County votes for Cindy Brown to serve as the Wheeler County representative on the Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2026-2027. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING-TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND TEXAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAMS, WHEELER COUNTY-5 year term

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas Division of Emergency Management and Texas Emergency Management Assistant Teams Participating Jurisdiction/employer for a 5 year term. Motion carried unanimously.

/ SO-PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FROM METRO EMERGENCY UPPITTERS LLC FOR 2025 CHEVROLET TAHOE Vin #404392-\$26,997.05  
 John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the invoice from Metro Emergency Upfitters LLC Oklahoma City, OK in the amount of \$26,997.05 to equip a 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe. Motion carried unanimously.  
 (To be paid from sale of a Tahoe to the County Attorney)

/ SO-PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2026 4x4 TAHOE PPVs-Lake Country Chevrolet-2 trade ins-\$117,826.50  
 Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the purchase of two(2) 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV vehicles from Lake Country Chevrolet with approval of trading in the following two (2) vehicles: 2018 Dodge Charger vin #150702, Tag #1276519 and a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe #254536, Tag #1434341. Total purchase amount with trades will be \$111,826.50. Motion carried unanimously.

/ SO-RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH POTTER COUNTY-Installation of License plate readers in County  
 Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the Resolution for installation of License Plate Readers within Wheeler County-9 locations. Motion carried unanimously.  
 Clerks Note: This Resolution is an amendment from the original resolution adopted on October 27, 2025 which contained 11 locations, also, the Resolution is with Texas Department of Transportation, not Potter County)

/ SO-CHANGE ORDER FOR JAIL LOCK PROJECT-Bid#Jail 2025 1, awarded August 25, 2025 with Sydaptic Inc approved\$18,486.00  
 Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the Change Order to Contract #Jail\_2025\_1 for the Jail Locking project in the amount of \$18,486.00. Motion carried unanimously.

/ MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCE CHANGED, effective January 12, 2026-72.5 per mile  
 Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve changing the mileage reimbursement rate for mileage to 72.5 cents per mile, as allowed by the IRS rules. The effective date will be January 12, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

/ ARPA STATUS REPORT AS OF JANUARY 12, 2026 APPROVED  
 Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the ARPA Status Report for the period ending January 12, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

/ WHEELER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1-Sudie Galmor resignation accepted  
 John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept the resignation of Sudie Galmor from the Wheeler County Emergency Services District No. 1 board of directors, effective December 22, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

/ WHEELER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1-Kenneth Campbell appointed to serve a one year term  
 John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to appoint Kenneth Campbell to serve the remainder of the one year term recently vacated by Sudie Galmor. Motion carried unanimously.

/ JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION-JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTED-March 3, 2026 Primaries  
 At the request of Margaret Dorman, County Clerk/Chief Election officer, Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adopt a Joint Primary Election Resolution agreeing that the Wheeler County Clerk will conduct the Republican and Democratic Primary elections on March 3, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS  
 John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to pay the bills as approved. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072-Real Estate  
 Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to enter into Executive Session at 9:30 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to return to Regular Session at 10:30 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken during Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING  
 Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT McDOWELL

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_