

JANUARY 26, 2026

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date to consider the below agenda items. Judge McDowell presided over the meeting with Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Cecil Gaither Sr and John Walker attending. Also in attendance were Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Sheriff Tim Reeves and Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser. Commissioner Gaines was absent.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by Judge McDowell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were offered.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the monthly fee report as submitted by the County Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES APPROVED

No action needed.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BURN BAN

No action taken. Still in place.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell offered his thanks to the commissioners, precinct employees and Britt McCarter, maintenance department for clearing roads and also sidewalks for the public. He also reported that he, Renee Warren and Nichole Mock had worked on and submitted a grant for ambulance services. He also attended a recent PRPC meeting and among items discussed was being winter aware.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None were offered.

PCT #2-SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON COUNTY ROAD 15 1/2-25 miles per hour, effective January 26, 2026

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the installation of a 25 mile per hour speed limit sign on County road 15 1/2, south of Highway 152 to County Road M, effective January 26, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-BRYSON RICH CHANGED TO PART TIME JAILER/DISPATCHER, EFFECTIVE February 1, 2026

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to change Bryson Rich to part time jailer/dispatcher, effective February 1, 2026 with a salary of \$17.99 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-VICTORIA WRIGHT CHANGED TO FULL TIME JAILER/DISPATCHER, EFFECTIVE February 1, 2026

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to change Victoria Wright to a full time jailer/dispatcher, effective February 1, 2026 with a salary of \$21.78 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (AMENDED) WITH NORTH WHEELER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT-SUPPORT OF AMBULANCE SERVICE-APPROVED

After discussion, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the amended Interlocal Agreement between Wheeler County and the North Wheeler County Hospital District for support of the ambulance service and a \$300,000.00 payment to be made in one lump sum on January 12, 2026. Voting FOR-Commissioner Jackie Don May Jr, Commissioner John Walker and Judge McDowell. Voting NO: Commissioner Cecil Gaither Sr. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE COUNTY ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adopt a Resolution in support of legislation to improve county road infrastructure and safety through allocation of one penny of the State Motor Fuels Tax to the County and Road District Highway Fund to be distributed using the existing statutory formula. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERRI JONES-CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE FOR 2025 APPROVED

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to accept the Continuing Education Certificate for Sherri Jones documenting completion of the mandatory 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

MARGARET DORMAN-CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE FOR 2025 APPROVED

Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to accept the Continuing Education Certificate for Margaret Dorman documenting completion of the mandatory 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

CIRA SERVICES AGREEMENT APPROVED

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to approve the CIRA Services Agreement for a one year term ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

CIRA WEBSITE SERVICES CHANGE-Migration and package change

At the request of Larry Gatlin, IT Director, Cecil W Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the change to the CIRA website agreement which includes a Website package fee of \$9,550.00 and a Migration fee of \$8,950.00. All to be paid within the 2025-2026 budget cycle. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Cecil W Gaither Sr to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat McDowell, County Judge

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: