

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 7 , 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE CINDY THERWHANGER PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

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JOSH ELDER
DAVID MURPHREE
BIZ HOUSTON

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

TERRI BERRY

COUNTY CLERK

9:00 am Regular Meeting:

1. Call to order, invocation, pledge
Judge Therwhanger called the meeting to order with pledges of allegiance and Commissioner Elder did the invocation.
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3. Discuss, consider and/or act on routine administrative items:
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 - c. Discuss, consider and/or act on the following items being claimed as salvage:
 - i. Halide Lamp Fixtures (16)
 - ii. Lithonia Lighting (22)

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to claim the Halide Lamp fixtures and Lithonia lighting as salvage and approve the routine administrative items as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

4. Discuss, consider and/or approve an interlocal agreement with Texas Division of Emergency Management for providing an office space for a state liaison.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Texas Division of Emergency Management for providing office space for a County Liaison Officer (CLO). Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

5. Discuss, consider and/or approve renewal rates for 2023 Gaines County health insurance with Texas Association of Counties Health and Benefit Pool.

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6. Discuss, consider and/or approve to advertise for bids for a sprinkler system for the Gaines County Cemetery (south).

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7. Update on salary grievance committee in accordance with Texas Local Government Code §152.016.

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This item was tabled, Judge Therwhanger stated this is not mandatory and once a grievance is submitted the court has 15 days to assemble a committee and respond.

8. Discuss, consider and/or approve a bid for the purchase of radios from Motorola for the Emergency Operation Center. Total Cost: \$40,682.70

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the purchase of radios from Motorola for the EOC in the amount of \$40,682.70 as presented by Robert Barrett, Director EOC. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. Discuss, consider and/or approve the purchase of a 100-foot tower and components from South Plains Communication for Emergency Operations Center. Total Cost: \$225,000.00

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 100 foot tower and components from South Plains Communication for the EOC in the amount of \$225,000.00 on Buy Board. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. Discuss, consider and/or approve the purchase of a skylight from L BK Skylight Mfg. at the MS Doss Mausoleum. Total Cost: \$18,500.00

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the purchase of a skylight from L BK Skylight Mfg for the MS Doss Mausoleum in the amount of \$18,500.00 and to pay for this purchase out of the current insurance fund and the amount would be reimbursed once the insurance settlement was received on the hail damage. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. Discuss, consider and/or approve the construction of a new 70x50 hanger at the Gaines County Airport by Arron Wiebe.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the construction of new 70x50 hanger (#K-5) at the Gaines County Airport by Arron Wiebe. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss, consider and/or approve the construction of a new 70x70 hangar at the Gaines County Airport by Benny Rempel.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the construction of a new 70x70 hanger (#K-6) at the Gaines County Airport by Benny Rempel. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. Discuss, consider and/or approve current road crossing request(s).

None

14. Discuss, consider and/or approve subdivision application(s), take note of known exceptions, consider any requests for variances.

None

15. Discuss any other items pertaining to county business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda.

Terri Berry, County Clerk stated she would be a conference for the next agenda however Anita Grado, Chief Deputy would be in attendance.

Judge Therwhanger stated the water well at the park is now at 130ft, the roofing project would be complete as of today as her and Commissioner Elder were doing the final walk through with the company, the EOC has removed all their items out of the old City Hall building..

Commissioner Murphree stated his employees would build 2 sided walls in the new EOC building and place on the next agenda for approval and funding. He stated the water line from the city was not to the property for the new EOC and was going to approach the city to have this done.

Commissioner Elder stated he was in talks with CAT to purchase a Skit Steer on buy board and would place on the next agenda for approval.

Commissioner Rosson stated where the cart paths come together have been patched over and over and they need concreted while the company doing the new cart paths is there. Esmeralda Felan, Auditor stated there would need to be a change order to the current project bid.

Commissioner Murphree stated the fuel tanks at the airport are out dated and leaking and the service date is out. He stated we need to place this on the agenda to go out for bids.

16. Budget workshop

- a. Discussion of departmental budget request

All budget requests were approved except for the following denials or adjustments:

District Clerk- increase postage, withdraw increase school line
Probation-decline mileage to PJ Garcia stating he can get mileage from the state
JP 2-declined new chair request stating a lower price or trade with Judge
Ballparks-increase fertilizer & poison to \$3,000
LS & AG-non-capital equip request to pay now out of this year budget
Civil Defense-communications telephone request declined
Seminole Senior Citizens-needing more information
Jail-body armor & bullet proof glass pay now out of ARPA funds
Buildings-Capital & Non capital equipment purchase-pay now out of ARPA
Elections-not listed is extra help due to legislation bill passing
Golf Course-table equipment purchase/lease request
See attachment for detailed request

b. Other

All Commissioners stated they would have summer help and will plan accordingly. The vehicles at the Senior Citizens will be replace with new small vans and possibly use the used vehicles in house and not sale on GovDeals.

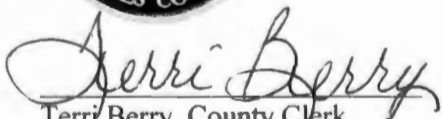
17. Adjourn;

Commissioner Elder made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43a.m.

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for June 7, 2023.




Terri Berry, County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioner's Court
Gaines County, Texas



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Call to Order-Judge Cindy Therwhanger

Invocation

Pledge-United States and Texas

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Terry Millican, Ag/Extension, gave an update on the 4-H trip and all events from the kids in the stock show.

2. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on routine administrative items:
 - a. Discuss consider and/or approve the minutes from last month's meetings May 9, 2023 and May 24, 2023.
 - b. Discuss, consider and/or approve payroll payables.
 - c. Discuss, consider and/or act regarding accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments.
 - d. Discuss, consider and/or approve the officer's report reporting all fines imposed and collected for the month of May pursuant to Local Government Code 114.004 and Texas Government Code 51.042.
 - e. Discuss, consider and/or approve renewal contracts:
 - Pontem Software in the amount of \$2080.00

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the renewal contract with Pontem Software in the amount of \$2,080.00 and the routine administrative items as presented. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

3. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on awarding a proposal for financial software.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the one proposal received from Fund View as presented by Esmeralda Felan, Auditor, for the financial software for the Auditor and Treasurer's offices and to pay with the ARPA funds. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

4. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a donation of a John Deere 2653b trim mower from the City of Seminole.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the donation of a John Deere 2653b trim mower from the City of Seminole to the Gaines County Park. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

5. To consider, discuss, or take any necessary action on the buy board purchase of a skid steer from Warren Cat for Precinct 2. Total cost: \$87,420.00

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to purchase a skid steer from Warren Cat for Precinct 2 in the amount of \$87,420.00. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

6. To consider, discuss, or take any necessary action on a request from the Sheriff to authorize the use of non-exempt tags and plates for unit S124, a 2022 chevy pickup.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to authorize the Sheriff the use of non-exempt tags and plates for unit S124, a 2022 Chevy Pickup. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. To consider, discuss, or take any necessary action on submitting a request for bids on fuel tanks and replacement pumps at the Gaines County Airport.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to go out for bids on fuel tanks and replacement pumps at the Gaines County Airport to be turned in by August 1, 2023 and opened August 2, 2023. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

8. To consider, discuss, or take any necessary action the construction of a new hanger at the Gaines County Airport by Brian Snodgrass, South Plains Implement.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the construction of a new hanger L1 for Brian Snodgrass, South Plains Implement. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. To consider, discuss, or take any necessary action the construction of a new hanger at the Gaines County Airport by John Siemens.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to amend the agenda item to state the new hanger is for Robert Carpenter and to approve the construction of a 75x88 hanger K7 by John Siemens at the Gaines County Airport. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. To consider, discuss, or take any necessary action on resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the Resolution for the 2023 Indigent Defense Grant Program as read aloud by Judge Therwhanger. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. To consider, discuss, or take any necessary action on submitting a request for bids on a security door and camera system for the Gaines County Jail.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to go out for bids for a detention door control and security systems at the Gaines County Jail to be turned in August 1, 2023 and opened August 2, 2023. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. Discuss proposed revisions to Gaines County Rental Facility Agreement.

Following much discussion this item was tabled until Judge Therwhanger can add or change rules that have been approved and will present to commissioners court in 2 weeks for approval.

13. To consider, discuss, or take any necessary action on subdivision application(s), take note of known exceptions, consider any requests for variances.

- a. Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the subdivision Bluebonnet Estates plat #217 in Precinct 1. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

- b. Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the subdivision 222 Estates – plat #218 from Isaac Neudorf in Precinct 2. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

14. To consider, discuss, or take any necessary action on current road crossing request(s).

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve a road crossing by Zion Utilities on CR 315/304 in Precinct 4. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda.

The water and sewer at the EOC building are completed. Robert Barret stated he has a wish list for EOC that would cost approximately \$10,000.00. Commissioner Murphree asked if this amount was budgeted and stated his employees in Precinct 3 could do this work. Scott Shortes, IT Director will contact Zion to have internet access at the EOC building. The old school at the library/museum site will be moved to the front and a concrete slab poured, this will enable the public to view the school.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

May be acted upon, if appropriate, in open session: began at 10:08a.m.

- a. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters)
- b. Open session began at 10:59a.m. with no action taken.

17. Budget workshop – the following items provide a framework for discussions but should not be considered to limit discussions that may arise.

- a. Review individual departmental budget requests for FY 24

See the updated attached departmental budget requests. The equipment purchase lease for the Golf Course was approved without a gator added. (see attached)

- b. Discuss cell phone policy

- Review requests for cell phone

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve cell phone allowance for Monica Hernandez and Lupe Garcia as presented. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discuss proposed holiday schedule for FY 24

This item was table as Judge Therwhanger did not have current holiday schedule and would present at the next agenda.

Esmeralda Felan, Auditor stated she would do a poll of raises from 3%-6% and present to court with inflation up 4%.

18. Adjourn

Commissioner Rosson made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33a.m.

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for June 21, 2023.



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