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THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 9, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE CINDY THERWHANGER PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

BRIAN ROSSON  
JOSH ELDER  
DAVID MURPHREE  
BIZ HOUSTON

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

TERRI BERRY

COUNTY CLERK

**Regular Meeting:**

**Call to Order** - Judge Cindy Therwhanger

**Invocation**

**Pledge** - United States and Texas

1. Public Comment: Anyone wishing to address the Court during Public Comments is required to register your name on the registry prior to the meeting. Speakers may only address items listed on the current agenda and are limited to three (3) minutes speaking time. The Court cannot deliberate or act on matters not listed on the agenda.  
None
2. Recognize Susan Murphree for being nominated as Region II District Clerk of the Year.  
This item was tabled until Susan Murphree, District Clerk could be in attendance.
3. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on routine administrative items:
  - a. Payroll payables
  - b. Accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments
  - c. Minutes from last month's meetings:
    - i. March 12, 2025
    - ii. March 24, 2025
  - d. Reporting of all fines imposed and collected for the month of February pursuant to Local Government Code 114.004 and Texas Government Code 51.042.
  - e. Transfer, sale or destruction of Gaines County Surplus property under Local Government Code §263.152:
  - f. Contract Renewals:
    - i. Hart Intercivic - Elections - Total cost: \$3,840.00
  - g. Review the Seminole Volunteer Fire Department reports for the months of February and March.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve routine administrative items as presented and the Hart Interactive contract for elections in the amount of \$3,840.00. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

D.A. Dagley, Fire Department Chief presented reports and updates for the months of February and March.

4. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving the bond for Gaines County Sheriff J.A. Vest.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the bond for the Gaines County Sheriff, J.A. Vest. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. (see attached)

5. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on Gaines County Rodeo Grounds Facility Rental Policy.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the Rodeo grounds facility rental policy for out of county residents as presented. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

6. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the revisions to the Golf Course Policy.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the Golf Course Policy with the following changes: page 4 Golf Course Management from the County Judge to Commissioners Court has authority to pre-approve purchase of outside routine supplies and materials and correct a typographical error on page 3 from Golf Bulb to Golf Club. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

7. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on Gaines County Golf Course Rules and Regulations.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the following changes: #8 under Golf Course Rules to state no more than 5 players shall be allowed per group during regular play and #2 under Violation Procedures to state the second violation shall be reported to the judge who shall take to the commissioners court for appropriate action etc. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

8. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the general fees at the Gaines County Golf Course.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve changes to green fees and membership fees for county and non-county residents and to add Friday as part of the weekend fees and to be effective May 1, 2025. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on updates to Gaines County 4-H Livestock Feeding Facility Rules and Guidelines.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the following changes to the Gaines County 4-H Livestock Feeding Facility Rules and Guidelines: #3 4-H volunteers will need to be certified and have a background check and #17 adding a symptom, "rash" to the list as presented by Terry Millican, Extension Agent-Ag. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request for out of state travel for the Gaines County 4-H Agent.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a request from Terry Millican, Extension Agent-Ag for out of state travel and authorize blanket travel to Lea County New Mexico. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a quote from John Deere for the trade-in of three shredders in exchange for two John Deere FC15R Flex Wing Rotary Cutter shredders for Precinct 4. Total cost with trade-in: \$49,171.36

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a quote from John Deere for 2 FC15R Flex Wing Rotary Cutter shredders with the trade-in of Unit #'s 411, 4150 & 4151 shredders at a cost of \$49,171.36 for Precinct 4. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a quote from Mustang Country to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck for Precinct 4 with the trade-in of Unit 4159, a 2018 ¾ ton truck. Total cost with trade-in: \$36,625.00

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a quote from Mustang Country to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck for Precinct 4 with the trade-in of

Unit #4159, 2018 pickup with a cost of \$36, 625.00 for Precinct 4. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a quote from Bug Off for soil samples, testing, and recommendations at the Gaines County Golf Course. Total cost: \$2,400.00

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a quote from Bug Off for soil samples, testing and recommendations at the Golf Course at a cost of \$2,400.00. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

14. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a revision to the Road Crossing Permit Application.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to make the following revision to the Road Crossing Permit Application: charge a \$100 fee for in county, \$500 fee for out of county, add roads to final petition on signature page and require paperwork be on job site for evidence and will be shut down if paperwork is not presented. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the Native Estates subdivision in Precinct 3 as presented. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. (see attached)

16. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on road crossing request(s).

None

17. 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,

#### **Judge Therwhanger**

Provided the Chamber 2025 events calendar

Courthouse will be closed for Good Friday on April 18<sup>th</sup>

Comprehensive Safety Plan for Permian Basin Regional Planning Commissioner projects are on the website for review

The Mobile home at the Gaines County Park is vacant

Measles and testing-April 7-11 from 11:00am & 6:00pm Gaines County Show Barn and Immunoglobulin testing from 2-6 (Mon-Thurs)

Technology Update, Schott Shotes IT Director, computers for anyone with desk have been installed and running, server information is ok and in use, It did not cost as much for Flex Server at the jail as first stated, approximately \$4,000. Public WiFi is in the process of being done at some point.

95<sup>th</sup> Annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference is in Abilene on April 22-25

#### **Commissioner Rosson**

The fence at the Seagraves museum will be completed today

#### **Commissioner Elder**

Routine maintenance and the water has been turned off at Higginbotham and rocks have been place for low maintenance.

#### **Commissioner Murphree**

Routine maintenance

#### **Commissioner Houston**

Routine maintenance, getting ready to pave. Rodeo arena open and is having the North side pens redone and at times may be locked with equipment being left.

#### **County Auditor, Esmeralda Felan**

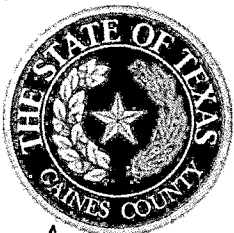
Update on Software, her and her staff have worked weekends to get things entered and updated. She stated she will be doing any fixes as the company is not doing them.

18. Adjourn;

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:25a.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 April 9, 2025.



*Terri Berry*

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Clerk of Commissioner's Court  
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Judge Therwhanger recognized Susan Murphree, District Clerk for being nominated as Region II District Clerk of the Year.

3. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on routine administrative items:
  - a. Payroll payables
  - b. Accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments
  - c. Transfer, sale or destruction of Gaines County Surplus property under Local Government Code §263.152:
    - i. Surplus - File Cabinets from District Clerk's office
    - ii. Precinct 3 - Unit 3020 - 1960 Tank Trailer
  - d. Contract Renewals:

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the routine administrative items, and Unit #320-1960 Tank Trailer in Precinct 3 as surplus. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

4. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from Precinct 2 for a stop sign to be placed on CR 219.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve a request from Precinct 2 for a stop sign to be placed on CR 219. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a quote from Warren CAT for the trade-in of two loaders in exchange for one Caterpillar Model 938 Wheel Loader for Precinct 4. Total cost with trade-in: \$189,235.00

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a quote from Warren CAT for the trade-ins of Unit #4108 Cat 140 H Grader and Unit #4103 Cat 962G FE Loader in exchange for a Caterpillar Model 938 Wheel Loader for Precinct 4 with a cost of \$189,235.00. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

6. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a quote from CraneTech, Inc. to install a Shaw Box 800 Hoist on existing single girder crane for Precinct 3.  
Total cost: \$21,328.30

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a quote from CraneTech, Inc. to install a Shaw Box 800 Hoist on existing single girder crane for Precinct 3 at a cost of \$21,328.30. Commissioner Elder seconded the notion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

7. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a quote from Yellowhouse Machinery Co. for 672G Motor Grader with 6WD for Precinct 3.  
Total cost: \$370,000.00

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve a quote from Yellowhouse Machinery Co. for a 672G Motor Grader with 6WD for Precinct 3 in the amount of \$370,000.00. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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

None

9. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on road crossing request(s).
- a. Altice DBA Optimum (RC 25-009 B) - Precinct 4: 403 F, 403 N, 403 D, 405 C, 401 L, SE AVE P, 7TH ST
  - b. OXY USA, Inc. (RC 25-010) - Precinct 2: CR 209

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the following road crossings:

- Altice DBA Optimum (RC 25-009 B)-Precinct 4: CR's 403F, 403N, 403D, 405C, 401L, SE Ave P, 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- OXY USA, Inc. (RC 25-110)- Precinct 2: CR 209

Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. 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,

**Judge Therwhanger**

National Day of Prayer-May 1<sup>st</sup>- 7:45am on the Courthouse steps

HF Sinclair-current bid is effective through September 30<sup>th</sup>

Measles and Testing-April 7-24 from 11:00am-6:00pm at the Gaines County Show Barn

Technology Update Scott Shortes, IT Director stated they have almost completed all phone systems.

There will be an IT appreciation luncheon on April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Commissioner Rosson:**

Will be attending a conference this week.

**Commissioner Elder:**

Routine maintenance

**Commissioner Murphree:**

TxDot Aviation selection committee will be using WTC in Andrews after negotiations to redo the East and West runways at the airport and should be sending paperwork soon. If funds are left they will possibly repair the fencing at the airport.

He will be attending a conference this week.

**Commissioner Houston:**

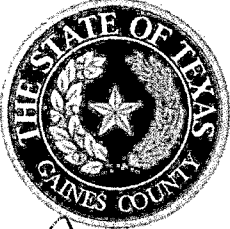
Routine maintenance and will be attending a conference this week.

11. Adjourn;

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:24a.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 April 21, 2025.



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