

April 29, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Special Session on the above date to consider the below listed agenda items. Members present were: Judge Mc Dowell, Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines and John Walker-Commissioners precincts 1,2 and 4, respectively. Commissioner Simpson was absent. Also attending were:Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Ken Daughtry-Emergency Management; and Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser.

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

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell informed all present that there would be an Emergency Management Committee meeting tonight at the Agrilife center at 6:00 pm. He also mentioned that according to the information released by the Tax Appraisal office, house values would be increasing by 25% and the estimated certified values will be going down. There will be an estimated 2 million dollars less in revenue with a large portion being new exemptions. It was agreed that the line item "Budget Workshp" be added to all agendas starting with the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF COVERED PROPERTY FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES

Nichole Mock, County Auditor, presented listings of property, equipment and vehicles covered by County insurance for the Courts consideration. During the discussion session various opinions were offered concerning ways to reduce the premium by not covering any property valued less than \$10,000.00 (due to the deductible being \$10,000.00, and the Courthouse gazebo, old Sheriff Office, Masonic Lodge, ambulance storage building, pct no. 4 storage building, pcts 1&2 storage building, pct 1 equipment repair shop & storage, pct 2 equipment repair shop & storage at Allison, storage and fence at the Shooting range in Shamrock. The possibility of hiring a professional insurance advisor for guidance on what to cover was mentioned. Getting an estimate from the Texas Association of Counties for coverage was also suggested.


Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to use the listing provided by the County Auditor and remove any building/property from the list with a value of less than \$10,000.00 and the Courthouse Gazebo, old ambulance storage building, old Masonic Lodge, Old Jail building, Pct 1&2 small storage building, Pct 4 small storage building, pct 1 repair shop & storage at Mobeetie, Pct 2 equipment & repair shop at Allison storage and fence at the shooting range in Shamrock and each commissioner be allowed to remove or add vehicles & mobile equipment at their discretion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

  
MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK  
APPROVED: 5/13/24

Judge Pat McDowell