

MAY 13, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners court met in Regular session on the above date at 9:00 AM to consider the below agenda items. Members present were: Judge McDowell, Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, David Simpson and John Walker, Commissioners precincts 1,2,3 and 4 respectively. Also present were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Natalie Thomas-JP #1; Rick Walden-JP #2; Debbie McLaughlin-Dist Clerk Deputy;; Deedy Reeves-JP #1; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Jessica Newkirk-County Judge Assistant; Johnny Carter, Carrie Gaines, Belinda Daniels, Jeff Shortnacy, Joseph Jones, Levi Havens, Alex Kirby, Ken Daughtry, Barry Sanders, Louis Stas and Kimberly Morgan.

Court was called to Order by Judge McDowell and then Commissioner Walker offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the minutes from the April 2024 meetings as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the monthly fee collection reports for JP #1, JP #2, County Clerk, District Clerk and Tax Collector and the County Treasurers reports for February 2024 and March 2024 and the County Treasurers Claim Report covering the period of April 23, 2024 through May 9, 2024 and totaling \$206,333.23. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME ENDING MAY 10, 2024

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the listing of compensatory time by department, through May 10, 2024, totaling 2,333.49 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was weocnded by David Simpson so approve the below listed Budget Amendments:

SO -\$ 8,775.00 to prisoner transport
R&B1 -\$118,500.00 from sale of used assets to Road Equipment

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the below listed line item transfers:

TREAS	-\$ 439.00	from Equip Purchase to Conf Training Staff
SO	-\$ 847.00	from Wages emp to Comp taken
	-\$ 34.00	from Equip Purchase to Bond Premium
BldgMain	-\$ 628.00	from Supplies to Conf & Train Staff
IT	-\$ 1,000.00	from Equip purchase to supplies
Ind Def	-\$20,000.00	from Contingency Line Item to Indigent Defense-Unind
R&B 1	-\$ 5,800.00	fromContract Labor
	-\$ 2,000.00	from Utilities & phone
	-\$35,000.00	from Road materials
	- 6,000.00	to Capital purchase over \$5,000
	-\$36,800.00	to Supplies & Parts
R&B 2	-\$ 3,000.00	from Contract Labor
	-\$10,000.00	from Road Materials
	-\$15,000.00	to Supplies & Parts
	-\$ 2,000.00	to Equipment purchase
R&B 3	-\$ 1,370.00	from Contract labor
	-\$ 1,500.00	from Equipment purchase
	-\$ 2,870.00	to Supplies & Parts
R&B 4	-\$15,000.00	from Fuel to Warehouse exp

Motion carried unanimously.

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No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported that he will be serving on the PRPC board of directors.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No report

CURTIS BROADDUS TRANSFER FROM SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TO COUNTY ATTORNEY-Criminal Investigator-\$60,000.00, eff 5/1/24

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the transfer of Curtis Broadus from the Sheriff Department to the County Attorney office to serve in the newly created Criminal Investigator with a salary of \$60,000.00 a year, paid from SB 22 funds, effective May 1, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT APPROVED-Otis Elevator Company

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the maintenance contract with Otis Elevator for a 5 year term, \$250.00 monthly and revoke any previous elevator contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

TAC-TAX DEED FOR PROPERTY IN SHAMROCK APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the below listed Tax Deeds for property in Shamrock:

Cotton Key LLC-Lots 5 & 6, Blk 18, Shamrock
Charles Findley, etal-Lots 13-15, Blk XXXI, Shamrock, Romans Adn
Derek Vinyard-S/2 Lot 5, All 6-7, Blk 7, Shamrock, PBA
Kim Knight-Lot 3, Blk LXXXIV, Shamrock, Romans Adn
Twenty Three G's Company Trust-Lot 3, Blk LII, Shamrock, Romans Adn
Joushua Lewis-S/2 Lot 3, Blk LVI, Shamrock, Romans Adn
Skyline Real Estate Service LLC-50'x150' out of S/2, Outlot 58, Shamrock
Cotton Key LLC-Lots 1-3, Blk B, Shamrock
Cotton Key LLC-Lot 16, Blk F, Shamrock Potts Adn

Motion carried unanimously.

JUDGE-INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH GRAY COUNTY FOR HOUSING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS

After discussion, no action was taken.

SO-MIKE SMITH, TEXAS RANGER, ATTENDANCE FOR INTERVIEW SCHOOL TO BE PAID-Asset Forfeiture Funds used

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the payment of admission to Interview School for Texas Ranger Mike Smith with Asset Forfeiture Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-TYLER KINCAID HIRED AS FULL TIME SARGENT, Effective May 13, 2024-\$23.89 hourly-SB 22 Funds to be used

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to hire Tyler Kincaid as a full time employee, Sargent status and non-exempt, effective May 13, 2024 with an hourly pay rate of \$23.89 and paid from SB22 grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-PURCHASE OF NEW CAD/RMS/JMS PROGRAM FOR SHERIFF OFFICE-\$100,000.00

After discussion, no action was taken.

SO-RESOLUTION IN APPROVAL FOR ALLOWANCE OF K9 CHIP TO LIVE WITH HANDLER LEVI HAVENS WHEN EMPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED

After discussion, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to allow K9 Chip to leave with handler Levi Havens when his employment is terminated with Wheeler County. Voting FOR-Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Simpson and Walker; AGAINST-Judge McDowell. Motion carried. Clerks Note: No copy provided.

SO-RESOLUTION IN APPROVAL FOR ALLOWANCE OF K9 DOKK TO LIVE WITH HANDLER ALEX KERBY WHEN EMPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED

After discussion, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to allow K9 Dokk to leave with handler Alex Kerby when his employment is terminated with Wheeler County. Voting FOR-Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Simpson and Walker; AGAINST-Judge McDowell. Motion carried. Clerks Note: No copy provided.

SO-LEVI HAVENS REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective May 21, 2024

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to remove Levi Havens from the Sheriff Department payroll, effective May 21, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-JOEL SWIGER ADDED TO PAYROLL-FULL TIME-Effective May 24, 2024-\$23.76 hourly-Non-Exempt

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to add Joel Swiger to the payroll as a full time employee, effective May 24, 2024, with an hourly rate of \$23.76 paid from SB22 funds. He will be classified as non-exempt. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-APPROVAL OF KOLOGIK SOFTWARE CONTRACT RENEWAL

After discussion, no action was taken.

TREASURER-Q2 PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT REPORT APPROVED

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the County Treasurers Q2 Public Funds Investment Report which reflects interest in the amount of \$189,916.73. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-HEALTH COUNTY PROGRAM-Incentive reward for employees approved

After discussion, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve an incentive to each employee who participates in the program a one day off with pay. Motion carried unanimously. No incentive for Elected Officials was approved.

IT-APPROVAL OF AT&T MOBIL BUSINESS AGREEMENT

No action taken.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Nichole Mock, County Auditor, gave each Elected Official and department head a copy of their current budget with line item listings. She requested that each make their budget requests and return the work sheet to her. No action taken.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the bills for payment and pay accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None requested

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Pat McDowell, County Judge

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____