

June 10, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 AM with the following members in attendance: Judge McDowell, Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Simpson and Walker, Precincts 1,2,3 & 4 respectively. Also attending were: Bobbie Walker-Deputy County Clerk; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Natalie Thomas and Dee Dee Reeves-JP Pct #1; Rick Walden-JP #2; Jenni Spence-County Treasurer Accounts payable; Annette Walden-HR director; Barry Sanders, Louis Stas; Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser; Chuck Robertson; Brett Buckingham, Cecil Gaither, Kiley Allen, Johnny Carter, Carrie Gines, Rhonda Scott, Belinda Daniels-Sheriff Department; and Jay Mayden-Texas Association of Counties representative.

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell and the Commissioner May Jr offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were expressed.

PAUPER BURIALS OR CREMATION POLICY APPROVED

After discussion Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve a policy concerning burials or cremations, effective June 10, 2024. No more than \$1,000.00 per occurrence. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this point

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the monthly fee reports as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the compensatory time balances. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BURN BAN

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip to leave the current status of the burn ban in place. Motion carried unanimously.

JUDGES REPORT

Status of air conditioner units was discussed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None offered.

TY SWIFT REMOVED FROM PCT #1 PAYROLL, effective May 28, 2024

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to remove Ty Swift from the Pct #1 payroll, effective May 28, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

WESLEY CRITES REMOVED FROM PCT #2 PAYROLL, effective May 28, 2024

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to remove Wesley Crites from the Pct #2 payroll, effective May 28, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SPEED LIMIT LOWERED TO 30 MPH AND ADD "CHILDREN AT PLAY" SIGN-Co Rd 16 & SB-Pct #3

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to lower the speed limit to 30 mph and add a "Children at Play" sign. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #4-ADD KIT MACINA TO PAYROLL AS A PART TIME SUMMER EMPLOYEE-\$17.00 per hour, non exempt, effective June 3, 2024

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to hire Kit Macina as a part time summer employee, effective June 3, 2024. Hourly rate of pay will be \$17.00, non exempt status. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRING FREEZE DISCUSSION

No action taken.

COMPENSATORY TIME, PERSONAL USE OF COUNTY VEHICLES AND TIME CLOCK PRACTICES DISCUSSION

Discussion was had concerning compensatory time, personal use of county vehicles and time clock practices. Brett Buckingham offered comments during this discussion concerning personal use of county vehicles, clocking in and out and not working full days. County Judge and all commissioners also offered comments during this time. No action taken, discussion only.

BRENDA SPARLIN REMOVED FROM SHERIFF DEPARTMENT PAYROLL, effective July 1, 2024

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to remove Brenda Sparlin from the Sheriff Department payroll, effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

MORGAN ASPENLEITER ADDED TO SHERIFF DEPARTMENT PAYROLL, part time jailer/dispatcher, effective June 14, 2024

At the request of Sheriff Carter, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to add Morgan Aspenleiter to the payroll, part time jailer/dispatcher, non exempt, \$17.99 hourly. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT-PURCHASE OF CAD/RMS/JMS PROGRAM-\$100,000.00, FROM ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the Agreement with Computer Information Systems for a CAD/RMS/JMS program for the Sheriff Department. Purchase will be made through the TIPS Co-Op Program and paid from Asset Forfeiture Funds. The purchase amount will be \$100,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT-Purchase of Axon Body Cameras-\$83,942.73-SB 22 Grant Funds through Buy Board

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the purchase of additional Body Cameras in the amount of \$83,942.73 using SB 22 Grant funds and purchased through the Buy Board program. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT-Contract with Kologik/COPsync approved-\$864.00 monthly

At the request of Sheriff Carter, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the renewal agreement with Kologik LLC on a month to month basis with the monthly fee of \$864.00, effective June 10, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT-PURCHASE OF BULLET PROOF VESTS APPROVED-Asset Forfeiture Funds-\$4,955.50

At the request of Sheriff Carter, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the purchase of bullet proof vests using Asset Forfeiture Funds and the Buy Board procedure. Purchase price will be \$4,955.50. Motion carried unanimously.

SAMS CLUB ACCOUNT-Set up to be completed by Renee Warren, County Treasurer

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to allow County Treasurer, Renee Warren, authority to setup a Sams Club account for Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

No action taken. Discussion only.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

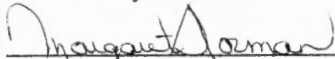
David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the bills for payment and pay accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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



MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: July 8, 2024

JUDGE PAT MCDOWELL