

JUNE 24, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date with the following in attendance: Judge McDowell, Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines and John Walker, Commissioners precincts number 1, 2 and 4, respectively. Commissioner David Simpson was absent. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Johnny Carter, Rhonda Scott-Sheriff & Department; Rick Walden-JP #2; Natalie Thomas and Dee Dee Reeves-JP #1; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Ken Daughtry-Emergency Management; Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser; Barry & Melissa Sanders; Terri Knight-County Star News; Louis Stas-Wheeler Times; Peanut Davis, Autumn Ferguson, Garrett Rhine, Richard Kincannon, Cecil Gaither, Peanut Davis, Dayna Carpenter and Pete Vinyard.

Court was called to Order by Judge McDowell who then offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None during this section.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the County Treasurer Claim report for the period of June 11, 2024 through June 20, 2024, totaling \$58,522.49. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the compensatory time balances for each office/department as of June 24, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action

BURN BAN

No action

JUDGE REPORT

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CHILDRESS COUNTY-\$5,000.00 for DPS Secretary in Childress

No action

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE CENTER-Move from Wheeler Fire Department building to Wheeler County Jail front Conference Room, effective June 24, 2024

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve relocation of the Emergency Management Response Center from the Wheeler Fire Department to the Wheeler County Jail-Front Conference Room, effective June 24, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

DISPATCH CONSOLE FROM OLD SHAMROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING RELOCATED TO WHEELER COUNTY JAIL FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM WITH COST OF UPGRADE APPROVED FOR LESS THAN \$3,000.00, effective June 24, 2024.

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve relocating the old dispatch console from the Shamrock Police Department building to the Wheeler County Jail front Conference room, with upgrade costing no more than \$3,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #2-GARRETT CHILDRESS ADDED TO PAYROLL, EFFECTIVE July 15, 2024

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to add Garrett Childress to the pct #2 payroll, effective July 15, 2024 with an hourly salary of \$22.36 and non-exempt. Voting FOR-Phillip Gaines, John Walker, Judge McDowell; ABSTAINING-Jackie Don May Jr. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE WALL-EAST SIDE TO BE DEMOLITIONED AND REPLACED-\$38,500.00

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept the proposal from Victor Loera for demolition and replacement of concrete wall on the east side of the Courthouse. Cost will be \$38,500.00. County road employees will assist with the process. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-ALEX KIRBY REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective June 29, 2024

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to remove Alex Kirby from the payroll, effective June 29, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SUPPORT FEE FOR SO WEBSITE APP-\$6,995.00-Asset Forfeiture Funds

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to renew the annual support fee for the SO website app, with a cost of \$6,995.00 paid from Asset Forfeiture Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-12 PORTABLE RADIOS PURCHASED FOR JAIL-\$27,983.34 from SCAAP FUNDS FOR FY 2025

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to purchase 12 Motorola portable radios from Motorola Solutions for use in the Wheeler County Jail. The cost to be \$27,983.34 payable from SCAAP Fund in FY 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-CONTRACT WITH DIAMOND PHARMACY FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS FOR INMATES APPROVED

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve a five year contract with Diamond Pharmacy for prescription medications for the inmates, effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

DR. LEE ANN HILLHOUSE, DVM APPOINTED TO LOCAL RABIES CONTROL AUTHORITY, effective June 24, 2024

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to appoint Dr. Lee Ann Hillhouse, DVM to the Local Rabies Control Authority through the Texas Department of State Health Services. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-APPROVAL OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR TCDRS RETIREMENT PLAN YEAR-2025

After discussion, no action was taken.

TREASURER-RENEWAL OF THE AIR MED CARE CONTRACT, effective September 1, 2024

After discussion, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to renew the contract with Air Med Care for all employees. The cost will be \$75.00 each, effective September 1, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

IT-AT&T LTE INTERNET BACKUP-\$75.00 PER MONTH, effective May 9, 2024

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the fee of \$75.00 per month for internet backup with AT&T. Fees and taxes will be added monthly. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

During the workshop, Dayna Carpenter and Pete Vinyard spoke to the court concerning the expenditures, and tax rate. The possibility of 2 ambulance purchases, compensatory time, fund balances and budget reductions were also discussed by all departments, along with elimination of part time employees. No action taken. Workshop only.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action needed.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 10:29 AM Phillip Gaines 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

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE