

APRIL 28, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 AM to consider the below listed agenda items. Members attending were: Judge McDowell, Jackie Don May Jr and John Walker-Commissioners precincts 1 & 4, respectively. Commissioners Phillip Gaines and David Simpson were absent. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Tim Reeves and Caden Walden-Sheriff & Deputy; Rick Walden-JP #2; Terrye Knight; Kimberly Morgan, Louis Stas, Marcos Castillo, Camden Doris and Chris Gibson, Steve Owens.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were made.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2025 FEE REPORTS

Jackie Don May made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the March 2025 fee reports and the County Treasurers claim reports for March 25, 2025 through April 9, 2025, totaling \$187,125.97 and April 15, 2025 through April 23, 2025 totaling \$214,806.80. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending April 28, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the below listed ~~align~~ items: \$500.00 from Contingency to Loss Control, Non Departmental. Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported that he and commissioners attended a conference in Abilene last week where legislative issues were discussed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Thankful for rain.

DONATION ACCEPTED FROM THE LEGETT FOUNDATION-\$1,000.00-DISBURSED TO MOBEETIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from the Legett Foundation, Abilene, Texas and to disburse the monies to the Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARED-Pct #2, effective April 28, 2025-Precinct No. 2

2021 Chevy 1500-#217153

1989 Ford Dump Truck #A09587

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to declare the above 2 vehicles shown above surplus effective April 28, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION RESCINDED-April 14, 2025-Age limit on Vehicles covered by comprehensive/collision insurance

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to rescind the motion made by David Simpson on April 14, 2025 concerning age limits on vehicles covered by comprehensive/collision insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN SHERIFF DEPARTMENT & JAIL-Guideline set

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to set the guideline for determination of comprehensive/collision insurance at 10 years, with the exclusion of Sheriff and Jail vehicles, effective May 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY, GENERAL LIABILITY AND AUTO COVERAGE CHOSEN-Texas Association of Counties-effective May 1, 2025

Mr. Steve Owens-Texas Association of Counties and Mr Chris Gibson and Camden Dorris-Legacy Insurance, met with the Court and offered to answer any questions the Court might have concerning their proposals. After discussion and comparisons, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to accept the proposal submitted by the Texas Association of Counties, with an effective date of May 1, 2025. The coverage will be for Property, General Liability and Auto insurance. Motion carried unanimously. Clerks Note: Refer to the proposal for deductible and limit amounts.

SO-APPLICATION FOR E CIGARETTE RETAILER PERMIT-Inmates

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve an E Cigarette retailer permit for the Wheeler County Law Enforcement Center for inmates. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-APPLICATION FOR RETAILER CIGARETTE, CIGAR AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAXES PERMIT-Inmate tobacco pouches

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the application for retailer cigarette, cigar and tobacco products taxes permit for the County Law Enforcement Center for inmates. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-LESLIE LIRA LOPEZ ADDED TO PAYROLL-Part Time jailer/dispatcher, effective May 1, 2025-\$17.99 hr-SB 22 funds

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to add Leslie Lira Lopez to the payroll as a part time jailer/dispatcher, effective May 1, 2025 and with a salary of \$17.99 per hour using SB 22 funds. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-DARLA ALLEN CHANGED FROM PART TIME TO FULL TIME JAILER/DISPATCHER, effective May 1, 2025-\$20.43 hourly

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to change Darla Allen from part time to full time jailer/dispatcher, effective May 1, 2025. The salary will be \$20.43 per hour using SB 22 funds. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-RHONDA SCOTT REMOVED FROM SHERIFF DEPARTMENT PAYROLL-effective April 26, 2025

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to remove Rhonda Scott from the Sheriff Department payroll, effective April 26, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

DC-RHONDA SCOTT ADDED TO PAYROLL OF DISTRICT CLERK-Effective April 27, 2025-\$20.54 hourly-full time

At the request of Sherri Jones, District Clerk, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to ~~add Rhonda Scott to~~ the payroll of the District Clerk, effective April 27, 2025 and \$20.54 hourly. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-UPDATE OF BILLING POLICY FOR HEALTH AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL, effective May 1, 2025

At the request of Renee Warren, County Treasurer, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve billing & payment policies as required by the Texas Association of Counties, effective May 1, 2025. This will include the County Judge as Contracting Authority and the County Treasurer as the Billing representative and signature representatives by DocuSign. Motion carried unanimously.



AUDITOR-RETIREMENT RECOGNITION AWARD-Guideline

After discussion, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to set the guideline for each retirement situation at \$100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the bills for payment and pay accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING-10:05 AM

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Margaret Dorman  
MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK  
APPROVED: 5/12/2025

JUDGE PAT MCDOWELL