

JUNE 23, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 am to consider the following agenda items. Members present were: Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, David Simpson and John Walker. Judge McDowell was absent. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Tim Reeves and Carrie Gaines-Sheriff and department; Jeff Shortnacy-Constable Pct #2; Rick Walden-JP #2; Natalie Thomas-JP #1; Rhonda Scott-Deputy District Clerk; Barry Sanders, Sudie Brashears, Taire Knight, Karla Benson and Louis Stas.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner: John Walker called court to Order at 9:00 AM

OPENING PRAYER

Jackie Don May Jr offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the County Treasurers Claim Report covering the period of June 10, 2025 through June 18, 2025 and totaling \$93,446.37. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending June 21, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

None submitted

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None submitted

PCT #3-DAVID SIMPSON RESIGNATION ACCEPTED, effective June 30, 2025 at 11:59 PM

David Simpson, Commissioner Pct #3, submitted his letter of resignation to the court, effective June 30, 2025 at 11:59 pm. Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr accept his resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #3-DAVID SIMPSON, termination of compensation, benefits and bond, effective June 30, 2025

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to terminate the compensation, benefits and bond for David Simpson, effective June 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #4 COMMISSIONER TO OVERSEE PCT #3 DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS UNTIL REPLACEMENT IS APPOINTED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve Commissioner Pct #4 John Walker acting as overseer of the Pct #3 day to day operations. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #1-EXCLUSIVE USE CONTRACT WITH DAVID SEITZ FOR CALICHE CONSIDERED-SE/4 Section 64, Block A-6, Gray County
After discussion, no action taken.

APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2026 APPROVED

Jackie Don May made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the proposed budget for the Appraisal District for the 2026 year. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-JOSEPH JONES-II REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective June 16, 2025

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to remove Joseph Jones II from the payroll, effective June 16, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-LESLEY LIRA REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective June 16, 2025

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to remove Lesley Lira from the payroll, effective June 16, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-ERIKA ARMENTROUT ADDED TO PAYROLL-Part Time deputy, effective July 1, 2025

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to add Erika Armentrout to the payroll as a part time Deputy, with a salary of \$20.24 per hour using SB 22 funds.and effective July 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY ENTRY TOOLS-SB 22 funds-\$8,240.00

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Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the purchase of/Emergency Entry Tools in the amount of \$8,240.00 using SB 22 funds. The purchase will be from Conl0gency Consulting. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-PURCHASE OF TACTICAL GEAR -SB 22 funds-\$10,151.78

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the purchase of 12 Tactial Gear sets from RTS Tactical. Purchase price is \$10,151.78 using SB 22 funds. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE FOR VESTED EMPLOYEES APPROVED-60 years of older

After discussion, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve a change to the Wheeler County Policy manual for the Early Retirement for Vested Employees 60 years of age or older and Staff Reduction Policy, effective June 23, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT CLERK-APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FROM RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND-\$700.00-LGS conference

At the request of Sherri Jones, District Clerk, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the \$700.00 expenditure from the Records Management Fund for attendance at the LGS conference. Motion carried unanimously.

BARRY SANDERS-APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR CREATION OF WHEELER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

Barry Sanders met with the Court to discuss and answer questions concerning the creation of the Wheeler County Emergency Services District No. 1. The group presented petition sheets containing 111 approved signatures, a descripton of the proposed boundaries, a Resolution signed by the City of Shamrock and a statement from two petitioners stating they will be obligated to pay not more than \$150.00 of the costs associated with the formation of the proposed district,including the costs of publishing notices, election costs, and other necessary and incidental expense.

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the petition and accompanying papers. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS APPROVED

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

ADJOURN

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____