

October 14, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met on the above date at 9:00 AM to consider the below listed agenda items. Members present were: Judge McDowell, Commissioners May Jr, Gaines, Gaither Sr and Walker. Also present were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Tim Reeves-Sheriff; Jeff Shortnacy-Constable Pct #2; Natalie Thomas-JP #1; Renee Warren-Treasurer; Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser; Dan Sams and Ethin Tyree-City of Wheeler; Terye Knight, Louis Stas; and BrittMcCarter.

Court was called to Order by Judge McDowell with then offered an opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the minutes as written for the September 2025 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the September 2025 monthly fee collection reports as submitted and the County Treasurer distribution report for the period of September 19, 2025 through October 14, 2025 and totaling \$320,662.59. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES APPROVED

No action needed.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported he had attended the PRPC Annual Meeting in Amarillo, participated in a County Judges Zoom meeting with Ken King; attended a Town Hall meeting hosted by Senator Charles Perry. He also reported that the new AC unit has been installed in the HR office in the courthouse and offered his thanks to Sheriff Reeves for funding the \$2,500.00 contribution to Crime Stoppers through his Asset Forfeiture Fund monies.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None were offered.

PCT #1-CLOSING OF 20' ALLEY IN MOBEETIE-Williams Addition

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve closing the alley between lots 1-12, Williams Addition, Mobeetie, Texas, same being the area between County Road 5 and Houston Street, effective October 14, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #1-CLOSING OF A PORTION OF PATTON STREET IN MOBEETIE-between McKamy and Hamburg Streets

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve closing the portion of Patton Street between McKamy and Hamburg Streets, effective October 14, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #1-MITCH MEADOWS ADDED TO PCT #1 PAYROLL, effective October 16, 2025--\$23.81 hourly, full time

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to add Mitch Meadows to the pct #1 payroll as a full time employee, effective October 16, 2025 with a base salary of \$23.81 per hour. Motion carried unanimously

SO-ALEX SILVESTRE ADDED TO PAYROLL-Part time deputy, effective October 15, 2025, \$20.24 hourly(SB22 included)

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to add Alex Silvestre to the Sheriff Department payroll as a part time deputy sheriff, effective October 15, 2025 with a base salary of \$20.24 hourly, SB 22 funds included. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-HOBIE HILL ADDED TO PAYROLL, full time deputy sheriff, effective October 15, 2025-\$23.76 hourly(SB 22 included)

At the request of Sheriff Reeves, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to add Hobie Hill to the payroll, effective October 15, 2025 with a base salary of \$23.76 per hour, SB 22 funds included. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENT COST ESTIMATE APPROVED-Lees Refrigeration-\$12,738.40 for Jail

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the cost estimate from Lee's Refrigeration in the amount of \$12,738.40 for replacement of one AC unit on top of the Wheeler County Law Enforcement Jail. Motion carried unanimously.

DEBT OBLIGATION REPORT APPROVED FOR FY 2025

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the FY 2025 Debt Obligation Report as submitted by Nichole Mock, County Auditor and required under Local Government Code Section 140.008. Motion carried unanimously.

MRP (FSA) ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION RATE RAISED TO \$3,300.00 FOR THE 12/1/2025 plan year-National Family Care Life Insurance Company Cafeteria Plan

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to raise the annual contribution rate to \$3,300.00 for the December 1, 2025 plan year. Motion carried unanimously.

CA-2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE TRANSFER FROM SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TO COUNTY ATTORNEY OFFICE-\$40,000.00

At the request of Leslie Timmons, County Attorney, Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to transfer one (1) 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe (vin # 432060) from the Sheriff Department to the County Attorney for \$40,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDITOR SALARY SET-\$87,799.10, effective October 1, 2025

By Order of Honorable Steve R Emmert, Judge of the 31st Judicial District setting the salary of Nichole Mock, County Auditor, at \$87,799.10, Phillip Gaines made a motion to follow the Order and set the salary at \$87,799.10 effective October 1, 2025. After John Walker seconded the motion, all members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED-SHAMROCK MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM-2026

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to adopt a Resolution authorizing a County Grant program for the 2026 year and grant \$500.00 to the program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED-WHEELER MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM-2026

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to adopt a Resolution authorizing a County Grant program for the 2026 year and grant \$500.00 to the program. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGH PLAINS FOOD BANK GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2026 APPROVED-\$1,000.00

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to grant the High Plains Food Bank \$1,000.00 for the 2026 year. Motion carried unanimously

PANHANDLE COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT-\$3,000.00-October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to grant Panhandle Community Services \$3,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS TO BE ADVERTISED FOR-Sale of Lot 6, Block 34, Wheeler

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to advertise for bids for the sale of Lot 6, Block 34, Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously. Bids will be opened on November 24, 2025.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM-FY 2026

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to adopt the Resolution in support of the Texas Indigent Defense Grant Program for the FY 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

TEXAS PANHANDLE CENTERS BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED-Sheriff Terry Bouchard-November 20, 2025 through November 21, 2026

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to appoint Sheriff Terry Bouchard to the Texas Panhandle Centers board, effective November 20, 2025 through November 21, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

BOND INCREASE-COUNTY JUDGE FOR GUARDIANSHIP JURISDICTION-\$500,000.00 per new legislation-\$1,700.00 premium

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the premium amount and bond amount to increase the County Judge bond to \$500,000.00 due to Guardianship jurisdiction in County Judge court. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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


MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK
APPROVED: 11/16/2025

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE