

DECEMBER 22, 2025 9:00 AM

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date to consider the below listed agenda items with the following members in attendance: Judge McDowell, Commissioners Jackie Don May Jr, Phillip Gaines, Cecil Gaither Sr and John Walker. Also attending were: Bobbie Walker-Deputy County Clerk; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Rick Walden-JP #2; Tim Reeves,-Sheriff; Jeff Shortnacy-Constable #2; Tyler Kincaid-Deputy Sheriff; Kevin Meek and Shantell Campbell-Extension Service; Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser; Taire Knight, Barry Sanders; Brenda Sparlin, Karla Benson and Mary Kay Tallant.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were presented.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the following reports from the County Treasurer: Claim Report covering the period of December 9, 2025 through December 18, 2025 and totaling \$105,942.19 and the Investment report for the period ending October 31, 2025 and totaling \$15,240,245.16. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the compensatory time balances for the period ending December 20, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

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No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell expressed his thanks for those that were responsible for the recent Health Fair.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Gaines reported that the County Livestock show will be January 1-3, 2026 in Wheeler and expressed his thanks to Commissioner Walker for his help securing wood for the bar-b-que.

PCT #1-SPEED LIMIT SIGN-COUNTY ROAD 14, NORTH OF BRISCOE-25 mph

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to install a 25 mph speed limit sign on County Road 14, North of Briscoe. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #3 ENERGY TRANSFER APPROVED TO INSTALL 1/4" FIBER OPTIC LINE IN DITCH-Co Rds 23 & O

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the installation of a 1/4" fiber optic line in the ditch at County Roads 23 & O. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-MARTIN CASTANEDA REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective December 5, 2025

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to remove Martin Castaneda from the Sheriff Department payroll, effective December 5, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-DIMONTRAY SIBLEY REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, effective December 10, 2025

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to remove Dimontray Sibley from the payroll, effective December 10, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-ELYSE KIRBY ADDED TO PAYROLL-PART TIME JAILER?DISPATCHER, effective December 15, 2025-\$17.99 hourly

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to add Elyse Kirby to the payroll as a part-time jail/dispatcher, effective December 15, 2025. Hourly rate will be \$17.99 per hour(SB 22 funds included). Motion carried unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR-MOTOR VEHICLE COLLECTIONS REPORT FOR FY 2025 APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the Motor Vehicle Collections report for the FY 2025 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1-TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS SET, effective January 1, 2026

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to designate the following terms for the 5 board members:

- 2 year terms-Renee Warren, Mary Kay Tallant and Karla Benson
- 1 year term -Cecil Gaither Jr and Sudie Galmor

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the terms. Voting FOR-Judge McDowell, Commissioner May Jr, Commissioner Gaines, and Commissioner Walker. Commissioner Gaither Sr abstained from voting. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHEELER COUNTY AND THE WHEELER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 APPROVED INCLUDING PAYMENT OF \$300,000.00 TO ESD ON JANUARY 12, 2026

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Wheeler County and the Wheeler County Emergency Services District #1 including payment of \$300,000.00 to the ESD on January 12, 2026 in a lump sum payment. Voting FOR-Judge McDowell, Commissioner May Jr, Commissioner Gaines, Commissioner Walker. ABSTAINING-Commissioner Gaither Sr. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHEELER COUNTY AND NORTH WHEELER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT APPROVED INCLUDING PAYMENT OF \$300,000.00 TO NWCHD, effective January 1, 2026

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Wheeler County and the North Wheeler County Hospital District including payment of \$300,000.00 to the NWCHD, effective January 1, 2026. Voting FOR-Judge McDowell, Commissioner May Jr, Commissioner Gaines, Commissioner Walker. Voting AGAINST-Commissioner Gaither Sr. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHEELER COUNTY AND NORTH WHEELER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND WHEELER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1-EMS SERVICES

No action was taken.

EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1-Bond for Renee Warren, Treasurer approved

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Cecil Gaither Sr to approve the Bond for Emergency Services District No 1 board treasurer, Renee Warren in the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED-APPLICATION FOR FY 2026 TEXAS EMS GRANT PROGRAM-SB 1377

Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adopt a Resolution in support of the Application for FY2026 Texas EMS Grant program funds. Motion carried unanimously.

AGRI-LIFE BUILDING AND SHOW BARN-NEW RATE SCHEDULE AND LEASE FORMS FOR PUBLIC USE

After discussion and changes in rates, John Walker made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve a new rental rate and lease form for public use of the Wheeler County Agri-Life Building and show barn. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION FUND INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT APPROVED AND HOT CHECK FUND INTERNAL AUDIT

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the Internal Audit Report for the County Attorney Pre-Trial Diversion Fund and the Hot Check Fund for FY 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

WEBSITE FOR WHEELER COUNTY-MIGRATION TO NEW PLATFORM TO MEET FEDERAL/STATE LAWS

Discussion was had concerning migration to a new website platform to meet Federal/State laws on accessibility compliance and fees associated with the changes.

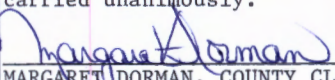
No action taken.

APPROVAL 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-9:41 AM

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 AM. Motion carried unanimously.


MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: 

JUDGE PAT MCDOWELL