# MINUTES OF MEETING-REGULAR SESSION COMMISSIONERS' COURT-WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS January 28, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

STATE OF TEXAS]
COUNTY OF WOOD]

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Wood County, Texas met in regular session on the date and time last written, with the following members present:

LUCY HEBRON, COUNTY JUDGE VIRGIL HOLLAND, JR., COMMISSIONER PCT. #1 JERRY GASKILL, COMMISSIONER PCT. #2 MIKE SIMMONS, COMMISSIONER PCT. #3 RUSSELL ACKER, COMMISSIONER PCT. #4 KELLEY PRICE, COUNTY CLERK and TERRI SELLERS, COUNTY AUDITOR

County Judge, Lucy Hebron, presided for the following business, to-wit:

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME.

Judge Lucy Hebron called to order this Regular Session of the Commissioner's Court.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Kecseg, informed the court of his concerns of the District Attorney's Office back log and the courts funding to that office. Also, his concerns with the taxpayer's expense of jury summons being returned.

#### 4. PERSONNEL ACTION

The personnel requests were presented to the Court for approval.

The personnel actions were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Gaskill.

See copies of the personnel action forms attached to these minutes.

NOTE: As of this Commissioner's Court Minutes (7/12/19) Payroll will not be an agenda item but will be an attachment under Claims. See SB 354 and Order for Disbursement of Salaries and Routine Office Expenses approved by the Commissioner's Court on 6/28/19.

### 5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The budget amendments to the 2020 budget were presented by the Auditor for consideration.

The budget amendments were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Gaskill and second by Commissioner Simmons.

A copy of the budget amendments are attached to these minutes.

#### 6. CLAIMS

Listings of claims were previously presented to each member of the Court and made available to the public for inspection. Claims were presented as follows:

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The claims were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Simmons and second by Commissioner Acker.

### 7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDED REPUBLICAN PRECINCT JUDGES LIST.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court the Amended Republican Precinct Judges List and asked for the courts approval.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Amended Republican Precinct Judges List. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Amended Republican Precinct Judges List is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Amended Republican Precinct Judges List is attached by these minutes.

## 8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY AND THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES FOR MARCH 3, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court the Joint Resolution between Wood County and the Republican and Democratic Parties for March 3, 2020 Primary Elections.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Joint Resolution between Wood County and the Republican and Democratic Parties for March 3, 2020 Primary Elections. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Joint Resolution between Wood County and the Republican and Democratic Parties for March 3, 20020 Primary Elections is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Joint Resolution between Wood County and the Republican and Democratic Parties for March 3, 2020 Primary Elections are attached to these minutes.

## 9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Wood County and the Republican Party.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Wood County and the Republican Party. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Wood County and the Republican Party is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Wood County and the Republican Party is attached to these minutes.

# 10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Wood County and the Democratic Party.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Wood County and the Democratic Party. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Wood County and the Democratic Party is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Joint Primary Election Services Contract between Wood County and the Democratic Party is attached to these minutes.

#### 11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ELECTION REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Judge Hebron noted agenda item should be corrected to say Notice of General Primary Election, Republican Party.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court the Notice of General Primary Election, Republican Party.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Notice of General Primary Election, Republican Party.

Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Notice of General Primary Election, Republican Party is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Notice of General Primary Election, Republican Party is attached to these minutes.

#### 12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ELECTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Judge Hebron noted agenda item should be corrected to say Notice of General Primary Election, Democratic Party.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court the Notice of General Primary Election, Democratic Party.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Notice of General Primary Election, Democratic Party. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Notice of General Primary Election, Democratic Party is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Notice of General Primary Election, Democrat Party is attached to these minutes.

#### 13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TEMPORARY BRANCH EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court the Temporary Branch Early Voting Locations. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Early Voting Locations. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Temporary Branch Early Voting Locations is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Early Voting Locations is HEREBY APPROVED.

#### 14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLEDGE OF SECURITIES,

Becky Burford, County Treasurer, presented to the court the Pledge of Securities.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Pledge of Securities. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Pledge of Securities are HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Pledge of Securities is attached to these minutes.

#### 15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2019.

Becky Burford, County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for month ending October 31, 2019. Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Treasurer's Report for month ending October 31, 2019. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Treasurer's Report for month ending October 31, 2019 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report for month ending October 31, 2019 is attached to these minutes.

#### 16. ACKNOWLEDGE JURY WHEEL RECONSITUTION.

Donna Huston, District Clerk, presented to the court the Jury Wheel Reconstitution for acknowledgement. Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the acknowledgement of the Jury Wheel Reconstitution. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the acknowledgement of the Jury Wheel Reconstitution is HEREBY APPROVED.

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A copy of the notice is attached to these minutes.

# 17. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF UPDATED PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT BY THE DISTRICT CLERK.

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Donna Huston, District Clerk, presented to the court an updated progress report for the year of 2019.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the updated progress report by the District Clerk, Donna Huston. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the updated progress report by the District Clerk, Donna Huston is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

### 18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RACIAL PROFILING REPORT EXEMPTION FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Jerry Hirsch, Investigator for Criminal District Attorney, presented to the court the Wood County Criminal District Attys. Office Racial Profiling Report.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Wood County Criminal District Attys. Office Racial Profiling Report. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Wood County Criminal District Attys. Office Racial Profiling Report is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

### 19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RACIAL PROFILING REPORT EXEMPTION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Thomas A. Castloo, Sheriff, presented to the court the Sheriff's Department Racial Profiling Report.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Sheriff's Department Racial Profiling Report. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Sheriff's Department Racial Profiling Report is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

### 20. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RACIAL PROFILING REPORT EXEMPTION FOR THE FIRE MARSHALL.

Tully Davidson, Fire Marshall, presented to the court the Fire Marshal's Racial Profiling Report.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Fire Marshal's Racial Profiling Report. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Fire Marshal's Racial Profiling Report is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

### 21. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE HAINESVILLE VFD CONTRACT FOR FY 2020.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the Hainesville VFD Contract for FY 2020. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Hainesville VFD Contract for FY 2020 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy the contract is attached to these minutes.

# 22. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN WITH HEALTHFIRST.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Wood County Employee Health Benefit Plan with HealthFirst. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

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WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Wood County Employee Health Benefit Plan with HealthFirst is HEREBY APPROVED,

A copy of Wood County Employee Health Benefit Plan with HealthFirst is attached to these minutes.

# 23. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE ADMINSTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY WITH HEALTHFIRST. Agenda item #23 cont'd.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Renewal of the Administrative Services Agreement for Wood County with HealthFirst. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Renewal of the Administrative Services Agreement for Wood County with HealthFirst is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Renewal of the Administrative Services Agreement for Wood County with Health First is attached to these minutes.

### 24. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TRIDENTCARE PORTABLE DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of Tridentcare Portable Diagnostic Services Agreement for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Tridentcare Portable Diagnostic Services Agreement for the Sheriff's Office is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes.

### 25. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT FOR THE FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA) PROGRAM WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the failure to appear (FTA) Program with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the failure to appear (FTA) Program with the Texas Department of Public Safety is HEREBY APPROVED.

Interlocal Agreement #20-01 is attached to these minutes.

### 26. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION REGARDING JANUARY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH,

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Proclamation regarding January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Proclamation regarding January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Proclamation is attached to these minutes.

#### 27. ACKNOWLEDGE THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW UPDATE,

Judge Hebron gave her 2019 year in review as County Judge.

Judge Hebron made a motion to approve the acknowledgement of the 2019 year in review update.

A second was not made by the court. Motion did not carry.

Brandon Baade, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, asked the court for permission to comment and Judge Hebron agreed. Mr. Baade's comments were in response to the County Judge's 2019 year in review update.

### 28. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD PERMIT FOR #2203 FOR PRECINCT 3.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of Road Permit #2203 for Precinct 3. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Road Permit #2203 for Precinct 3 is HEREBY APPROVED.

COMM CT MINUTES 1/28/20 PAGE 5 OF 7 A copy of Road Permit #2203 is attached to these minutes.

### 29. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVISION OF LOTS 20 AND 21 WITHIN BLUFF RANCH SUBDIVISION AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION,

At 11:10 A.M. Judge Hebron called to session the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 20 and 21 within Bluff Ranch Subdivision and take necessary action.

Kari Perkins, Commissioner's Office Manager, informed the court that the property owners were present and informed the court all paperwork was submitted.

At 11:11 A.M. Judge Hebron went back into Regular Session.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Revision of Lots 20 and 21 within Bluff Ranch Subdivision. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Revision of Lots 20 and 21 within Bluff Ranch Subdivision is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Public Notice for the Revision of Lots 20 and 21 within Bluff Ranch Subdivision is attached to these minutes.

### 30. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVISION OF LOTS 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 105, AND 106 WITHIN THE NORTHWEST PROPERTIES SUBDIVISION.

Kari Perkins, Commissioner's Office Manager, informed the court of the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revisions of Lots 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 105, and 106 within the Northwest Properties Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 105, and 106 within the Northwest Properties Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 105, and 106 within the Northwest Properties Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days is HEREBY APPROVED.

### 31. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVISION OF LOTS 30 AND 31, PART 1, SECTION IX, WITHIN HOLLY LAKE RANCH SUBDIVISION.

Kari Perkins, Commissioner's Office Manager, informed the court of the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 30 and 31, Part 1, Section IX within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 30 and 31, Part 1, Section IX within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 30 and 31, Part 1, Section IX within Holly Lake Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days is HEREBY APPROVED.

### 32. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, AND 23, SECTION VI, WITHIN HOLLY LAKE RANCH SUBDIVISION.

Kari Perkins, Commissioner's Office Manager, informed the court of the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 21, 22, AND 23, Section VI, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 21, 22, AND 23, Section VI, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set

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the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 3021, 22, AND 23, Section VI, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days is HEREBY APPROVED.

### 33. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVISION OF LOTS 146 AND 147, SECTION VII, WITHIN HOLLY LAKE RANCH SUBDIVISION.

Kari Perkins, Commissioner's Office Manager, informed the court of the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 146 and 147, Section VII, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 146 and 147, Section VII, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the date, 3/10/20 at 10:00 A.M. to set the Public Hearing for the Revision 146 and 147, Section VII, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision with 2/13/20, 2/20/20 and 2/27/20 for publishing dates as well as online for 30 days is HEREBY APPROVED.

34. PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERSCOURT WILL CONSULT WITH ITS ATTORNEY IN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO SEEK HIS OR HER ADVICE ABOUT PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION.

Judge Hebron called the Executive Session in at 11:15 A.M.

35. PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001, ET. SEQ, THE WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL RECOVENE INTO OUR OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY ON MATTERS DISCUSSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Judge Hebron reconvened into Regular Session at 11:28 A.M.

36. CONSIDER AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to hire Flowers and Davis for Cause #2015-569 (James E. Christian) in District Court. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that to hire Flowers and Davis for Cause #2015-569 (James E. Christian) in District Court is HEREBY APPROVED.

There being no further business to come before this session, the Court adjourned.

COURT OF WHITE

Minutes were taken and prepared by Kelley Price, County Clerk on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020 with Judge Hebron presiding.

I, KELLEY PRICE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT IN AND FOR WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS do hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Commissioner Court in session on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 28th day of January, 2020.

KELLEY PRICE FOUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

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