

MINUTES OF MEETING-REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS' COURT-WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
February 8, 2022 – 9:00 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
DACHELLE HAGGERTY, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK and
TERRI SELLERS, COUNTY AUDITOR

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME.

Judge 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.

NOTE: Judge Hebron informed the court that she was moving to Agenda Item #7 due to the speaker needing to catch a flight.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eddie Daniel, Farmerville, Texas with Dunaway DBI an engineering consultant for the local rural water facilities is requesting consideration of AARPA Funds provided to the county for water supply infrastructure.

William Carter, Sten Langston and Lorinda Mikesell, Pct. 2 residents, were present to voice their concerns regarding subdivision regulations and a new subdivision application in Pct. 2.

4. PERSONNEL ACTION

The personnel actions were presented to the Court for approval.

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

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 2022 budget were presented by the Auditor for consideration.

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

second by Commissioner Acker.

A copy of the line-item transfers and budget amendments are attached to these minutes

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 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:

Accounts Payable	\$233,672.50
Direct Claims Paid	12,527.26
List of Voided Checks	189.00
Health and Dental Ck#89967-#90040	129,976.99
Payroll #03-2022	402,024.28

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

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST FROM UT HEALTH QUITMAN.

Jared Smith, UT Health Chief Executive Officer, was present to request the consideration of ARPA funds from the county and gave an overview.

Judge Hebron made a motion to approve ARPA funds from the county for UT Quitman Hospital and UT EMS. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. Judge Hebron and Commissioner Simmons voted "aye". Commissioner Holland, Commissioner Gaskill and Commissioner Acker voted "nay". Motion failed.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED RADIO TOWER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT.

Brandon Baade, Asst. District Attorney, informed the court of his concerns regarding the Revised Radio Tower Construction Contract.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye"

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED to table the Revised Radio Tower Construction Contract is HEREBY APPROVED.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGEEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF QUITMAN, CITY OF MINEOLA, AND THE COUNTY OF WOOD TO ESTABLISH AN AIRPORT ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR THE WOOD COUNTY AIRPORT.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Interlocal Agreement between City of Quitman, City of Mineola, and the County of Wood to establish an Airport Assistant Manager for the Wood County Airport. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

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WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Interlocal Agreement between City of Quitman, City of Mineola, and the County of Wood to establish an Airport Assistant Manager for the Wood County Airport is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Interlocal Agreement #22-1 is attached to these minutes.

10. PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING ABATEMENT WITHIN A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT IN WOOD COUNTY.

Judge Hebron called the Public Hearing in session at 9:59 A.M.

Brandon Baade, Asst. District Attorney, informed the court of his concerns regarding the adoption of the Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Abatement within a Reinvestment Zone for Commercial and Industrial Tax Abatement in Wood County.

Judge Hebron informed the court this agenda item would be tabled and closed the Public Hearing (per voice recording) at 9:59 a.m.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM WOOD COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3 TO ADD A RESERVE OFFICER TO THE DEPARTMENT.

Constable John McQueen, Pct. 3 requested to add a Reserve Officer to the Department with no out of pocket to the county.

Terri Sellers, Auditor, informed Constable McQueen his department would have to provide Workers Comp and that would be absorbed through his budget. Constable McQueen agreed to do so.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the request from Wood County Constable Precinct 3 to add a Reserve Officer to the Department. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the request from Wood County Constable Precinct 3 to add a Reserve Officer to the Department is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the letter from Constable John McQueen, Pct. 3 is attached to these minutes.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE MARSHAL/EMC TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG) CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT DIVISION (CJGD) FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE BG-RIFLE RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM (BAGP), AS MANAGED BY THE EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ETCOG).

Tully Davidson, EMC, informed the court that this Resolution had already been approved through the court but an amendment in the wording, from Homeland Security to Criminal Justice, was needed to allow grant

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funds on hold to be released to the county.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Resolution to authorize the Fire Marshal/EMC to submit an Application for Funding through the Office of the Governor (OOG) Criminal Justice Grant Division (CJGD). Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Resolution to authorize the Fire Marshal/EMC to submit an Application for Funding through the Office of the Governor (OOG) Criminal Justice Grant Division (CJGD) is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution #1-22 is attached to these minutes.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE THE RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR THE WOOD COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Acknowledgement of the Racial Profiling Report for the Wood County Fire Marshall Report. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Acknowledgement of the Racial Profiling Report for the Wood County Fire Marshall Report is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Racial Profiling Report for the Wood County Fire Marshall Report is attached to these minutes.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE THE RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR THE WOOD COUNTY CONSTABLE, PCT. 2.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the Acknowledgement of the Racial Profiling Report for the Wood County Constable, Pct. 2. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Acknowledgement of the Racial Profiling Report for the Wood County Constable, Pct. 2 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Racial Profiling Report for the Wood County Constable, Pct. 2 Report is attached to these minutes.

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Environmental Report for January 2022. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Environmental Report for January 2022 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Environmental Report for January 2022 is attached to these minutes.

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS FOR TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Order Authorizing the Sale of Fireworks for Texas Independence Day. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Order Authorizing the Sale of Fireworks for Texas Independence Day is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Order Authorizing the Sale of Fireworks for Texas Independence Day is attached to these minutes.

17. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD PERMIT #2244 IN PRECINCT 1.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of Road Permit #2244 in Precinct 1. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Road Permit #2244 in Precinct 1 is HEREBY APPROVED.

18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COLBY MAX SUBDIVISION #19.

Kari Perkins, Office Manager for Commissioners, informed the court that all documentation was completed for this 12-lot subdivision located in Precinct 1 between CR 2380 and 2389.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Colby Max Subdivision #19. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Colby Max Subdivision #19 is HEREBY APPROVED.

Clerk Note: Comments were made by the audience with no introduction. See audio for discussion.

19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WAYNE BYLEY SUBDIVISION #20.

Kari Perkins, Office Manager for Commissioners, informed the court that all documentation was completed for this subdivision in Pct.2 between CR 2920 and 2930. Mrs. Perkins noted that the septic review showed that the back of a Northeast corner lot was in the flood plain but is noted as such.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Wayne Byley Subdivision #20. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Wayne Byley Subdivision #20 is HEREBY APPROVED.

Clerk Note: Judge Hebron called a break in the Regular Session before action was taken on agenda item at 10:20 and resumed at 10:25. Comments were made by the audience with no introduction. See audio for discussion.

20. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CORY MOREHEAD SUBDIVISION #21.

Kari Perkins, Office Manager for Commissioners, informed the court that all documentation was completed for this subdivision located in Precinct 1.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Colby Max Subdivision #19. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Cory Moorehead Subdivision #21 is HEREBY APPROVED.

Clerk Note: Comments were made by the audience with no introduction. See audio for discussion.

21. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GRADY HAYES ADDITION.

Kari Perkins, Office Manager for Commissioners, informed the court that all documentation was completed for this 23-lot subdivision located in Precinct 2.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Grady Hayes Addition. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Grady Hayes Addition is HEREBY APPROVED.

22. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HARTLEY GRACE ADDITION.

Kari Perkins, Office Manager for Commissioners, informed the court that all documentation was completed for this 25-lot subdivision located in Precinct 2.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Hartley Grace Addition. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Hartley Grace Addition is HEREBY APPROVED.

23. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HILL TOP OAKS SUBDIVISION.

Kari Perkins, Office Manager for Commissioners, informed the court that all documentation was completed for this 7-lot subdivision located in Precinct 2.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Hilltop Oaks Subdivision. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Hilltop Oaks Subdivision is HEREBY APPROVED.

24. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVISION OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 6, GOLDEN ACRES SUBDIVISION.

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Kari Perkins, Office Manager for Commissioner, informed the court that a public hearing is set for March 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with publication dates being 2/17/22, 2/24/22, 3/3/22 with 30 days online for the Revision of lots 1 and 2, Block 6, Golden Acres Subdivision.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the public hearing set for March 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with publication dates being 2/17/22, 2/24/22, 3/3/22 with 30 days online for the Revision of lots 1 and 2, Block 6, Golden Acres Subdivision. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the public hearing set for March 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with publication dates being 2/17/22, 2/24/22, 3/3/22 with 30 days online for the Revision of lots 1 and 2, Block 6, Golden Acres Subdivision is HEREBY APPROVED.

Clerk Note: Kari Perkins, Office Manager for Commissioner, informed the court that the public hearing would be set for March 22, 2022 and Judge Hebron read the motion as March 26th. Clarification will be made on next Regular Session meeting on Friday, February 18, 2022.

25.. EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION ISSUE AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION.


No action taken.

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

Minutes were taken by Dachele Haggerty, Deputy Clerk and prepared by Kelley Price, County Clerk on the 8th day of February, 2022 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 8th day of February, 2022.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 8th day of February, 2022.


KELLEY PRICE
COUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

