

MINUTES OF MEETING-REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS COURT
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
QUITMAN, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
August 22, 2023 – 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:

KEVIN WHITE, 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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME.

Judge White 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

Patricia Simpson, Quitman, Tx., informed the court she wanted to speak on Agenda Item #15.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE PERSONNEL ACTIONS.

The personnel actions were presented to the Court for approval.
The personnel actions were unanimously acknowledged by Judge White and all Commissioners.
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 line-item transfers and budget amendments to the 2023 budget were presented by the Auditor for consideration.

The line-item transfers and budget amendments were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Gaskill and second by Commissioner Holland.

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	\$680,412.49
Direct Claims Paid	46,020.59
Health and Dental Ck#93147-#93231	149,377.16
Payroll #17-23	421,788.23

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

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WOOD COUNTY HEALTH PLAN MODIFICATIONS FOR 2023-2024 PLAN YEAR FOR RETIREE ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS.

Jason Newman, Representative of Holmes Murphy, presented recommendations and modifications to the Wood County Health Plan 2023-2024 Plan Year for Retiree Eligibility.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve the Wood County Health Plan 2023-2024 Plan Year for Retiree Eligibility modifications with noted corrections. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the modifications with noted corrections to the Wood County Health Plan 2023-2024 Plan Year for Retiree Eligibility is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the considerations for the Wood County Health Plan 2023-2024 Plan Year for Retiree Eligibility plan with noted corrections are attached to these minutes.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WOOD COUNTY HEALTH PLAN MODIFICATIONS FOR 2023-2024 PLAN YEAR FOR ALLOWABLE MODIFICATIONS TO THE HEALTH PLAN THAT ALLOW THE PLAN TO REMAIN GRANDFATHERED.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Wood County Health Plan Modifications for 2023-2024 Plan Year for allowable modifications to the health plan that allow the plan to remain grandfathered. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Wood County Health Plan Modifications for 2023-2024 Plan Year for allowable modifications to the health plan that allow the plan to remain grandfathered is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the allowable modifications to the Wood County Health Plan 2023-2024 Plan Year to maintain grandfather status are attached to these minutes.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE REPORTS.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Constable Reports from Precinct 1, 2, 3 and 4. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Constable Reports from Precinct 1, 2, 3 and 4 is HEREBY APPROVED.

Copies of the Constable Reports from Precinct 1, 2, 3 and 4 are attached to these minutes.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF THE XEROX LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE’S OFFICE.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Renewal of the Xerox Lease Agreement for the County Judge’s Office. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Renewal of the Xerox Lease Agreement for the County Judge’s Office is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Renewal of the Xerox Lease Agreement for the County Judge’s Office is attached to these minutes.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF THE XEROX LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE TREASURER’S OFFICE.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Renewal of the Xerox Lease Agreement for the Treasurer’s Office. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Renewal of the Xerox Lease Agreement for the Treasurer’s Office is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Renewal of the Xerox Lease Agreement for the Treasurer’s Office is attached to these minutes.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FY 2024 MENTAL HEALTH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ANDREWS CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CENTERS.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the FY 2024 Mental Health Interlocal Agreement with Andrews Center for Community Centers. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the FY 2024 Mental Health Interlocal Agreement with Andrews Center for Community Centers is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Interlocal Agreement #23-15 the FY 2024 Mental Health Interlocal Agreement with Andrews Center for Community Centers is attached to these minutes.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ALBA GOLDEN ISD FOR THE PROVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Interlocal Agreement with Alba Golden ISD for the Provision of Law Enforcement Services. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Interlocal Agreement with Alba Golden ISD for the Provision of Law Enforcement Services is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Interlocal Agreement #23-16 with Alba Golden ISD for the Provision of Law Enforcement Services is attached to these minutes.

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NOMINATIONS TO THE WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the nominations of Sam Curry, John Johnson, Al Harris, Dan Strickland and Robert Jackson to the Wood County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the nominations of Sam Curry, John Johnson, Al Harris, Dan Strickland and Robert Jackson to the Wood County Appraisal District Board of Directors is HEREBY APPROVED.

Copies of Resolution #16-23, #17-23, #18-23, #19-23 and #20-23 are attached to these minutes.

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY AND VR SYSTEMS FOR NEW POLL PADS.

Judge White allowed Patricia Simpson to address her public comment request on Agenda item #1. Ms. Simpson wanted to know why the need for new poll pads and costs associated with the request.

Laura Wise, Elections Administrator, gave an overview of the License Agreement between Wood County and VR Systems and the need of new polling pads due to the current polling pads would have updating issues. Ms. Wise also informed the court a portion of the cost would be reimbursed by Chapter 19.

After discussion of the court Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the License Agreement between Wood County and VR Systems for new poll pads. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the License Agreement between Wood County and VR Systems for new poll pads is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the License Agreement between Wood County and VR Systems for new poll pads is attached to these minutes.

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER OF NOVEMBER CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court and requested approval of the Order of November Constitutional Amendment Election.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Order of November Constitutional Amendment Election. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Order of November Constitutional Amendment Election is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Order of November Constitutional Amendment Election is attached to these minutes.

17. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD PERMIT # 2282 FOR PRECINCT 3.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of Road Permit # 2282 for Precinct 3. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Road Permit # 2282 for Precinct 3 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Road Permit # 2282 is attached to these minutes.

18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDED SALE OF SURPLUS THROUGH PURPLE WAVE AUCTION.

Kari Perkins, Office Manager for County Commissioners, informed the court this amendment was to replace the previous Sale of Surplus listing of a trailer with a different trailer.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Amended Sale of Surplus through Purple Wave Auction. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Amended Sale of Surplus through Purple Wave Auction is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Amended Sale of Surplus is attached to these minutes.

19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MAGNOLIA RIDGE SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT 2.

Kari Perkins, Office Manager for County Commissioners, informed the court of a new 131 lot subdivision located near County Road 2320, Magnolia Ridge Subdivision, in Pct. 2. Ms. Perkins informed the court all obligations of developer have been met as well as all documentation as required.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Magnolia Ridge Subdivision in Precinct 2. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Magnolia Ridge Subdivision in Precinct 2 is HEREBY APPROVED.

20. AWARD BID # 2023-002 FOR A PRE-OWNED TRACTOR WITH ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTS FOR PRECINCT 4.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to award Bid # 2023-002 for a pre-owned tractor with additional implements for Precinct 4. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Bid # 2023-002 for a pre-owned owned tractor with additional implements for Precinct 4 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Bid # 2023-002 is attached to these minutes.

21. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MOVING THE OCTOBER 3, 2023 COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR SESSION TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

Judge White informed the court due to annual training of court members the October 3, 2023 Commissioners Court Regular Session would need to be moved to September 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the October 3, 2023 Commissioners Court Regular Session to be moved to September 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. due to annual training of court members. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the October 3, 2023 Commissioners Court Regular Session to be moved to September 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. due to annual training of court members is HEREBY APPROVED.

22. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE “WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA”.

Christine Thomas, Executive Director of WCED, briefed the court and after the District Attorneys reviewed the guidelines and criteria, they suggested that the verbiage was changed to separate in 2 parts with that reflecting the abatement only and the refund only.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to set a Public Hearing for 9/5/23 and 9/19/23 for the adoption of the “Wood County, Texas Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria”. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED to set a Public Hearing for 9/5/23 and 9/19/23 for the adoption of the “Wood County, Texas Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria” is HEREBY APPROVED.

23. DISCUSS BURN BAN AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION.

Tully Davidson, EMC, recommended the burn ban be enforced due to drought conditions.

Judge White read the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning.

Tully Davidson, EMC, requested the order be amended to add that attended closed containment burning

would be allowed as well as welding.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning with amendments noted. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Order Prohibiting Burning with the amendments noted are HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Order is attached to these minutes.

Executive Session under Section 551.071 and 551.072:

24. UPDATES REGARDING PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION.

Judge White called the court into Executive Session at 9:37 a.m.

25. DISCUSS REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE

OPEN SESSION:

26. TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Judge White called the court into Regular Session at 9:55 a.m.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the contract between CSA East Texas Properties LLC, seller, and Wood County, Texas, buyer, for the property located at 5413 S. FM. 14, Hawkins, Texas. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the contract between CSA East Texas Properties LLC, seller, and Wood County, Texas, buyer, for the property located at 5413 S. FM. 14, Hawkins, Texas is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of contract between CSA East Texas Properties LLC, seller, and Wood County, Texas, buyer, for the property located at 5413 S. FM. 14, Hawkins, Texas is attached to these minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Holland to adjourn. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

Minutes were taken and prepared by Kelley Price, County Clerk on the 22nd day of August, 2023 with Judge Kevin White, County Judge, 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 22nd day of August, 2023 Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 22nd day of August, 2023.



Kelley Price
KELLEY PRICE

COUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS