

MINUTES OF MEETING-REGULAR SESSION  
COMMISSIONERS COURT  
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
100 MAIN STREET, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR  
QUITMAN, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS  
February 6, 2024 – 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.

Judge White noted for the record that the posted agenda for this meeting was posted with a correct date, February 6<sup>th</sup> but in error the year was posted as 2023 and should have read 2024.

*Clerk Note: The correction of the year 2023, posted in error but time stamped with the correct date and year, will not be changed on the original posted notice of the agenda but will be reflected in the Official Minutes of this Commissioners Court to read as February 6, 2024.*

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Madeline Gibson, Quitman, Tx, informed the court regarding her concerns with voter intimidation, David Eischen, Quitman, Tx., informed the court of wrongful exclusion of handgun license holders in the courthouse and Judy Traylor, Quitman, Tx., informed the courts of her concerns with the separation of elections of joint polls and protecting voters rights to vote.

**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**

No action on this agenda item.

**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:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Accounts Payable                    | \$222,227.85 |
| Health and Dental- (ck#94165-94239) | 181,109.45   |
| Payroll #3-24                       | 461,947.25   |
| Voided Check-2/6/24                 | 160.00       |

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

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SENATE BILL 22 LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROSECUTION.**

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the adoption of the Resolution Authorizing Senate Bill 22 Law Enforcement Grant Prosecution. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the adoption of the Resolution Authorizing Senate Bill 22 Law Enforcement Grant Prosecution is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution #2-24 is attached to these minutes.

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SENATE BILL 22 LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT.**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the adoption of the Resolution Authorizing Senate Bill 22 Law Enforcement Grant. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the adoption of the Resolution Authorizing Senate Bill 22 Law Enforcement Grant is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution #3-24 is attached to these minutes.

**9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN ELECTIONS OFFICE AND PITNEY BOWES POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE.**

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the contract between Election's Office and Pitney Bowes Postage Machine Lease. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the contract between Election's Office

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and Pitney Bowes Postage Machine Lease is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Election's Office and Pitney Bowes Postage Machine Lease is attached to these minutes.

**10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIST OF REPUBLICAN JUDGES AND ALTERNATES.**

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court a list of Republican Judges and Alternates and requested the courts approval.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the list of Republican Judges and Alternates. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the list of Republican Judges and Alternates are HEREBY APPROVED.

A list of the Republican Judges and Alternates are attached to these minutes.

**11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIST OF DEMOCRAT JUDGES AND ALTERNATES.**

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court a list of Democratic Judges and Alternates and requested the courts approval.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the list of Democratic Judges and Alternates. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the list of Democratic Judges and Alternates are HEREBY APPROVED.

A list of the Democratic Judges and Alternates are attached to these minutes.

**12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, REPUBLICAN PARTY.**

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court a Notice of Primary Election, Republican Party, and requested approval.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Notice of Primary Election for the Republican Party. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

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

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

**13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, DEMOCRATIC PARTY.**

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court a Notice of Primary Election, Democratic Party, and requested approval.

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

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

A copy of the Notice of Primary Election for the Democratic Party is attached to these minutes.

**14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH REPUBLICAN PARTY.**

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court a Primary Election Services Contract with the Republican Party and requested approval.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Primary Election Services Contract with the Republican Party. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Primary Election Services Contract with the Republican Party is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Primary Election Services Contract with the Republican Party is attached to these minutes.

**15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DEMOCRATIC PARTY.**

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court a Primary Election Services Contract with the Democratic Party and requested approval.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Primary Election Services Contract with the Democratic Party. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Primary Election Services Contract with the Democratic Party is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Primary Election Services Contract with the Democratic Party is attached to these minutes.

**16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SURFACE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TTK ENERGY AND WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS LOCATED IN PRECINCT #1.**

Judge White informed the court this agenda item would be postponed until the next Commissioners Court Meeting on 2/16/24.

**17. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD PERMIT #2288 FOR PRECINCT #3.**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of Road Permit #2288 for Precinct #3. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Road Permit #2288 for Precinct #3 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Road Permit #2288 for Precinct #3 is attached to these minutes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION under Section 551.071:**

**18. UPDATES REGARDING PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION.**

Judge White informed the court there would be no Executive Session.

**19. TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

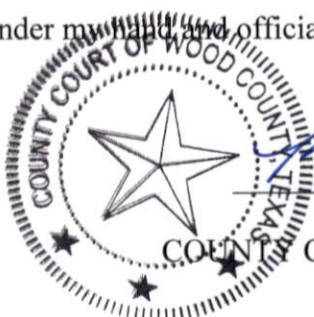
**None.**

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

Minutes were taken and prepared by Kelley Price, County Clerk on 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 6th day of February, 2024.



*Kelley Price*  
KELLEY PRICE  
COUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS