

Minutes
Regular Session, Commissioners Court
Wood County Courthouse
100 Main Street, Wood County Courtroom, 2nd Floor
Quitman, Wood County, Texas
Tuesday, December 23, 2025 9:00 AM

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 written, with the following members present:

KEVIN WHITE, COUNTY JUDGE
JUSTIN BOWRING., COMMISSIONER PCT.#1
JERRY GASKILL, COMMISSIONER PCT.#2 - Absent
MIKE SIMMONS, COMMISSIONER PCT.#3
RUSSELL ACKER, COMMISSIONER PCT.#4
KELLEY PRICE, COUNTY CLERK and
STEPHANIE TIDWELL, ASST. COUNTY AUDITOR

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

Call to Order and Welcome
Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

No vote will be taken on this Item. Public Comment note: Anyone wishing to address the Court during Public Comments is required to register before the meeting. A speaker's time is limited to 3 minutes and must follow the rules of decorum adopted by the Court. THE COURT CANNOT DELIBERATE OR ACT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

1. Acknowledge personnel actions (#6)
2. Discuss, consider and/or take action regarding the Auditor or Financial Matters: Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments
3. Discuss, consider and/or take action to Authorize Payment 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:

<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>	<u>\$ 431,810.86</u>
<u>DIRECT CLAIMS PAID</u>	<u>41,992.98</u>
<u>HEALTH AND DENTAL (CK#98566-#98676)</u>	<u>180,001.70</u>
<u>VOIDED CHECKS</u>	<u>3,015.00</u>
<u>PAYROLL #26-25</u>	<u>530,666.06</u>

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

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and non-controversial and may be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion or action on any of the items unless desired by any member of the Court in which the item will be taken off the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon in a single motion.

- 4. Consider approval of Treasurer's Report. - None
- 5. Consider approval of Constable Reports -None
- 6. Consider approval of Environmental Officer's Reports. - None
- 7. Acknowledgement of Darren Kindle as Director of the Wood County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, effective January 1, 2026, as appointed by Presiding Judge of the 402nd Judicial District Court, J. Brad McCampbell.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of the Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Consent Agenda items are HEREBY APPROVED.

Copies of the Consent Agenda items are attached to these minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

Items on the Regular Agenda may be moved or changed in the order presented by the Presiding Officer.

- 8. Consider and Approve like kind trade for Constable Pct. 2 vehicle purchase and take necessary action.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the like-kind trade for Constable Pct. 2 vehicle purchase. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the like-kind trade for Constable Pct. 2 vehicle purchase is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the request and quote is attached to these minutes.

- 9. Set Public Hearing for proposed Amendments to the Wood County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria including revisions to Section 2 – Definitions and Section 5 – Allowable Tax Abatement.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of setting a Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Wood County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria including revisions to Section 2 – Definitions and Section 5 – Allowable Tax Abatement for January 6, 2026 during the Regular session of the Commissioners Court Meeting. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Wood County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria including revisions to Section 2 – Definitions and Section 5 – Allowable Tax Abatement set for January 6, 2026 during the Regular session of the Commissioners Court Meeting is HEREBY APPROVED

A copy of the Notice for Public Hearing and Order setting a Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Wood County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria including revisions to Section 2 – Definitions and Section 5 – Allowable Tax Abatement for January 6, 2026 are attached to these minutes.

- 10. Discuss and consider adopting the updated Wood County Employee Handbook and take necessary action.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of the updated Wood County Employee Handbook. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the updated Wood County Employee Handbook is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the updated Wood County Employee Handbook is attached to these minutes.

11. Consider Approval for Rules and Procedure, Conduct and Decorum for Commissioners Court 2026.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Rules and Procedure, Conduct and Decorum for Commissioners Court for 2026. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Rules and Procedure, Conduct and Decorum for Commissioners Court for 2026 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Rules and Procedure, Conduct and Decorum for Commissioners Court for 2026 is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Public Hearing for the Revision of Lot 9, located within East Point North Subdivision, Pct. 4 and take necessary action.

Judge White called the public hearing into session at 9:10 a.m. for the Revision of Lot 9, located within East Point North Subdivision, Pct. 4.

Morgan Dougherty, Asst. Office Manager for Commissioners, informed the court that all documents had been completed for the revision and after approval the revision would be known as Lot 9R1 and Lot 9R2. Ms. Dougherty informed the court that the owner was present.

Judge White closed the public hearing at 9:12 a.m.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Revision of Lot 9, located within East Point North Subdivision, Pct. 4, to be known now as Lot 9R1 and Lot 9R2. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Revision of Lot 9, located within East Point North Subdivision, Pct. 4, to be known now as Lot 9R1 and Lot 9R2 is HEREBY APPROVED.

NOTICE - None

If, during the course of this meeting covered by this notice, the Court should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Court is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session authorized by Section 551.071 through 551.076 Texas Government Code will be held by the Court at the date, hour, and place given in this notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the Court may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all objects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071 through 551.076 Texas Government Code. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Court with regard to any matter considered in such closed meeting or executive session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

1. The open meeting covered by this notice upon reconvening of this public meeting, or
2. At a subsequent public meeting of the Court upon notice thereof; as the Court shall determine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER 551.071 - None

1. Discuss any pending or threatened litigation issues

OPEN SESSION- None

2. Take necessary action from the Executive Session

Before adjourning Judge White wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

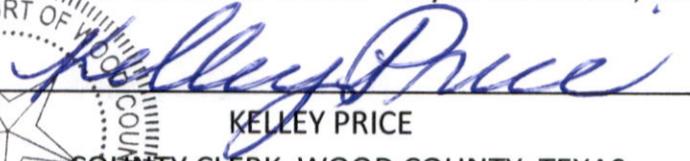
ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to adjourn. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

Minutes were taken and prepared by Kelley Price, County Clerk on the 23rd day of December, 2025 with Judge Kevin White, County Judge, presiding.

I, KELLEY PRICE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK FOR 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 23rd day of December, 2025.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 23rd day of December, 2025.



KELLEY PRICE
COUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

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