

MINUTES OF MEETING
Regular Session, Commissioners Court
Wood County Courthouse
100 Main Street, Wood County Courtroom, 2nd Floor
Quitman, Wood County, Texas
January 21, 2025 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 written, with the following members present:

KEVIN WHITE, COUNTY JUDGE
JUSTIN BOWRING., 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 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 at 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.

Personnel Actions were read by Judge White and unanimously acknowledged by the court.
See copies of the Personnel Action Forms attached to these minutes.

2. Discuss, consider and/or take action regarding the Auditor or Financial Matters: Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments **-NONE**
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>\$1,423,001.59</u>
<u>DIRECT CLAIMS PAID</u>	<u>48,835.09</u>
<u>HEALTH AND DENTAL (CK#96274-#96358)</u>	<u>102,041.71</u>
<u>VOIDED CHECKS</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>PAYROLL #02-25</u>	<u>543,604.54</u>

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

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. Presentation by the Wood County Agriculture Extension Service on the 2024 Extension Report and Highlights.

Lindsey Yeager and Hillary Grider-Henk, Extension Agents, gave a report on the past years Extension Office activities and recognized the Master Gardner's Club, that were present, and informed the court of the volunteer hours that were given by this group to Wood County.

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.

5. Consider approval of Treasurer's Report (FY 2024 Month of October & November)
6. Consider approval of Constable Reports. -**NONE**
7. Consider Approval of Racial Profiling Report for Wood County Constable, Precinct 4.
8. Consider approval of Racial Profiling Report for Wood County District Attorney.
9. Consider Approval of Updated Wood County Organizational Chart for FY2025.
10. Consider approval of Road Permit # 2304 located within Precinct #4.
11. Consider approval of updates to the By-Laws of the Wood County Child Welfare Board.
12. Consider approval of Wood County Child Welfare Board's updated Schedule of Allotments.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Consent Agenda items which include the Treasurer's Report (FY 2024 Month of October & November), Racial Profiling Report for Wood County Constable, Precinct 4, Racial Profiling Report for Wood County District Attorney, Updated Wood County Organizational Chart for FY2025, Road Permit # 2304 located within Precinct #4, of updates to the By-Laws of the Wood County Child Welfare Board and the Wood County Child Welfare Board's updated Schedule of Allotments. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Consent Agenda items which include the Treasurer's Report (FY 2024 Month of October & November), Racial Profiling Report for Wood County Constable, Precinct 4, Racial Profiling Report for Wood County District Attorney, Updated Wood County Organizational Chart for FY2025, Road Permit # 2304 located within Precinct #4, of updates to the By-Laws of the Wood County Child Welfare Board and the Wood County Child Welfare Board's updated Schedule of Allotments is 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.

13. Consider approval of current appointees to the Wood County Child Welfare Board.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of the appointees to the Wood County Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the appointees to the Wood County Child Welfare Board is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the appointees to the Wood County Child Welfare Board is attached to these minutes.

14. Consider approval of highest bid offer from Michael Eugene Smith & Stephen Uchechukwu Ogueri for the tax sale struck off property, legal description: Lot Four A (4A), Block Thirty (30), Mineola Townsites, to the City of Mineola, Wood County, Texas, being the same property as described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Vol. 682. Pg. 204 of the Deed Records of Wood County, Texas.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the highest bid offer from Michael Eugene Smith & Stephen Uchechukwu Ogueri for the tax sale struck off property, legal description: Lot Four A (4A), Block Thirty (30), Mineola Townsites, to the City of Mineola, Wood County, Texas, being the same property as described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Vol. 682. Pg. 204 of the Deed Records of Wood County, Texas. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the highest bid offer from Michael Eugene Smith & Stephen Uchechukwu Ogueri for the tax sale struck off property, legal description: Lot Four A (4A), Block Thirty (30), Mineola Townsites, to the City of Mineola, Wood County, Texas, being the same property as described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Vol. 682. Pg. 204 of the Deed Records of Wood County, Texas is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Bid Analysis and Tax Deed is attached to these minutes.

15. Consider approval of highest bid offer from Martha Cervantes for the tax sale struck off property, legal description: Lot Three A (3A), in Block Twenty-nine (29), Ham Addition, to the City of Mineola, Wood County, Texas (R38824).

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the highest bid offer from Martha Cervantes for the tax sale struck off property, legal description: Lot Three A (3A), in Block Twenty-nine (29), Ham Addition, to the City of Mineola, Wood County, Texas (R38824. Commissioner Bowing seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the highest bid offer from Martha Cervantes for the tax sale struck off property, legal description: Lot Three A (3A), in Block Twenty-nine (29), Ham Addition, to the City of Mineola, Wood County, Texas (R38824 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Bid Analysis and Tax Deed is attached to these minutes.

16. Consider and approve contract between Wood County and Mineola Civic Center for November 2025 Election.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court contract between Wood County and Mineola Civic Center for November 2025 Election and requested the courts approval.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the contract between Wood County and Mineola Civic Center for November 2025 Election. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the contract between Wood County and Mineola Civic Center for November 2025 Election is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the contract between Wood County and Mineola Civic Center for November 2025 Election is attached to these minutes.

17. Consider and approve Voting Equipment Software Upgrade with Hart Intercivic.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court Voting Equipment Software Upgrade with Hart Intercivic and requested the courts approval.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of Voting Equipment Software Upgrade with Hart Intercivic. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Voting Equipment Software Upgrade with Hart Intercivic is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Voting Equipment Software Upgrade with Hart Intercivic is attached to these minutes.

18. Consider and approve a resolution to increase Voting Equipment Rental Fee to \$300.00.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, presented to the court approve a resolution to increase Voting Equipment Rental Fee to \$300.00 and requested the courts approval.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the resolution to increase Voting Equipment Rental Fee to \$300.00. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the resolution to increase Voting Equipment Rental Fee to \$300.00 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution # 3-25 is attached to these minutes.

19. Set Public Hearing for Revision of Lots 332, 519 & 520, Part II, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch.

Morgan Dougherty, Asst. Office Manager for Commissioners, presented to the court Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 332, 519 & 520, Part II, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch set for 3/4/25 with publishing dates being 1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25 and 30 days online.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 332, 519 & 520, Part II, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch set for 3/4/25 with publishing dates being 1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25 and 30 days online. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 332, 519 & 520, Part II, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch set for 3/4/25 with publishing dates being 1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25 and 30 days online is HEREBY APPROVED.

20. Set Public Hearing for Revision of Lots 538, 539, 540, & 541, Part II, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch.

Morgan Dougherty, Asst. Office Manager for Commissioners, presented to the court Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 538, 539, 540, & 541, Part II, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch set for 3/4/25 with publishing dates being 1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25 and 30 days online.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of the court Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 538, 539, 540, & 541, Part II, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch set for 3/4/25 with publishing dates being 1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25 and 30 days online. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 538, 539, 540, & 541, Part II, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch set for 3/4/25 with publishing dates being 1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25 and 30 days online is HEREBY APPROVED.

21. Set Public Hearing for Revision of Lots 331 & 332, Part III, Section II, Holly Lake Ranch.

Morgan Dougherty, Asst. Office Manager for Commissioners, presented to the court Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 331 & 332, Part III, Section II, Holly Lake Ranch set for 3/4/25 with publishing dates being 1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25 and 30 days online.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 331 & 332, Part III, Section II, Holly Lake Ranch set for 3/4/25 with publishing dates being 1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25 and 30 days online. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Public Hearing for the Revision of Lots 331 & 332, Part III, Section II, Holly Lake Ranch set for 3/4/25 with publishing dates being 1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25 and 30 days online is HEREBY APPROVED.

22. Discuss and consider granting Special Permission for construction below 10-foot-high water mark on Lake Quitman. Property is described as Lot 7, a .729-acre plat in the Narrows Addition, 434 R.E. Neill Survey, Volume 2110., Page 37 in the Official Records; Wood County, Texas located within Pct.1.

Trey Norris, Cowboy Steel Construction, and Mr. and Mrs. Noblett, property owners, discussed with the court the circumstances involved with the construction below 10-foot-high water mark on Lake Quitman.

Correspondence, photos and house plans are attached to these minutes.

Judge White called the court into Executive Session.

NOTICE

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

- 1. Discuss any pending or threatened litigation issues

Judge White called the Executive Meeting into session at 10:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

- 2. Take necessary action from the Executive Session

Judge White called the court back into Regular Session at 10:40 a.m.

The court decided to postpone this matter until further legal work can be done to determine a decision.


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 21st day of January, 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 21st day of January, 2025.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 21st day of January, 2025.





KELLEY PRICE
COUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS