

MINUTES
Regular Session, Commissioners Court
Wood County Courthouse
100 Main Street, Wood County Courtroom, 2nd Floor
Quitman, Wood County, Texas
Tuesday, November 25, 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
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 – Patricia Simpson, Quitman, Texas, requested to speak when Agenda item #14 was addressed.

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 (#3)
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>\$ 975,040.21</u>
<u>DIRECT CLAIMS PAID</u>	<u>56,564.54</u>
<u>HEALTH AND DENTAL (CK#98375-#98472)</u>	<u>212,519.16</u>
<u>VOIDED CHECKS</u>	<u>1480.20</u>
<u>PAYROLL #24-25</u>	<u>551,353.50</u>

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

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.
5. Consider approval of Constable Reports.
6. Consider approval of Environmental Officer's Reports.
7. Acknowledge Order of Assignment by the Presiding Judge to the 402nd District Court of Wood County, Texas.
8. Acknowledge the Wood County CSCD Fiscal Year 2025 Statement of Financial Position.
9. Acknowledge the Wood County Juvenile Probation Department Fiscal Year 2025 Statement of Financial Report.
10. Consider approval of Xerox renewal contract for the Wood County, County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Acker 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.

11. Consider and Approve the Adoption of Wood County Jury Plan and take necessary action.

Sheila Jones, Jury Coordinator/Chief Deputy District Clerk, presented to the court and requested the Adoption of Wood County Jury Plan.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Adoption of Wood County Jury Plan. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Adoption of Wood County Jury Plan is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Wood County Jury Plan is attached to these minutes.

12. Consider Approval of Resolution to cast votes for the 2026-2027 term of the Wood County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Judge White read the Ballot and Resolution for Board of Director Selection for 2026-2027 term of the Wood County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to select Ricky Cameron, 584 votes. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to select Sam Curry, 584 votes. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to select Al Harris, 584 votes. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Ricky Cameron, Sam Curry and Al Harris will serve for the Board of Director Selection for 2026-2027 term of the Wood County Appraisal District Board of Directors is HEREBY APPROVED.

A letter from the Chief Appraiser, Tracy Nicols and Resolution # 37-25 are attached to these minutes.

13. Discuss and consider a request from the Wood County District Attorney's office to increase the hourly pay rate of a temporary employee funded in part by the VOCA Grant and take necessary action.

Angela Albers, Criminal District Attorney, requested that the court allow her to increase the hourly pay rate of a temporary employee which is funded in part by the VOCA Grant to a maximum of \$30.00 hr.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the request by Angela Albers, Criminal District Attorney, that the court allow her to increase the hourly pay rate of a temporary employee which is funded in part by the VOCA Grant to a maximum of \$30.00 hr. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the request by Angela Albers, Criminal District Attorney, that the court allow her to increase the hourly pay rate of a temporary employee which is funded in part by the VOCA Grant to a maximum of \$30.00 hr. is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the request letter from Angela Albers, Criminal District Attorney, is attached to these minutes.

14. Discuss and consider a transfer in the Elections Office Budget from capital outlay to meet new statutory requirements for securing elections equipment and take necessary action.

Laura Wise, Election Administrator, requested from the court a line-item transfer from the Capitalized Machines and Equipment funds to Line Item 100-492-3751 Machine and Equipment, to cover the cost of additional security for the voting equipment and the ballot storage rooms as she is required to document and keep logs of every time these spaces are entered.

Patricia Simpson, prior public comment request, wanted the court to know that she favored the request made by the Election Administrator.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the line-item transfer from the Capitalized Machines and Equipment funds to Line Item 100-492-3751 Machine and Equipment, to cover the cost of additional security for the voting equipment and the ballot storage rooms as she is required to document and keep logs of every time these spaces are entered. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the line-item transfer from the Capitalized Machines and Equipment funds to Line Item 100-492-3751 Machine and Equipment, to cover the cost of additional security for the voting equipment and the ballot storage rooms as she is required to document and keep logs of every time these spaces are entered is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the request and a quote from Noble Electronic Security is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS- NONE

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 - NONE

1. Discuss any pending or threatened litigation issues

OPEN SESSION- NONE

2. Take necessary action from the Executive Session


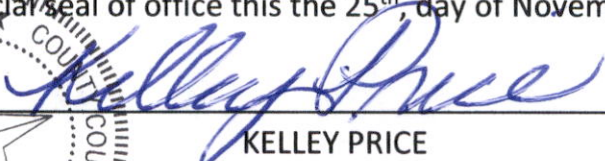
ADJOURN

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

Minutes were taken and prepared by Kelley Price, County Clerk on the 25th day of November, 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 25th day of November, 2025.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 25th, day of November, 2025.

KELLEY PRICE
COUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

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