

Minutes
Regular Session, Commissioners Court
Wood County Courthouse
100 Main Street, Wood County Courtroom, 2nd Floor
Quitman, Wood County, Texas
Tuesday, October 14, 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 - Absent
- 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 – Mike & Theresa Thomas, Quitman, signed up for public comments but were not present when called. Russell Acker, Commissioner Pct. 4, informed the public that he would be seeking re-election as the Commissioner for Precinct 4 and thanked everyone for the support. Patricia Simpson, Quitman, was present to ask questions during Agenda item #22.

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 - NONE
- 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>\$ 1,147,330.26</u>
<u>DIRECT CLAIMS PAID</u>	<u>4,897.90</u>
<u>HEALTH AND DENTAL (CK#98075-#98172)</u>	<u>91,654.64</u>
<u>VOIDED CHECKS</u>	<u>425.00</u>
<u>PAYROLL #21-25</u>	<u>498,950.57</u>

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

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. Consider approval of Proclamation designating October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Angela Albers, Criminal District Attorney, presented to the court a Proclamation designating October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and reminded the court of the upcoming Softball Tournament that helps to raise money for Domestic Violence Awareness.

Judge White read the Proclamation designating October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of the Proclamation designating October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Proclamation designating October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Proclamation designating October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month is attached to these minutes.

5. Consider approval of Proclamation designating October 6th -11th as National 4-H Week in Texas.

Hilary Grider-Henk and Lindsey Yeager, Extension Agents/4-H and 4-H Club members introduced themselves and provided information on 4-H Projects and Leadership Activities in the Wood County 4-H Club. Tanya Kernes, parent of current and past member of the 4-H Club, gave insight on how 4-H has been beneficial for her children with one being a college student.

Judge White read the Proclamation designating October 6th -11th as National 4-H Week in Texas.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Proclamation designating October 6th - 11th as National 4-H Week in Texas. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Proclamation designating October 6th -11th as National 4-H Week in Texas is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Proclamation designating October 6th -11th as National 4-H Week in Texas is attached to these minutes.

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.

6. Consider approval of Treasurer's Report. (July and August Reports)
7. Consider approval of Constable Reports.
8. Consider approval of Environmental Officer's Reports.
9. Acknowledge Order of Assignment by the Presiding Judge to the 402nd District Court of Wood County, Texas.
10. Pauper Burial
11. Consider approval of County Auditor's Financial Report.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of the Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Gaskill 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.

12. Consider and approve like kind trade for Pct. 1 trade of a 2015 CAT 420FS Backhoe for the purchase of a 2024 CAT 420FS Backhoe and take necessary action.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of like kind trade for Pct. 1 trade of a 2015 CAT 420FS Backhoe for the purchase of a 2024 CAT 420FS Backhoe. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the like kind trade for Pct. 1 trade of a 2015 CAT 420FS Backhoe for the purchase of a 2024 CAT 420FS Backhoe is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the contract is attached to these minutes.

13. Consider and approve the Resolution in support of the ETCOG Solid Waste Grant, which provides grant funding that can be used to support programs and projects aimed at Community Cleanup and take necessary action.

Misty Goldman, Office Manager for Commissioners, presented to the court a Resolution in support of the ETCOG Solid Waste Grant, which provides grant funding that can be used to support programs and projects aimed at Community Cleanup. Ms. Goldman informed the court that this Resolution approves the submission of the grant application.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Resolution in support of the ETCOG Solid Waste Grant, which provides grant funding that can be used to support programs and projects aimed at Community Cleanup. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Resolution in support of the ETCOG Solid Waste Grant, which provides grant funding that can be used to support programs and projects aimed at Community Cleanup is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution #32-25 is attached to these minutes.

14. Consider approval of Resolution Reappointing Dr. Beverly Waddleton to the Andrews Center Board of Trustees, Position #4, for a two-year term ending 10-31-27.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Resolution Reappointing Dr. Beverly Waddleton to the Andrews Center Board of Trustees, Position #4, for a two-year term ending 10-31-27. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Resolution Reappointing Dr. Beverly Waddleton to the Andrews Center Board of Trustees, Position #4, for a two-year term ending 10-31-27 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the letter and Resolution # 33-25 is attached to these minutes.

15. Consider approval of current appointees to the Wood County Child Welfare Board and take necessary action.

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

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

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

16. Consider and approve Amended list of Precinct Judges and Alternates.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to Approve of the Amended list of Precinct Judges and Alternates. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

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

A copy of the Amended list of Precinct Judges and Alternates is attached to these minutes.

17. Discuss and consider approval of Amendment 2 to the Employee Health Benefit Plan with Health First and take necessary action.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of Amendment 2 to the Employee Health Benefit Plan with Health First. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDEERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Amendment 2 to the Employee Health Benefit Plan with Health First is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Amendment 2 to the Employee Health Benefit Plan with Health First is attached to these minutes.

18. Discuss and consider approval of Amendment 4 to the Employee Health Benefit Plan with Health First and take necessary action.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of Amendment 4 to the Employee Health Benefit Plan with Health First. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Amendment 4 to the Employee Health Benefit Plan with Health First is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Amendment 4 to the Employee Health Benefit Plan with Health First is attached to these minutes.

19. Discuss and consider an agreement with Companion Life Insurance Company and Wood County, Texas for an Aggregate and Specific Excess Loss Insurance Policy as administered through Health First and take necessary action.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the agreement with Companion Life Insurance Company and Wood County, Texas for an Aggregate and Specific Excess Loss Insurance Policy as administered through Health First. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the agreement with Companion Life Insurance Company and Wood County, Texas for an Aggregate and Specific Excess Loss Insurance Policy as administered through Health First is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the agreement with Companion Life Insurance Company and Wood County, Texas for an Aggregate and Specific Excess Loss Insurance Policy as administered through Health First is attached to these minutes.

20. Acknowledge the resignation of the Constable of Precinct 2.

Judge White informed the court of the Letter of Resignation of Bobby Tucker, Wood County Constable, Precinct 2 as of September 26, 2025.

The court acknowledged Bobby Tucker's resignation and it was accepted into the minutes of this court.

A copy of the Letter of Resignation of Bobby Tucker, Wood County Constable, Precinct 2 is attached to these minutes.

21. Discuss and consider Declaring the position of Constable in Precinct 2 vacant and take necessary action.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion declaring the position of Constable in Precinct 2 vacant. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED declaring the position of Constable in Precinct 2 vacant is HEREBY APPROVED.

22. Discuss and consider the Procedure to appoint an eligible replacement for the position of Constable in Precinct 2 and take necessary action.

Patricia Simpson, Quitman, previously requested in public comments to speak on this agenda item. Mrs. Simpson had questions to the court regarding the appointment of the replacement of Constable in Precinct 2.

Judge White answered her questions and more by stating that the applicant would be applying for the appointment only and would serve in that position until the elected position was filled during the General Election 2026 canvassed votes. The court also made a recommendation that they would prefer applicants be TCOLE licensed. Applications will be accepted for the position of Constable in Precinct 2 starting October 14th through the 21st 2025 and a Special Session of the Commissioners Court will meet on October 31, 2025.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to accept applications for the position of Constable in Precinct 2 starting October 14th through the 21st 2025 and a Special Session of the Commissioners Court will meet on October 31, 2025. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that applications for the position of Constable in Precinct 2 starting October 14th through the 21st 2025 and a Special Session of the Commissioners Court will meet on October 31, 2025 is HEREBY APPROVED.

Applications for the position of Constable in Precinct 2 can be delivered to Commissioner Pct.2, Jerry Gaskill, at the Wood County Commissioners Office.

A copy of the Notice of Vacant Office has been attached to these minutes.

23. Discuss and consider adding a special election to the March 3rd, 2026 Primary for the unexpired term of Constable in Precinct 2 and take necessary action.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of adding a special election to the March 3rd, 2026 Primary for the unexpired term of Constable in Precinct 2. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED to add a special election to the March 3rd, 2026 Primary for the unexpired term of Constable in Precinct 2 is HEREBY APPROVED.

24. Discuss and consider a resolution accepting a donation from Peoples to Wood County, Texas adding to the existing agreement created with a Resolution passed on April 29th, 2025 and take necessary action.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve a resolution accepting a donation from Peoples to Wood County, Texas adding to the existing agreement created with a Resolution passed on April 29th, 2025. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the resolution accepting a donation from Peoples to Wood County, Texas adding to the existing agreement created with a Resolution passed on April 29th, 2025 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution #34-25 is attached to these minutes.

25. Consider and approve a like kind trade of vehicle asset number 10053 2020 Chevy Pickup Vin #9207 for a 2025 Chevy Tahoe vin # for the Wood County Sheriff's Office and take necessary action.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of a like kind trade of vehicle asset number 10053 2020 Chevy Pickup Vin #9207 for a 2025 Chevy Tahoe vin # for the Wood County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that a like kind trade of vehicle asset number 10053 2020 Chevy Pickup Vin #9207 for a 2025 Chevy Tahoe vin # for the Wood County Sheriff's Office is HEREBY APPROVED.

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

26. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing the Commissioners Court to exercise Texas Government Code 262.024(a)(2) for the purchase of patrol vehicles for the Wood County Sheriff's Office and take necessary action.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Resolution authorizing the Commissioners Court to exercise Texas Government Code 262.024(a)(2) for the purchase of patrol vehicles for the Wood County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Resolution authorizing the Commissioners Court to exercise Texas Government Code 262.024(a)(2) for the purchase of patrol vehicles for the Wood County Sheriff's Office is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution #35-25 is attached to these minutes.

27. Discuss and consider an Agreement between Capital Fleet Solutions and Wood County, Texas for the purchase and finance of vehicles for the Wood County Sheriff's Office and take necessary action.

Judge White informed the court that no action would be taken on this agenda item and would be postponed until Special Session of the Commissioners Court on October 21, 2025 @ 11:30 A.M.

28. Discuss and consider declaring an emergency to use fund balance to purchase vehicles for the Wood County Sheriff's office and take necessary action.

Judge White informed the court that no action would be taken on this agenda item and would be postponed until Special Session of the Commissioners Court on October 21, 2025 @ 11:30 A.M.

29. Consider and approve Economic Development Consulting Agreement with TG Mullins Consulting LLC & Wood County, Texas and take necessary action

Christine Thomas, Wood County Economic Development Director, presented to the court the Economic Development Consulting Agreement with TG Mullins Consulting LLC & Wood County, Texas and requested approval. Ms. Thomas also informed the court that Tom Mullins was present if they had any questions.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Economic Development Consulting Agreement with TG Mullins Consulting LLC & Wood County, Texas. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Economic Development Consulting Agreement with TG Mullins Consulting LLC & Wood County, Texas is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

30. Hold public hearing to discuss Resolution Designating the Wood County Airport as a Reinvestment Zone and take necessary action.

Judge White opened the Pubic Hearing at 9:47 a.m.

Christine Thomas, Wood County Economic Development Director, presented to the court a Resolution Designating the Wood County Airport as a Reinvestment Zone

After discussion Judge White closed the Public Hearing at 9:49 a.m.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of the Resolution Designating the Wood County Airport as a Reinvestment Zone. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Resolution Designating the Wood County Airport as a Reinvestment Zone is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution # 36-25 is attached to these minutes.

31. Hold public hearing to discuss the Adoption of the Amended Wood County Addressing Standards through East Texas Council of Government (ETCOG) and take necessary action.

Judge White called the Public Hearing to order at 9:50 a.m.

Misty Goldman, County Commissioners Office Manager, presented the court the Amended Wood County Addressing Standards. Commissioner Acker informed the court that the Private Roads would be amended from the current 3 structures to 5 or more structures to be assigned a private road number. After discussion Judge White closed the Public Hearing at 9:54 a.m.

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Adoption of the Amended Wood County Addressing Standards through East Texas Council of Government (ETCOG). Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Adoption of the Amended Wood County Addressing Standards through East Texas Council of Government (ETCOG) is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the request letter and the Amended Rural Address Standards are attached to these minutes.

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
Consultation with attorney

Judge White called the meeting into Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.

Judge White closed the Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

2. Take necessary action from the Executive Session.

No Action taken.

ADJOURN

The Wood County Commissioners Court is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please contact the Office of the County Judge at (903)-763-2716 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

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

Minutes were taken and prepared by Kelley Price, County Clerk on the 14th day of October, 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 14th day of October, 2025.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 14th day of October, 2025.



Kelley Price

KELLEY PRICE

COUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS