

Minutes
Regular Session, Commissioners Court
Wood County Courthouse
100 Main Street, Wood County Courtroom, 2nd Floor
Quitman, Wood County, Texas
January 6th, 2026 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
TERRI SELLARS, 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, Tx. resident, signed up for Public Comments but informed the court she had questions regarding Agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11 and #12 but would ask those questions during that time.

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 (1)
2. Discuss, consider and/or take action regarding the Auditor or Financial Matters: Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Line-item Transfers. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of the Budget Amendments. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments are HEREBY APPROVED.

Copies of the Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments are attached to these minutes.

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>\$ 262,963.73</u>
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<u>DIRECT CLAIMS PAID</u>	<u>747.06</u>
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<u>HEALTH AND DENTAL (CK#98677-#98771)</u>	<u>224,172.99</u>
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<u>VOIDED CHECKS</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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The claims were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Gaskill and second by Commissioner Simmons.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

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 Reports .. None
5. Consider approval of Constable Reports. - None
6. Consider approval of Environmental Officer's Reports. - None
7. Acknowledge four Orders of Assignment by the Presiding Judge to the 402nd District Court of Wood County, Texas.

(Judge White informed the court he would be adding Agenda Item #7 to the Regular Agenda and take action.)

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the acknowledgement of four Orders of Assignment by the Presiding Judge to the 402nd District Court of Wood County, Texas. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the acknowledgement of four Orders of Assignment by the Presiding Judge to the 402nd District Court of Wood County, Texas is HEREBY APPROVED.

Copies of the Assignments by the Presiding Judge to the 402nd District Court of Wood County, Texas 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.

(See Agenda Item #7 to be included on the Regular Agenda Items.)

8. Consider approval of Resolution for the Commissioners Court of Wood County, Texas to obtain an Irrevocable Documentary Blanket Letter of Credit for the Railroad Commission of Texas from Origin Bank for the purchasing of Road Oil.

A public comment from Patricia Simpson was made regarding the reasoning of this resolution.

Misty Goldman, Office Manager for County Commissioners, explained to Ms. Simpson the purpose of this yearly resolution.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Resolution for the Commissioners Court of Wood County, Texas to obtain an Irrevocable Documentary Blanket Letter of Credit for the Railroad Commission of Texas from Origin Bank for the purchasing of Road Oil. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Resolution #1-26 for the Commissioners Court of Wood County, Texas to obtain an Irrevocable Documentary Blanket Letter of Credit for the Railroad Commission of Texas from Origin Bank for the purchasing of Road Oil is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution #1-26 is attached to these minutes.

9. Consider approval of Resolution authorizing the submission of a continuation application for a grant request to the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division for Wood County Criminal District Attorney Victim Services Project (VOCA) FY 2027.

A public comment from Patricia Simpson was made regarding the reasoning of this resolution.

Angela Albers, Wood County Criminal District Atty., explained to Ms. Simpson the purpose of this yearly resolution.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Resolution authorizing the submission of a continuation application for a grant request to the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division for Wood County Criminal District Attorney Victim Services Project (VOCA) FY 2027. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Resolution #2-26 authorizing the submission of a continuation application for a grant request to the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division for Wood County Criminal District Attorney Victim Services Project (VOCA) FY 2027 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution #2-26 is attached to these minutes.

10. Consider and approve The Villages at Lake Fork Subdivision located within Pct. 1 and take necessary action.

A public comment from Patricia Simpson was made regarding if this was the same subdivision as Holiday Villages of Lake Fork.

Morgan Dougherty, Asst. Office Manager to the County Commissioners, informed Ms. Simpson that it was not the same subdivision. Ms. Dougherty continued informing the court that the owner of the property in Pct. 1 was present and all documentation was complete.

Commissioner Bowring made a motion to approve of The Villages at Lake Fork Subdivision located within Pct. 1. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that The Villages at Lake Fork Subdivision located within Pct. 1 is HEREBY APPROVED.

11. Consider and approve the Resolution Supporting Legislation to Exempt Texas Counties from the State Hotel Occupancy Tax and take necessary action.

A public comment from Patricia Simpson requested more information regarding the resolution.

Judge White briefed Ms. Simpson and the court the purpose and benefits in supporting this resolution.

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Resolution Supporting Legislation to Exempt Texas Counties from the State Hotel Occupancy Tax. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Resolution #3-26 Supporting Legislation to Exempt Texas Counties from the State Hotel Occupancy Tax is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution # 3-26 is attached to these minutes.

12. Set Public Hearing on the adoption of a Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreement between Steck Aviation, a Texas Limited Liability Company and Wood County, Texas.

Judge White informed the court this item # was to be withdrawn from the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. 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 and take necessary action.

Judge White opened the public hearing at 9:14 a.m.

Christine Thomas, WCEDC Executive Director, informed the court of the proposed amendments to the Wood County Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria including revisions to sec. 2 – Definitions and Section 5 – Allowable Tax Abatement.

Judge White closed the public hearing at 9:16 a.m.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the proposed Amendments to the Wood County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria including revisions to Section 2 – Definitions and Section 5 – Allowable Tax Abatement. Commissioner Bowring seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the proposed Amendments to the Wood County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria including revisions to Section 2 – Definitions and Section 5 – Allowable Tax Abatement is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Wood County, Texas Tax Abatement as adopted by the Commissioners Court of Wood County, Texas is attached to these minutes.

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

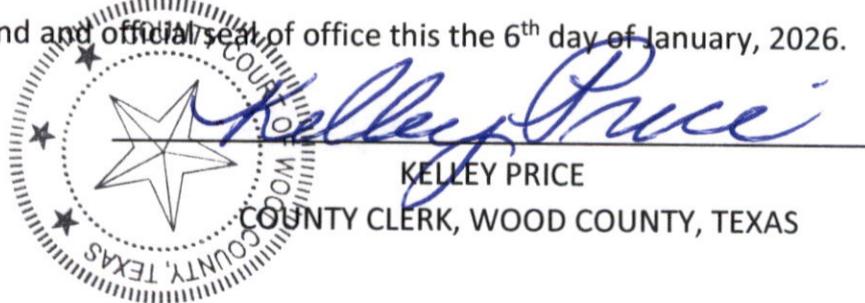
ADJOURN

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

Minutes were taken and prepared by Kelley Price, County Clerk on the 6th day of January, 2026 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 6th day of January, 2026.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 6th day of January, 2026.



The seal of the County Clerk, Wood County, Texas. It features a circular design with a five-pointed star in the center. The words "WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS" are written around the perimeter of the star. Below the star, the name "KELLEY PRICE" is written in a stylized, handwritten font. Underneath "KELLEY PRICE", the words "COUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS" are printed in a smaller, all-caps font.

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