

MINUTES OF MEETING-REGULAR SESSION  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT-WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS  
March 21, 2023 – 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 last written, with the following members present:

KEVIN WHITE, COUNTY JUDGE  
VIRGIL HOLLAND, JR., 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 presided for the following business, to-wit:

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME.**

Judge White called to order this Regular Session of the Commissioner's Court.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Eishen, Joe Sabedra, Darren W. Howes, Karl E. Falster, Sr., and Nancy Falster were present and spoke to the court regarding a proposal to declare Wood County a Constitutional County.

Judge White followed up with advising those that spoke that they might also get with Senator Bryan Hughes as he is on the committee to get these issues addressed in Texas.

**4. PERSONNEL ACTION**

The personnel actions were presented to the Court for approval.

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

See copies of the personnel action forms attached to these minutes.

**NOTE: As of this Commissioner's Court Minutes (7/12/19) Payroll will not be an agenda item but will be an attachment under Claims. See SB 354 and Order for Disbursement of Salaries and Routine Office Expenses approved by the Commissioner's Court on 6/28/19.**

**5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**No action taken on this agenda item.**

**6. CONSIDER APPROVAL 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:

Accounts Payable	\$580,730.89
Direct Claims Paid	4,192.39
Health and Dental Ck#92258-#92334	120,533.18
Payroll #06-2023	428,496.60

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

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE LAKE COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE, INC. AS A TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK, PURSUANT TO SECTION 11.24 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.**

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve of the Tax Exemption for the Lake Country Playhouse, Inc. as a Texas Historic Landmark, pursuant to Section 11.24 of the Texas Property Tax Code. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Tax Exemption for the Lake Country Playhouse, Inc. as a Texas Historic Landmark, pursuant to Section 11.24 of the Texas Property Tax Code is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the letter of request by Beaty Law Office is attached to these minutes.

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANIMAL CONTROL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MINEOLA FOR FY 2023.**

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with City of Mineola for FY 2023. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with City of Mineola for FY 2023 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Resolution #23-2 is attached to these minutes.

**9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH.**

Judge White read the Proclamation Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Proclamation Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Proclamation Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the proclamation is attached to these minutes.

**10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RENOMINATION OF WARREN BLESCH TO THE WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 (ESD #1) FOR TERM ENDING 12/31/2024.**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the renomination of Warren Blesh to the Wood County Emergency Services District #1 (ESD #1) for term ending 12/31/2024. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the renomination of Warren Blesh to the Wood County Emergency Services District #1 (ESD #1) for term ending 12/31/2024 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Board of Directors for Emergency Service District #1 is attached to these minutes.

**11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORTS.**

Commissioner Gaskill made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of October and November 2022. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of October and November 2022 are HEREBY APPROVED.

Copies of the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of October and November 2022 are attached to these minutes.

**12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE REPORTS.**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve of the Constable Reports. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Constable Reports are HEREBY APPROVED.

Copies of the Constable Reports are attached to these minutes.

**13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER REPORT.**

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the Environmental Report. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Environmental Report is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the Environmental Report is attached to these minutes.

**14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LAKE QUITMAN LAKE HOUSE LEASE AGREEMENT.**

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of Lake Quitman Lake House Lease Agreement. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted “aye”.

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Lake Quitman Lake House Lease Agreement is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the lease agreement is attached to these minutes.

**15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD PERMIT #2272 FOR PRECINCT 4.**

Commissioner Acker made amotion to approve of Road Permit #2272 for Precinct 4. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Road Permit #2272 for Precinct 4 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of Road Permit #2272 for Precinct 4 is attached to these minutes.

**16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM SPECTRUM TO CONSTRUCT AND PLACE FIBER EITHER UNGROUND OR AERIAL ON EXISTING POLES FOR COUNTY ROAD 4220 IN PRECINCT 4.**

Commissioner Acker made a motion to approve of the request from Spectrum to construct and place fiber either underground or aerial on existing poles for County Road 4220 in Precinct 4. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the request from Spectrum to construct and place fiber either underground or aerial on existing poles for County Road 4220 in Precinct 4 is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of the request is attached to these minutes.

**17. CONSIDER AWARD OF RFP# 01-2023 ARPA BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT.**

Kari Perkins, County Commissioner Office Manager, presented to the court RFP# 01-2023 Broadband Project with Peoples Telephone and noted Peoples Telephone was the only response received.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the award of RFP# 01-2023 ARPA Broadband Expansion Project Award to Peoples Telephone. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the award of RFP# 01-2023 ARPA Broadband Expansion Project to Peoples Telephone is HEREBY APPROVED.

A copy of score sheet of RFP# 01-2023 ARPA Broadband Expansion Project Award to Peoples Telephone is attached to these minutes.

**18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF POST OAK LAKES SUBDIVISION PHASE I.**

Kari Perkins, County Commissioner Office Manager, presented to the court a request to approve Post Oak Lakes Subdivision Phase I. Mrs. Perkins informed the court that this was 9 lots on FM 514 in Yantis, Tx. She also

noted that all documentation was completed.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve of the Post Oak Lakes Subdivision Phase I. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Post Oak Lakes Subdivision Phase I is HEREBY APPROVED.

**19. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVISION OF LOTS 389 AND 390, SECTION 8, HOLLY LAKE RANCH SUBDIVISION AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION.**

Judge White called the Public Hearing into session at 9:28 a.m.

Kari Perkins, County Commissioner Office Manager, presented to the court Revision of Lots 389 and 390, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. Mrs. Perkins informed the court that all documentation was complete.

Judge White closed the Public Hearing at 9:29 a.m.

Commissioner Simmons made the motion to approve of the court Revision of Lots 389 and 390, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. Commissioner Acker seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Revision of Lots 389 and 390, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision, now known as 390R, is HEREBY APPROVED.

**20. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVISION OF LOTS 391 AND 392, SECTION 8, HOLLY LAKE RANCH SUBDIVISION AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION.**

Judge White called the Public Hearing into session at 9:30 a.m.

Kari Perkins, County Commissioner Office Manager, presented to the court Revision of Lots 391 and 392, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. Mrs. Perkins informed the court that all documentation was complete.

Judge White closed the Public Hearing at 9:31 a.m.

Commissioner Holland made the motion to approve of the court Revision of Lots 391 and 392, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Revision of Lots 391 and 392, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision, now known as 391R, is HEREBY APPROVED.

**21. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL EMS REPORT BY UT HEALTH EMS/AIR 1 TEAM.**

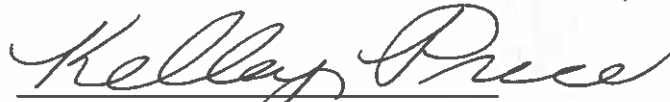
Scott Berkley, Jarod Smith and Hayden Ray, UT Health EMS/Air 1 Team, spoke to the court and gave an Annual EMS Report from UT. Information only. No action was taken.

**22. EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION.**

**No action was taken.**

Minutes were taken and prepared by Kelley Price, County Clerk on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023 with Judge Kevin White, County Judge, presiding.

I, KELLEY PRICE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023 Given under my hand and official seal of office this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.



KELLEY PRICE  
COUNTY CLERK, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS