Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Justin Clark (arrived at 9:04 a.m.), Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, and Amanda DeWitt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- Jerry moved to approve the agenda. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- Jerry moved to approve the minutes from August 25, 2026. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

COUNTY COUNSELOR

- Roberta Wilkes provided a copy of her proposed contract for the County Counselor position.
- Roberta shared some concerns regarding insurance coverage.
- Commissioners will review the proposed contract.

REVITALIZE YATES CENTER / HAYFEST

- Nancy Kelley, Revitalize YC representative, came in to request use of the square, electricity, and trash for HayFest being held in October.
- Justin moved to allow the use of facilities and dumpsters for HayFest. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

ZONING

- Stephanie Bedell, Zoning, presented a variance that was approved by the Zoning Board.
- Kevin moved to approve Resolution 26-11 for a variance for Evan Murray. Justin 2nd, motion passed.

RURAL FIRE

- Nick Barney, Rural Fire Chief, shared that they purchased grain bin extrication equipment using funds from the Rural Fire donation fund.
- Nick would like to purchase a tripod using the Special Equipment Fund and is working on obtaining quotes.
- He would also like to update turnout gear for several firefighters. He expects the cost to be approximately $300 to $500 per set and is waiting on a quote.
- Community concerns have been expressed regarding a burn ban. Nick is monitoring the situation due to the current dry conditions.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Justin moved to approve the 2027 holiday schedule. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- Jerry moved to sponsor the Friends for Life Walk in the amount of $100, with the shirt being donated to the Sheriff's Office. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

TREASURER

- Michelle Zimmerman, Treasurer, presented the 2025 unpaid real estate taxes totaling $296,258.97.
- The current delinquency rate is 4%.
- Jerry moved to accept the 2025 delinquent real estate taxes. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- Michelle discussed the motor vehicle transaction fee and presented a resolution allowing her to charge a $10 motor vehicle transaction fee.
- Jerry moved to accept Resolution 26-12 increasing the motor vehicle transaction fee to $10. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for confidential data with the Commissioners, Treasurer, Clerk, David Waddell, and Gary Ward until 9:55 a.m. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

RECESS

- Kevin moved to recess until 10:05 a.m. Justin 2nd, motion passed.

RURAL FIRE BUDGET HEARING

- Justin moved to open the Rural Fire Budget Hearing at 10:05 a.m. for 10 minutes. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- Justin moved to close the Rural Fire Budget Hearing. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- Justin moved to approve the Woodson County Rural Fire District #1 Budget as presented. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

WOODSON COUNTY RNR HEARING

- Justin moved to open the Woodson County RNR Hearing at 10:15 a.m. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- The Commission shared that approximately $500,000 had been cut from the budget.
- Judy Laws had questions regarding several departments.
- There was discussion regarding employee health insurance.
- There was discussion regarding the ambulance budget.

- Commissioners shared that the ambulance budget increase was due to increasing wages, paying required overtime, and adding more paramedics.
- Justin moved to close the Woodson County RNR Hearing at 10:33 a.m. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

WOODSON COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

- Justin moved to open the Woodson County Budget Hearing at 10:34 a.m. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- There was discussion regarding the effects of wage increases on employee benefits.
- Continued discussion included leasing equipment and the special bridge fund.
- There was discussion regarding software errors.
- Justin moved to close the Woodson County Budget Hearing at 10:58 a.m. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.
- Justin moved to pass Resolution 26-13 allowing Woodson County to exceed RNR. Jerry 2nd, motion passed 3-0 via roll call vote.
- Justin moved to accept the 2027 Woodson County Budget as printed. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Michelle Zimmerman reminded department heads of the meeting on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. with AirMedCare.
- David Waddell provided an update on his contact with KDHE regarding the tire nuisance situation.
    - KDHE's involvement depends on the number of tires; otherwise, it falls to the County to handle the nuisance.

VOUCHERS

- Justin moved to pay vouchers in the amount of $75,496.64. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

- Jerry moved to adjourn at 11:49 a.m. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

Justin Clark, Chairman

Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Attest:
Amanda A DeWitt, County Clerk

Jerry Sedlacek, Member