

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 11, 2024**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session March 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom at the DeWitt County Courthouse in Cuero, Texas, with the following members present:

County Judge Daryl L. Fowler
Commissioner Ryan Varela, Precinct No. 1
Commissioner James Kaiser, Precinct No. 3
Commissioner Brian Carson, Precinct No. 4

Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Judge Fowler called the meeting to order, led everyone in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

New Business:

Postage Machine Proposals (No. 1)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve proposal for new postage machines from Pitney Bowes utilizing NASPO pending receipt of a contract. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program Application (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Jordan to apply for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program through the Texas General Land Commission in order to help bring the county's mitigation plan in line with FEMA and state requirements and ensure compliance and authorize the county judge to sign the document. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Victoria Air Conditioning HVAC Maintenance Agreement (No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renew the HVAC service and maintenance agreement with Victoria Air Conditioning for the DeWitt County 2021 Annex at an annual cost of \$9,400 and paid by increments of \$2,350 every quarter. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler abstaining.

Cintas Employee Uniform Bid Proposal (No. 4)

Court received proposal information from Branden Rachunek with Cintas. Court passed on this agenda item.

HB 2521 Division Order (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive division order from Rosewood Resources for HB 2521 for the ANT 1H and Bear 1H and 2H Units and authorize the judge to sign the document. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

HB 2521 Division Order (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive division order from Marathon Oil Company for HB 2521 for the Afflerbach 01 Unit and authorize the judge to sign the said document. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along H. Koopman Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement application with Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along Gruenau Road, A. Metting Road, and Gus Meyer Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way application with Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along A. Metting Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along Lincke Road & Kubala Store Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along Steen Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Schmidt Road, Rathkamp-Dreyer Road and Chilek Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for DeWitt County Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Jordan Jr. from the Emergency Management Institute for the successful completion of the Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP training course. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Certificates of Completion (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Varela receive Certificates of Completion for DeWitt County Commissioner Pct. 1 Ryan Varela from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas for the successful completion of the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act training courses. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas for Commissioner Brian Carson for successfully completing the continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for 2023. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas for Commissioner James B. Pilchick, Sr. for successfully completing the continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for 2024. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Certificate of Compliance (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Certificate of Compliance for Desirae Poth-Garibay from the County Treasurer's Association of Texas for successfully completing the required hours of investment training approved for County Treasurers established by chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Section 2256.008. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Pro-Rata Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program Expenditure Statement (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the 2024 Expenditure Statement for Counties from the County Auditor; authorizing the County Judge to submit the expenditure statement to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Texas Association of Counties Property Insurance Renewal Schedule (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the Texas Association of Counties, Risk Management Pool Insurance Renewal schedule and application for property insurance. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the DeWitt County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report from Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, and L.L.P for the period ending September 30, 2023. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Presentation of Certificate and Award (No. 21)

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was presented to Neomi Williams, County Auditor, and her staff on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Public Hearing (Addendum No. 1)

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on a proposal to remove the stop sign on Smith Ranch Road at the intersection of Blackwell Lane and Smith Ranch Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. No one was present to speak for or against.

Close Public Hearing (Addendum No. 2)

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing at 11:02 a.m.

Rule on Public Hearing (Addendum No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to remove the stop signs on Smith Ranch Road at the intersection of Blackwell Lane and Smith Ranch Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Public Hearing (Addendum No. 4)

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on a proposal to place a No Thru Truck Traffic road sign at FM 766 and Old Cheapside Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. No one was present to speak for or against.

Close Public Hearing (Addendum No. 5)

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing at 11:08 a.m.

Rule on Public Hearing (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve placing a No Thru Truck Traffic road sign at FM 766 and Old Cheapside Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Authorize Auditor to Dispose of Salvage or Surplus Property (No. 22)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize Auditor to dispose of salvage or surplus property, pursuant to Local Government Code 263, Subchapter D by means of donation to a civic or charitable organization located in the County. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Payroll Audit Report for February 2024 (No. 23)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report for February 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Deposit Receipt Audit for February 2024 (No. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Clerk Statutory Compliance Audit 1st Quarter FY 2024 (No. 25)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

District Clerk Statutory Compliance Audit 1st Quarter FY 2024 (No. 26)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Monthly Report of Officials (No. 27)

County Auditor Neomi Williams reported that her office had received monthly reports from all officials except Constable Precinct No. 1 and Constable Precinct No. 2.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve monthly report of officials. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Auditor's Monthly Report (No. 28)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive County Auditor's Monthly Report. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 29)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive report and approve Order Approving Treasurer's Monthly Report, Court Order Number 2024-009. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Minutes (No. 30)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and approve minutes of the previous term of court. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Accounts Payable (No. 31)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve accounts payable. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 32)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve accounts payable. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Budget Amendment Requests (No. 33)

None

Personnel Policy (No. 34)

None

Payroll Report (No. 35)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and ratify approval of payroll report for March 8, 2024. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Jury Report (No. 36)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and ratify jury report. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Bonds (No. 37)

None

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 38)

Mr. Varela reported on still waiting on engineers to get back with some drawings of the exterior of the Historical Museum. Museum is needing some assistance on the flowerbeds. County Judge Executive Secretary Blair Duran has reached out to Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Cuero.

Judge Fowler reported that Trane was at the courthouse last week for four (4) days installing the brand new controls for the chillers and heaters. Trane installed a cellular modem outside, which is mounted to the chiller cage, so that when the county has an issue that the county cannot resolve Trane will be able to dial in and work on the units if needed.

Judge Fowler reported that last Friday while replacing air conditioner filters in the courthouse he noticed a leaking water valve above the suspended ceiling in the men's bathroom and a rusted one in the Emergency Management Office on the 2nd floor.

Judge Fowler reported that he was still waiting on a quote from A-1 Shiner Fire & Safety to conduct the annual maintenance of the sprinkler system.

Judge Fowler reported that he met with a gentleman from American Roofing. When we had the 8 inch rain, there perceives to be leaks from the copper lining on the balcony. If you go out and look up, there is some rust and separation of the plaster and framing. The gentleman will work on a quote to repair.

Legislative Update (No. 39)

No Legislative update.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 40)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported began paving Old Gonzales Road from Hwy 183 to Ed Blackwell Lane.

Mr. Varela reported that he had revisited with the City of Cuero concerning the section of Old Gonzales Road between Ed Blackwell Lane and Stiles cattle pens (city limits) to take back that section from the City of Cuero. The City of Cuero requested to keep a portion of the road. Mr. Varela will meet with County Attorney A. Jay Condie to seek guidance on moving forward.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 was absent.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on rehabilitating Stanchos Road so that Conoco can pave the road which will probably take place in about 2-3 weeks. Mr. Kaiser reported on still working on Ckodre Road.

Mr. Kaiser reported that he has attempted to speak with the City of Cuero but has not heard back. Paisano is been talking with Mr. Kaiser because the water off of Hwy 183 is flooding them out. The water comes across Clinton Road and gets backed up there. Mr. Kaiser has spoken with the adjoining property owner, Mr. Stakes. The property owner told Mr. Kaiser that the property belongs to the City of Cuero.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on repaving Radio Road tomorrow.

Public Announcements/Comments (No. 41)

None

Adjourn (No. 42)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.]

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 25, 2024**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session March 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom at the DeWitt County Courthouse in Cuero, Texas, with the following members present:

- County Judge Daryl L. Fowler
- Commissioner Ryan Varela, Precinct No. 1
- Commissioner James B. Pilchick Sr., Precinct No. 2
- Commissioner James Kaiser, Precinct No. 3
- Commissioner Brian Carson, Precinct No. 4

Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Judge Fowler called the meeting to order, led everyone in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

New Business:

Executive/Closed Session (No. 1)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Judge Fowler announced that DeWitt County Commissioners Court went into executive session on this the 25th day of March 2024 at 9:05 a.m.

Judge Fowler announced that the executive session ended at 9:22 a.m. on this the 25th day of March, 2024.

Discussion and Potential Action (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize County Judge to engage the services of a real estate broker as a buyer’s agent for the potential acquisition of certain real property, by purchase with County public funds and authorized public purposes and it is in a part of the James Kimberling Survey Abstract No. 283; and all related matters. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Schedule Public Hearing Date (No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to set a public hearing for April 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse in the courtroom to lower the speed limit on Taylor Road from 40 MPH to 25 MPH in Commissioner Precinct No. 4. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Affidavit Granting Permission to Enter Private Property (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to receive affidavit granting permission to enter private property owned by Robert Egg in the 300 block of Henneke Road to fix drainage problems on Henneke Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 4. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Professional Services Agreement (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to enter into an agreement between DeWitt County and Rawley McCoy & Associates for professional services involving the DeWitt County Pct. 4 New Shop/Office Building construction project. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Local Government Solutions (LGS) License Agreement Addendum 2 (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the Non-Exclusive License and Service Agreement Addendum 2 between DeWitt County and Local Government Solutions (LGS) for use in the County Judge’s Office. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

TDCJ Project Agreement Form (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve of Project Agreement Form between Texas Department of Criminal Justice and DeWitt County for prison labor at the DeWitt County Historical Museum with effective dates of April 15, 2024 through July 1, 2024, Project Number SB-MISC-04-24-01. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Yorktown ISD Hold Harmless Agreement (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to execute an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Yorktown Independent School District for transfer of ownership of a white Chevrolet Tahoe from the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

A-1 Shiner Inspection Contract (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve a contract for fire alarm, fire extinguisher, and fire sprinkler inspection with A-1 Shiner Fire & Safety Inc. at the DeWitt County Courthouse continuing until the end of 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Emergency Plan Annexes (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt Annexes A-V of the DeWitt County Emergency Action Plan. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Postage Machine Proposals (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve contract with Pitney Bowes for new postage machines at the courthouse and 2021 Annex. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Employee Uniform Quotes (No. 12)

Court did not take any action on this agenda item.

Certificate of Completion (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas for Commissioner James Kaiser for successfully completing the continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for 2023. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Receive and Award Contract for Asphalt Oils Bid No: 2024-0004 (No. 15)

Asphalt Oils:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
AC-5	Ergon Asphalt	Cleveland Asphalt
AC-10	Ergon Asphalt	Cleveland Asphalt
AC-15P	Ergon Asphalt	Wright Asphalt
MC-30	Wright Asphalt	Cleveland Asphalt
RC-250	Cleveland Asphalt	Wright Asphalt

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to award bids presented by county auditor and award contract for asphalt oils applicable to all commissioner precincts beginning April 14, 2024 and ending April 13, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Receive and Award Contract for Concrete Bid No: 2024-0005 (No. 16)

Bid received from ABN Construction, LLC.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and award contract for Contract Bid No. 2024-005 presented by county auditor and award a contract for concrete applicable to all commissioner precincts beginning April 14, 2024 and ending April 13, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Receive and Award Contract for Fuel Bid No: 2024-0006 (No. 17)

Bid received from Schmidt & Sons, Inc. and Sun Coast Resources LLC.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and award bid to Schmidt and Sons for fuel presented by the county auditor applicable to all commissioner precincts beginning April 14, 2024 and ending April 13, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Receive and Award Contract for Road Materials Bid No: 2024-0007 (No. 18)

Road Materials:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Pre-Coated Aggregate Grade 3	Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
Pre-Coated Aggregate Grade 4	Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd

Pre-Coated Aggregate Grade 5 Pct. 1 & 2 Pct. 3 & 4	Brauntex Materials, Inc. Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC
Premixed Rock Asphalt	Vulcan Construction Materials LLC	No Alternate Bid
Hot Mix Cold Laid Grade B	Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
Hot Mix Cold Laid Grade D	Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
ASPPM Grade IV Performance Cold Mix – Delivered & Not Delivered	Waller County Asphalt	No Alternate Bid
Crushed Limestone Base	Colorado Materials Ltd	Allstar Materials
Crushed Limestone Cover Stone, ¼” F Rock	Allstar Materials	Quality Hot Mix, Inc.
Crushed Limestone Cover Stone, Type B, Grade 3 Pct. 1, 2 & 3 Pct. 4	Brauntex Materials, Inc. Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd Quality Hot Mix, Inc.
Crushed Limestone Cover Stone, Type B, Grade 4 Pct. 1, 2 & 3 Pct. 4	Brauntex Materials, Inc. Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials, Ltd Quality Hot Mix, Inc.
¾ to Dust Limestone	Colorado Materials Ltd	Allstar Materials LLC
Bulk Rate Cement	Ash Grove Cement	No Alternate Bid
3/8” Pea Gravel Delivered Not Delivered	Allstar Materials LLC Allstar Materials LLC	ABN Construction LLC No Alternate Bid
1-340-C PG70-22 SAC B Delivered	Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
1-340-C PG64-22 SAC B Delivered	Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd

HMAC Type D Delivered	Brauntex Materials. Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
Pit Run Gravel Delivered & Not Delivered	All Bids	
Screened Gravel Delivered & Not Delivered	All Bids	
Bull Rock Delivered & Not Delivered	All Bids	
3 Sack Stabilized Sand Delivered & Not Delivered	ABN Construction LLC	Colorado Materials Ltd
Bulk Hydrated Lime	No Bids Submitted	

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive bids presented by county auditor and award a contract for road materials applicable to all commissioner precincts beginning April 14, 2024 and ending April 13, 2025. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Carson abstaining.

Certification of Funds (No. 19)

Court did not take any action on this agenda item.

Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt and approve Proclamation for the DeWitt County Child Welfare Board establishing April 2024 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Accounts Payable (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve accounts payable. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve ratified accounts payable. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Budget Amendment Requests (No. 22)

None

Personnel Policy (No. 23)

None

Payroll Report (No. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and ratify payroll report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Jury Report (No. 25)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and ratify jury report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Bonds (No. 26)

None

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 27)

Commissioner Varela is still working on amounts for removal of the planters at the 2021 Annex Building.

Judge Fowler discussed a quote from American Roofing for the courthouse roof repairs.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the quote from American Roofing for repairs of the roof. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Judge Fowler reported that the \$50,000 new control unit for the air conditioning system has been installed. Judge Fowler and Rene have access into the controls and there is also the Wi-Fi cellular activated control located outside of the courthouse on the chillers to allow Trane to remote in. The heater bank and chillers all all talk to each other now.

Commissioner Varela reported on still waiting for the Historical Museum drawings.

Judge Fowler reported that he needs to order new signs for the change in offices located in the Weber Annex building.

Legislative Update (No. 28)

Judge Fowler reported that at the last VG Young conference he attended, he visited with the Nueces County Tax Assessor-Collector. Judge Fowler discussed the form that the county uses to compute the taxes on. Judge Fowler introduce the notation that the form as it is written now hurts counties like DeWitt County because it does not take into account the minerals.

Judge Fowler reported that he attended the DeWitt County Republican Party convention on Saturday and offered two (2) resolutions for them to move up the change to see if they get into the Republican Party platform. One of the resolutions was seeking the definition for new minerals. The second resolution was to repeal the platform plank that states that a county should not use tax payers dollars to hire lobbyist or do business with associations that hire lobbyist. Judge Fowler reported that both of the resolutions were adopted.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 29)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported that the bridge has been finished on Lockhart Cemetery Road; the bridge has passed TxDOT inspection and the road is now open.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on normal precinct operations. Judge Fowler inquired about the condition of Metting School Road. Mr. Kaiser reported that the road is collapsing from the heavy oilfield traffic. Mr. Kaiser reported that he plans to work on the road as soon as the weather allows.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on normal precinct operations.

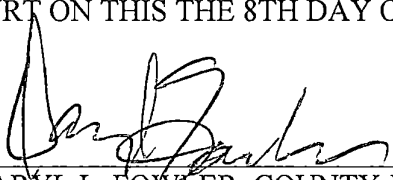
Public Announcements/Comments (No. 30)

Christian Palacios, a representative of Michael Cloud’s office. He is the field representative for DeWitt County, left the court with his business card and offered any assistance to the county if needed.

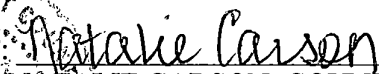
Adjourn (No. 31)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH A.D. 2024 WERE READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2024.


DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE



ATTEST: 
NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK