

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DEWITT COUNTY, TEXAS  
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 2025**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session December 8, 2025 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. Pilchiek Jr., 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 and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Carson gave the invocation.

**Judge Fowler's Preliminary Announcement:**

We had a made a decision at the last meeting to conduct a public hearing this morning on a road and bridge matter. The notices got published in the newspaper, the newspaper reported on it but it failed to make it onto the agenda. The process will need to start over. The next opportunity for a public hearing on this matter will be December 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. The public hearing will not be held this morning because it has not been properly noticed to the public.

**New Business:**

**Child Welfare Board Membership (No. 1)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchiek made a motion to approve the appointment of Kahlei Villarreal to the DeWitt County Child Welfare Board. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**General Land Office MIT-MOD Grant (No. 2)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Court Order No. 2025-069 amending FY2026 budget to include a budget for GLO MIT-MOD grant funds. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Nationwide Account Freeze (No. 3)**

MOTIOIN: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the agreement to freeze DeWitt County's 457(b) deferred compensation plan with Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. effective January 1, 2026. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Receive Bid and Approve Contract - Watson Ag Service (No. 4)**

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to accept the bid from Watson Ag Service and approve the contract between DeWitt County and Watson Ag Service for the construction of two (2) 38' x 60' metal carports at the DeWitt County Precinct Barn No. 4 and authorize the county judge to sign the contract. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **TXDOT County Assistance Program (No. 5)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchiek made a motion to receive TXDOT County Assistance Program funding for FY2026 allocation amount of \$25,051.00 and to be split equally among all four (4) precincts. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Aerial Fireworks Ban (No. 6)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve Court Order 2025-070 banning aerial fireworks for the December fireworks season in the unincorporated areas of DeWitt County pursuant to Local Government Code 352.051. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Temporary Right of Way (No. 7)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchiek made a motion to approve permit application from Tetra Technologies Inc. for installation of a temporary water line along Hulse Road, Emil Blank Road, and Morris Community Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Trane Service & Maintenance Agreement (No. 8)**

Court passed on this agenda item.

### **Salary Committee (No. 9)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to add the HR Director to the salary committee. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – November 20-30, 2025 (No. 10)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports dated November 20<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Monthly Revenue Reports from County Officials and Department Heads (No. 11)**

County Auditor Neomi Williams reported that her office had received monthly reports from all officials except 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's office.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve monthly revenue reports of county officials and department heads. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit for November 2025 (No. 12)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report November 2025 (No. 13)**

MOTIOIN: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **County Auditor's Positive Pay Audit Report November 2025 (No. 14)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Positive Pay Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **County Auditor's Jail Commissary Audit Report for FY 2025 (No. 15)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Jail Commissary Audit Report for FY 2025, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapters 115 and 351. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 16)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and approve Court Order 2025-068, Order Approving Treasurer's Monthly Report. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **Minutes (No. 17)**

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to receive and approve minutes of the previous term of court. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **Accounts Payable (No. 18)**

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

### **Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 19)**

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

### **Personnel Policy (No. 20)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve personnel policy changes. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0. [Court Order No. 2025-071]

### **Payroll Report (No. 21)**

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

### **Bonds (No. 22)**

Bond of Chief Deputy Treasurer Summer Gallagher

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

### **Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 23)**

Judge Fowler reported on the following items at the courthouse:

1. The railings going into the basement still have not been replaced but are still going to be replaced and Judge Fowler has requested that a Knox box be installed;
2. Hot water pump seal has failed;
3. Requested the purchase of interior window inserts on the north and west side's windows and Kenneth Swope is working on.

Mr. Varela reported on the following items regarding the DeWitt County Historical Museum:

1. Construction is scheduled to be completed this week and a walk through is scheduled for December 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. with the engineers from Komatsu, builders from the construction company and laborers;
2. The next project will be the grounds/yard.

Judge Fowler reported on the following items at the annex building:

1. Hot water is not working; warranty ticket has been submitted

Mr. Varela reported that the Sheriff requested designated parking spaces for the dispatchers.

### **Legislative Update (No. 24)**

No Legislative update.

### **Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 25)**

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on blading roads and patching roads.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on the following:

1. ABN finished stabilizing Emil Zielonka Road last week. Weather permitting, ABN will pave the road this week.
2. Blading the gravel roads and patching the paved roads
3. Trimming trees on Buenger Road.
3. Installing a culvert pipe on Golly Road this week for a new entrance.

### **Public Announcements/Comments (No. 26)**

None

### **Adjourn (No. 27)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.]

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DEWITT COUNTY, TEXAS REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 22, 2025**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session December 22, 2025 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. Pilchiek Jr., 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 and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Carson gave the invocation.

### **New Business:**

### **Public Hearing (No. 1)**

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on placing No Thru Truck Traffic road signs at the intersections of Lockhart Cemetery Road and Old Cuero Road and at Christian Road and Old Yoakum Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. No one was present to speak either for or against the placement of the signs.

### **Close Public Hearing (No. 2)**

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing.

### **Rule on Public Hearing (No. 3)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchiek made a motion for the placement of No Thru Truck Traffic road signs at the intersections of Lockhart Cemetery Road and Old Cuero Road and at Christian Road and Old Yoakum Road to be effective when the signs are erected. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Road Closure (No. 4)**

Court heard announcement from Commissioner Pilchiek on the need to close Matthew-Adams Road in Commissioner Precinct 2 for a bridge replacement.

### **Tree of Angels Day Proclamation (No. 5)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to ratify the resolution recognizing December 7, 2025 as Tree of Angels Day in DeWitt County. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Residential Services Agreement (No. 6)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to renew a one-year contract for residential services between the Gulf Coast Trades Center and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Detention Services Agreement (No. 7)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to renew a one-year contract for detention services between Rite of Passage Inc. and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Residential Services Agreement (No. 8)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to renew a one-year contract for residential services between Rite of Passage Inc. and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **TXDOT Interlocal Agreement and Resolution (No. 9)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-072 approving the Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Motorola Contract (No. 10)**

Court passed on this agenda item.

### **Time Clock Plus (No. 11)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve a budget change for Smart Card Readers for Time Clock Plus time clocks in the Sheriff's Office and approve TCP Quote #Q054794 for the amount of \$1,853.46. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Road and Bridge Tracking Software Workshop (No. 12)**

Court held a workshop on road and bridge tracking software.

### **Proposals for Environmental Services (No. 13)**

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to receive the four (4) proposals for wetland delineation study and a threatened and endangered species assessment for the CDBG MIT-MOD Grant project and award it to Integrated Environmental Solutions LLC also known as IES, the amount being \$4,500.00 for the study and authorize the county judge to sign the proposal. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **TDCJ Project Agreement Form (No. 14)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the Project Agreement Form, Project No. SB-MISC-01-26-01, agreement between Texas Department of Criminal Justice and DeWitt County for prison labor at the DeWitt County Historical Museum with an effective date of January 5, 2026 through March 31, 2026. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Trane Service & Maintenance Agreement (No. 15)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Trane service and maintenance agreement #8362452, a service and maintenance agreement for chillers, boilers, and water treatment for the DeWitt County Courthouse in the amount of \$32,508.00 to be paid monthly for \$2,709.00. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Temporary Right of Way (No. 16)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Baker Road and Walter Mueller

Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **Temporary Right of Way (No. 17)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Walter Mueller Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **Temporary Right of Way (No. 18)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Plasczyk Road and Klein Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **Temporary Right of Way (No. 19)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Dworaczyk Road and Garfield Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **Temporary Right of Way (No. 20)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchiek made a motion to approve permit application from AJ's Logistics for installation of a temporary water line along Hules (Hulse) Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – December 1-17, 2025 (No. 21)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Report for December 1<sup>st</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **Deletion or Transfer of Fixed Asset Request (No. 22)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the transfer of three (3) Motorola Repeaters, Asset #5379, 5380 & 5381 from DeWitt County Emergency Management and to the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **Declare Fixed Assets as Salvage (No. 23)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to declare certain inventory items as worn, damaged or obsolete, pursuant to Local Government Code 263.152. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **Accounts Payable (No. 24)**

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

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve accounts payable for Carson Services. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Carson abstaining and Judge Fowler did not vote.

#### **Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 25)**

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

#### **Budget Amendments (No. 26)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the following item in accordance with the orders presented: the budget amendment requests for interdepartmental transfers for Elections and the Ag Extension Office. Mr. Pilchiek seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

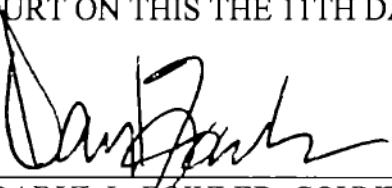
#### **Payroll Reports (No. 27)**

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

#### **Adjourn (No. 28)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER A.D. 2025 WERE READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2026.



DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: Natalie Carson  
NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK