

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS  
SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 2, 2025**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in special session January 2, 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. 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 and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Carson gave the invocation.

**New Business:**

**Bonds (No. 1)**

Bonds of Commissioner Pct. 1 Ryan Varela, Commissioner Pct. 3 James Kaiser, County Treasurer Desirae Poth-Garibay, Sheriff Carl R. Bowen and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Martha Williamson.

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

**Swearing in of Elected Officials (No. 2)**

Swearing in ceremony of Elected Officials held for Commissioner Pct. 1 Ryan Varela, Commissioner Pct. 3 James Kaiser, County Treasurer Desirae Poth-Garibay, Sheriff Carl R. Bowen and Tax Assessor-Collector Ashley D. Mraz.

**Adjourn (No. 3)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 9:25 a.m.]

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS  
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2025**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session January 13, 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. 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 and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Carson gave the invocation.

**New Business:**

**Schedule Public Hearing Date (No. 1)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to schedule a public hearing on February 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the county courtroom of DeWitt County in Cuero, Texas for the purpose of placing No Tractor Trailer road signs on Old San Antonio Road, Old Gonzales Road, and Ed Blackwell Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Temporary Lease of County Right of Way for Saltwater Pipeline (No. 2)**

Court passed on this agenda item.

**STEAR Program (No. 3)**

Court received information from Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Jordan about the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry.

**Jail Hot Water Heaters (No. 4)**

Court received information from Captain Garza regarding hot water heater issues and potential unplanned replacement at the DeWitt County Jail. Court passed on this agenda item.

**Release Forms for Opioid Settlement (No. 5)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the Kroger Subdivision Release Form related to the Opioid Settlement Resolution and allow judge to proceed to go forward with the release form. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Amendment to Salary Order (No. 6)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve Court Order No. 2025-002 to the DeWitt County Salary Order to increase the Sheriff's Deputy Sergeants from four (4) full-time positions to five (5) full-time positions and decrease the Sheriff's Deputy Corporals from four (4) full-time positions to three (3) full-time positions. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Gulf Bend Center FY2025 Budget (No. 7)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive budget from Gulf Bend Center for the FY2025 Budget. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**TDCJ Project Agreement Form (No. 8)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the Project Agreement Form between Texas Department of Criminal Justice and DeWitt County for prison labor at the DeWitt County Historical Museum with the effective dates of February 3, 2025 through April 30, 2025. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Depository Bid (No. 9)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to advertise for depository bids that shall be delivered to the County Judge's office on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> no later than 3:00 p.m. central standard time. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Set Terms of Constitutional County Court (No. 10)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to set the terms of the Constitutional County Court for 2025 pursuant to Government Code §26.002 as January 1<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> with each term running until the beginning of the next term. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – December 13-31, 2024 (No. 11)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Reports, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114 for December 13-31, 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – January 1-9, 2025 (No. 12)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Reports, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114 for January 1-9, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Monthly Report of Officials (No. 13)**

County Auditor Neomi Williams reported that the auditor's office had received monthly reports from all officials.

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

**County Auditor's Purchasing Audit Report FY 2025 1st Quarter (No. 14)**

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

**County Auditor's Cash Count Report FY 2025 1st Quarter (No. 15)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Audit Report for the Cash Count Report FY2025 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit for December 2024 (No. 16)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit Report for December 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report December 2024 (No. 17)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report for December 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for County Attorney (No. 18)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Inventory of Fixed Assets Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 262.011(i). Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for Constable, Pct.1 (Exit Audit for Kelly Phelps) (No. 19)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Inventory of Fixed Assets Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 262.011(i). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for Constable, Pct.1 (Entry Audit for Roy Kuester) (No. 20)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the County Auditor's Inventory of Fixed Assets Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 262.011(i). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for District Attorney (Exit Audit for Rob Lassmann) (No. 21)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the County Auditor's Inventory of Fixed Assets Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 262.011(i). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

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

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to authorize the auditor to dispose of salvage or surplus property, pursuant to Local Government Code 263, Subchapter D by means of an online auction. 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.

**2025 IRS Mileage Rate (No. 24)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for the approval of the 2025 IRS standard mileage (reimbursement) rate of \$0.70/mile and approval of the overnight per diem rate of \$68 effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 25)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive County Treasurer's Monthly Report and approve Court Order No. 2025-001. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report (No. 26)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Minutes (No. 27)**

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

### **Payroll Reports (No. 28)**

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

### **County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report December 2024 (No. 29)**

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### **Accounts Payable (No. 30)**

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

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the accounts payable to Carson Services for \$15,000.00. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Carson abstaining and Judge Fowler not voting.

### **County Auditor's Accounts Payable Audit Report FY2025 1st Quarter (No. 31)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115 for FY2025 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 32)**

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. 33)**

None

**Personnel Policy (No. 34)**

None

**Bonds (No. 35)**

Bond of Jefferson Baylor Hobbs – Constable Precinct No. 2

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve bond of Jefferson Baylor Hobbs, Constable Precinct No. 2. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 36)**

Judge Fowler reported on the work being performed on the courthouse steps.

Judge Fowler reported on water heater issues at the Weber Annex building.

Judge Fowler reported that last week he submitted a warranty claim regarding the roof at the new annex building.

**Legislative Update (No. 37)**

Judge Fowler reported that he is planning on attending Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Counties at the Capitol Day at the end of the month.

**Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 38)**

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on normal precinct operations.

**Temporary Right of Way (Addendum No. 1)**

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 Henry Koopman Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Temporary Right of Way (Addendum No. 2)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way application from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along Salt

Creek Cemetery Road and Gruenau Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Temporary Right of Way (Addendum No. 3)**

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 Gus Meyer Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Simecek Road and Haase Brothers Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Temporary Right of Way (Addendum No. 4)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of agreement with Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along Gus Meyer Road and Gruenau Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Temporary Right of Way (Addendum No. 5)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve permit application from EOG Resources for installation of two (2) temporary water lines along Nelson Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Temporary Right of Way (Addendum No. 6)**

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 Onken Road and Cabeza Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

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

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

**Temporary Right of Way (Addendum No. 8)**

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 SA Butler Road, Cabeza Road, and Elroyce Helmers Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.



**Temporary Right of Way (Addendum No. 9)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for permit application from Qwik Pipe Inc. for installation of a temporary water line along Martinez Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Pipeline Crossing Permit (Addendum No. 10)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for permit application for a pipeline from EOG Resources Inc. to cross Emil Blank Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Pipeline Crossing Permit (Addendum No. 11)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for permit application for a pipeline from EOG Resources Inc. to cross Richter Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Pipeline Crossing Permit (Addendum No. 12)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve permit application for a pipeline from EOG Resources Inc. to cross Chilek Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Pipeline Crossing Permit (Addendum No. 13)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of permit application for a pipeline from EOG Resources Inc. to cross Rathkamp-Dreyer Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Pipeline Crossing Permits (Addendum No. 14)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for permit applications for two (2) pipelines from SilverBow Resources Operating LLC to cross Rathkamp-Dreyer Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Adjourn (No. 39)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 11:43 a.m.]

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS  
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 27, 2025**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session January 27, 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. Pilchick Sr., Precinct No. 2  
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:**

**Jail Hot Water Heaters (No. 5)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve Proposal Number P-20241017-0042R from Brandt Companies LLC to remove and replace eleven (11) tank less water heaters at the DeWitt County Jail. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve the service maintenance agreement from Brandt Companies LLC, Proposal Number P-20250121-0001. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Court Order No. 2025-003, an order declaring a grave public necessity; meeting an unusual and unforeseen condition; authorizing an emergency expenditure; authorizing a budget transfer during Fiscal Year 2025 pursuant to authority given in Local Government Code §111.010; and conforming to the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**National Weather Service Storm Ready Certification (No. 1)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive notice of certification as a Storm Ready Community by National Weather Service. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Memorandum of Agreement (No. 2)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the agreement between the County of DeWitt and the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency for

emergency communication services provided through the Integrated Public Alert and Warning Service System. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

### **TJJD State Aid and Targeted Grants Contract and General Grant Requirements (No. 3)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to ratify the Texas Juvenile Justice Department State Aid and Targeted Grant Contract 2023-2025 Biennium effective September 1, 2023 thru September 1, 2025 that was executed on October 2023 by County Judge Daryl Fowler. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

### **Juvenile Probation Internet Upgrade (No. 6)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Order No. 14608857 for Charter Communications Operating LLC (Spectrum Enterprise) for internet upgrade and installation at the DeWitt County Juvenile Probation Office, office located at 310 Dunn Street, in Cuero, Texas 77954. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

### **Bexar County Sheriff and Constable Fees (No. 7)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive updated fees for services and civil processes from the Sheriff and Constables of Bexar County regarding mental health fees retroactive the date of effectiveness January 1, 2025. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

### **Certificates of Achievement (No. 8)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive certificates of achievement from the FEMA Emergency Management courses indicating that Natalie Carson, DeWitt County Clerk, has completed the ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

### **Racial Profiling Report (No. 9)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive Racial Profiling Report from DeWitt County Constable Precinct No. 2. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

### **Constable Precinct No. 2 Activity Report (No. 10)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Constable Precinct No. 2 Activity Report. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

### **Certificates of Completion (No. 11)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive certificates of completion from the County & District Clerk's Association of Texas for County Clerk Natalie Carson and District Clerk Esther Ruiz for completing the required 20 hours of continuing education for 2024 as prescribed in

Section 51.605 of the Texas Government Code. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Salary Grievance Committee (No. 12)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to appoint public members to the County Salary Grievance Committee pursuant to Government Code 152.014(2). Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve the list of names drawn to serve on the Salary Grievance Committee. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Temporary Right of Way (No. 13)**

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

**Temporary Right of Way (No. 14)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of permit application from EOG Resources for installation of a temporary water line along Rathkamp-Dreyer Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Pipeline Crossing Permits (No. 15)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit applications for two (2) pipelines from BPX Energy to cross SA Butler Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Annual Financial and Compliance Report (No. 16)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the De Witt County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of Juvenile Probation Funds from Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, LLP for the period ending August 31, 2024. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – January 10-23, 2025 (No. 17)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive De Witt County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – January 10-23, 2025, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Accounts Payable (No. 18)**

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

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

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

**Budget Amendment Requests (No. 20)**

None

**Personnel Policy (No. 21)**

None

**Payroll Reports (No. 22)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve payroll reports. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Jury Report (No. 23)**

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

**Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 24)**

Judge Fowler reported that the contractor has been working around the courthouse on the granite steps and capstones coming down the sides. They are power washing the banisters on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor railing. They will still need to work on the step which actually has a crack that they will try to caulk with flexible caulk.

Some of the original Courthouse windows have deteriorated will need to be removed and repaired.

Judge Fowler reported that Weaver & Jacobs had a contractor resolve the roof leak at the annex building.

Mr. Varela reported on waiting to get a date set aside with Komatsu for pre-bid meeting for the Historical Museum work. He reported that the museum was winterized for the recent freeze, removed everything last Friday and there was no damage from the freeze.

**Legislative Update (No. 25)**

Judge Fowler reported that tomorrow is Counties at the Capital Day and he is going to try to attend.

#### **Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 26)**

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on normal precinct operations – blading, mowing and cleaning up from the ice.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations. Mr. Pilchick also reported that he had a maintainer caught fire yesterday.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 was absent.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on having a contractor working on Emil Zielonka Road installing culverts, shaping the road, getting ready to stabilize it and eventually pave the road.

#### **Public Announcements/Comments (No. 27)**

EMC Billy Jordan spoke regarding the recent freeze weather condition. He thanked the following for stepping up and assisting: Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Katie Klores with Lifeway Church for offering a shelter location, Shanna Burge with St. John Lutheran Church – Westhoff for providing blankets and pillows, Wal-Mart for offering their service and Craig Oakes with Cuero Volunteer Fire Department.

#### **Temporary Lease of County Right of Way for Saltwater Pipeline (No. 4)**

Court did not take any action on this agenda item.

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

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.]

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS**

## **SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 31, 2025**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in special session January 31, 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 Kaiser, Precinct No. 3  
Commissioner Brian Carson, Precinct No. 4

### **New Business:**


#### **Feasibility Period Extension (No. 1)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to extend the initial feasibility period in the Commercial Contract – Improved Property between Texan Store Properties LLC and the County of DeWitt for the property located at 33 FM 237, Yorktown, DeWitt County, Texas, part of the James Kimberling Survey A-283; authorize a \$500 additional escrow payment to Guaranty Title of South Texas for an extension of sixty (60) days not to exceed 11:59 on April 22, 2025. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

#### **Adjourn (No. 2)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 9:35 a.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY A.D. 2025 WERE READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2025.

  
DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:   
NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK

