

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in special session September 5, 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 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:

August 25, 2025 Commissioners Court Meeting (No. 1)

A quorum was present at the August 25, 2025 meeting but it was later determined that some of the statutory requirements of the posting of the public meeting were not met and those action items are being entertained on September 5, 2025.

Schedule Public Hearings (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to schedule a public hearing for September 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeWitt County Courthouse for the FY2026 budget. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Pilchick absent.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to schedule a public hearing for September 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeWitt County Courthouse Courtroom for the purpose of the 2025 tax rate. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Pilchick absent.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to schedule a public hearing for September 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeWitt County Courthouse Courtroom for the purpose of adopting FY2026 Budget. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Pilchick absent.

Schedule Public Hearing Date (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to set the public hearing date of September 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeWitt County Courthouse for the annual written archive plan for funding the

preservation and restoration of the county clerk's records archive pursuant to Local Government Code 118.025. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Pilchick absent.

Schedule Public Hearing Date (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to set the public hearing date of September 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeWitt County Courthouse Courtroom for the purpose of placing a stop sign on Kulawik Road at the intersection of Kulawik Road and Emil Zielonka Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Pilchick absent.

Burn Ban (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify the execution of Court Order No. 2025-033 for the purpose of a burn ban signed by county judge on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc.

Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Pilchick absent.

Governor's Proclamation for Increased Fire Weather Conditions (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Governor's Proclamation declaring a state of disaster due to the increased fire weather conditions in DeWitt County. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Pilchick absent.

Pay Scale and Position Categorization for FY2026 (No. 7)

Court passed on this agenda item.

Order Setting Salary of De Witt County Officials and Employees for FY2026 (No. 8)

Court passed on this agenda item.

Order Setting Salary of De Witt County Auditor and Assistants (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the Order Setting Salary of the DeWitt County Auditor & Assistants from the 24th, 135th and 267th District Courts for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and enter into minutes of the Court. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Pilchick absent.

District Court Reporters' Salaries (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the Order(s) from the Administrative District Judges setting and allocating the salaries of the Official Court Reporters for the 24th, 135th, 267th Judicial Districts and the Official Alternate Court Reporter for the 24th, 135th, 267th and 377th

Judicial Districts. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Pilchick absent.

Spectrum Enterprise Services (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify the execution of the Information Technology Administrator to execute the necessary documents for enterprise services at the Commissioner Pct. #4 new building including Spectrum Business Service Level Agreement and service order executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Residential Services Agreement (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify the execution of a residential services agreement for a one-year contract between the Bell County Juvenile Board and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026 executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

TJJD State Aid and Targeted Grants Contract and General Grant Requirements (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify the execution of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department State Aid and Targeted Grant Contract for the period of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027 executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees Update (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify the execution of adoption of fees for 2026 as required by local Government Code 118.131 for the Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees Update executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Interlocal Agreement (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify the execution of Court Order No. 2025-035, the Interlocal Agreement between DeWitt County and the City of Cuero for 24-Hour Police Dispatch Services for a term beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Housing Inmates (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for housing inmates between DeWitt County, Texas and Gonzales County, Texas by housing of certain Gonzales County inmates at a rate of \$59 per day executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Professional Services Contract (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of Professional Services Contract for legislative consulting services and the renewal of the professional services contract with Cornerstone Government Affairs Inc. for the cost sharing the contractual expenses with Atascosa, Gonzales, Karnes, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen counties executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

TIDC Statement of Grant Award (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Statement of Grant Award, FY2025 Formula Grant for \$24,397 from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for DeWitt County Constable Pct. 1 Roy Kuester from the Victoria County Sheriff's Office for the successful completion of the Advanced Writ training course. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of two (2) temporary water lines along Kozielski Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1 executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Kubala Store Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1 and Haase Brothers Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1 executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 22)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Kubala Store Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1 executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 23)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of temporary right of way agreement with AJ's Logistics for installation of a temporary water line along Schlenstedt Road, Westhoff Cemetery Road, and Hilbrich Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1 executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – August 8-21, 2025 (No. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports dated August 8th through the 21st, 2025, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Accounts Payable (No. 25)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of accounts payable executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of accounts payable to Carson Services executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried with 3 voting in favor, Mr. Carson abstained and Judge Fowler did not vote.

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 26)

MOTON: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of ratified accounts payable executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Budget Amendment Requests (No. 27)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of budget amendment to approve the revenue adjustment of state grant funding and interdepartmental transfers for Juvenile Probation, in accordance with the order presented executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Personnel Policy (No. 28)

None

Payroll Reports (No. 29)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of payroll report executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 30)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve and ratify execution of Proposal ID #8346325 to repair Chiller No. 2 executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Judge Fowler discussed that Trane discovered an issue with a passageway that the water flows through that had some article of debris and was causing the water flow to slow down and triggered the machine to go off during the middle of the night.

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve and ratify execution of the motion to approve Joe R. Jones to replace glass in majority of the windows from the museum at the cost of \$2,900.00 that was executed on August 25, 2025, Nunc pro tunc. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Legislative Update (No. 31)

Judge Fowler reported that he attended the Legislative Conference last week and discussed some of the bills that will affect the court. Judge Fowler discussed the new requirement of the taxpayer impact statement required for the budget.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 32)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 presented his report in writing. He reported regarding FM 240 that C. E. Baker will be finishing the grading on the road this week and hope to have the road and turn around paved soon after. Mr. Varela reported that Nessel Road is nearing completion of subgrade construction and will be getting ready to pave soon. Otherwise, precinct crew has been moving, patching, blading roads and cleaning ditches.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on moving into the new precinct building/office. He is waiting on Spectrum and IT Department to move the internet service over.

Public Announcements/Comments (No. 33)

None

Adjourn (No. 34)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.]

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session September 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. Pilchick 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:

Master Service Agreement and Service Order (No. 1)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive proposal from Lightedge Solutions LLC for the use of off-premises “rack space” or IT equipment storage. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

City of Cuero Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement and Presentation of Proposed Christmas Attractions (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to enter into an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of Cuero for placing lighted Christmas attractions on the south lawn of the Courthouse from November 10, 2025 - January 14, 2026. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for DeWitt County Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Lindsay Ruppert from the Texas Department of Public Safety for the successful completion of the Criminal Justice Practitioner Test training course. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 4)

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

Temporary Right of Way (No. 5)

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

Temporary Right of Way (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 Alfred Blaschke Road and Simpson Ranch Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of 2 temporary water lines along Cabeza Road and Harms Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (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 Alfred Blaschke Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Pipeline Crossing Permits (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit applications for two (2) pipelines from BPX Energy to cross Dubose Ranch Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Authorize the County Auditor to issue a Purchase Order with Special Conditions (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to the approve a purchase order required by Lake Country Chevrolet to hold a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 for purchase in FY2026 for Constable

Precinct No. 1's use at the price of \$55, . Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – August 22-31, 2025 (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports from August 22nd through 31st, 2025, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Monthly Report of Officials (No. 12)

County Auditor Neomi Williams reported that the auditor's office 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 Deposit Receipt Audit for August 2025 (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Deposit Receipt 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 Payroll Audit Report August 2025 (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Payroll 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 Positive Pay Audit Report August 2025 (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Positive Pay 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 Child Welfare Board Audit for FY2025 Q3 (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Child Welfare Board 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 Cuero Livestock Show Audit for May 2024 – May 2025 (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Cuero Livestock Show Audit, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115 for the period of May 2024 through May 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and approve Court Order No. 2025-036, Order Approving Treasurer's Monthly Report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Minutes (No. 19)

Court passed on this agenda item.

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)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the following items in accordance with the orders presented: the budget amendment requests for interdepartmental transfers for County Judge, JP #1, County Auditor, County Attorney, Weber Annex, EMC, Road & Bridge General, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 and Health Department. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Personnel Policy (No. 23)

None

Payroll Reports (No. 24)

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.

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 25)

Judge Fowler reported that there is a vendor coming to look at the ADA rail on the south side of the courthouse.

Varela reported that a plug caught fire on the exterior east wall of the DeWitt County Historical Museum. It has been replaced and checked for additional damages by D-Tyl Electric Company LLC. Currently waiting on window repairs to be finished to continue work on the museum.

Mr. Carson reported that he was still waiting on IT and Spectrum to move over the internet to the Commissioner Precinct No. 4 new shop/office.

Legislative Update (No. 26)

No Legislative update.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 27)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported regarding FM 240 that C. E. Baker has completed road paving and is now working on clean up. He reported that gravel is being added to Catholic Church Lane this week. Mr. Varela reported that precinct crews are mowing, patching roads, and blading gravel/limestone roads.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported they continue to blade and haul gravel on Friar Road. ABN will start on the second part of Emil Zielonka Road later in September and when they finish that road they will pave about a half mile of Kenny Road from FM 237 to the first cattle guard. Otherwise, he reported on normal precinct operations. Mr. Carson reported that they are moving into the new shop/office building.

Public Announcements/Comments (No. 28)

None

Adjourn (No. 29)

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session September 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. Pilchick Jr., 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:

Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2026 Budget and the 2025 Tax Rate (No. 1)

Public hearing was held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on the proposed FY2026 budget and the 2025 tax rate. The Taxpayer Impact Statement required by Section 551.043(c) of the Texas Government Code is attached at the end of this agenda. Citizens Robert Egg and Margie Kacir spoke during the public hearing.

Close Public Hearing (No. 2)

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing.

Action on Proposed FY2026 Budget (No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to adopt Commissioners Court Order No. 2025-037 approving the FY2026 Budget for DeWitt County. Mr. Carson seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Commissioner Pct. 1 Ryan Varela – “Aye”
Commissioner Pct. 2 James B. Pilchick Sr. – “Aye”
Commissioner Pct. 4 Brian Carson – “Aye”
County Judge Daryl L. Fowler – “Aye”

Action on Tax Rate (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to adopt Commissioners Court Order 2025-038 setting the 2025 Maintenance and Operating tax rate at a tax rate of 0.38576 out of total tax rate of 0.38576 pursuant to Local Government Code 81.006 and Tax Code 26.05(b). Mr. Carson seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Commissioner Pct. 1 Ryan Varela – “Aye”
Commissioner Pct. 2 James B. Pilchick Sr. – “Aye”
Commissioner Pct. 4 Brian Carson – “Aye”
County Judge Daryl L. Fowler – “Aye”

Public Hearing (No. 5)

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on the annual written archive plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the county clerk’s records archive pursuant to Local Government Code 118.025. Judge Fowler read a statement from County Clerk Natalie Carson. No one was present to speak either for or against.

Close Public Hearing (No. 6)

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing.

Rule on Public Hearing (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approval the annual written archive plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the county clerk’s records archive pursuant to Local Government Code 118.025. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Public Hearing (No. 8)

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on placing a stop sign on Kulawik Road at the intersection of Kulawik Road and Emil Zielonka Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. No one was present to speak either for or against.

Close Public Hearing (No. 9)

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing.

Rule on Public Hearing (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to place a stop signs on Kulawik Road at the intersection of Kulawik Road and Emil Zielonka Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Pay Scale and Position Categorization for FY2026 (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive the pay scale and position categorization for DeWitt County Employees for FY2026. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Order Setting Salary of DeWitt County Officials and Employees for FY2026 (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of the DeWitt County Salary Order for FY2026, Court Order No. 2025-039. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Notice of Election (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Notice of Constitutional Amendment Special Election to be held November 4, 2025 issued by County Judge Daryl L. Fowler. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Joint Election Agreement (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of the contract for elections services for the November 4th General Election between DeWitt County and Yoakum ISD. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Proclamation for 2025 National 4-H Week (No. 15)

DeWitt County 4-H Ambassadors Gunnar Frank, Caleb Keller, Jace Kellar, and Emerson Flessner were present in court.

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to adopt a proclamation designating October 5 through October 11, 2025 as National 4-H Week in DeWitt County. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Out of State Travel Request (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve out of state travel request not to exceed \$1,000.00 for County Extension Agent Candace Williamson to attend the National Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Truancy Training (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve out of state training request for Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and Truancy Officer in Memphis, Tennessee for the conference titled IATDP. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Master Service Agreement (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the Master Service Agreement for Professional Services with Southwest Engineers LLC. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Professional Services Agreement (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for the approval of an agreement between DeWitt County and Victoria Engineering, Inc. dba Urban Engineering for professional engineering services for non-housing projects under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Resolution (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Order Resolution No. 2025-040, a resolution approving FM 240 Relocation Project and request the transfer of FM 240 from TXDOT to DeWitt County. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Release of Easement and Right of Way (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the Release of Easement and Right of Way from BP Products North America, Inc. regarding the 1.3974 acres of land recently purchased from Texan Store Properties LLC in the James Kimberling Survey, Abstract No. 283 in DeWitt County and approve for filing in the Official Public Records of DeWitt County. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

DeWitt County Historical Commission Resignation (No. 22)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive letter of resignation of DeWitt County Historical Commission member Yana Davis. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

DeWitt County Historical Commission FY2026 Budget (No. 23)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive DeWitt County Historical Commission FY2026 Budget. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive certificate of completion from the FEMA National Disaster & Emergency Management University for DeWitt County Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Jordan Jr. for completion of the CERT Program Manager course. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 25)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive certificate of completion from the FEMA National Disaster & Emergency Management University for Blair Duran for completion of the IS-29a Public Information Officer Awareness training course. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Governor's Proclamation for Increased Fire Weather Conditions (No. 26)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive the extension of Governor's Proclamation declaring a state of disaster due to the increased fire weather conditions in DeWitt County. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

DeWitt County Appraisal District Board of Directors Nominee(s) for 2026-2027 (No. 27)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to nominate James Pilchick to the board of directors of the DeWitt County Appraisal District for a two-year term for year 2026-2027. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Interlocal Agreement (No. 28)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Live Oak and the County of DeWitt for sharing the expense of legislative consulting services for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2025. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Interlocal Agreement (No. 29)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of McMullen and the County of DeWitt for sharing the expense of legislative consulting services for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2025. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Inmate Health Services Agreement (No. 30)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the renewal rate for the (Inmate) Health Services Agreement between Southern Health Partners and DeWitt County for the period beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Combined Participation Forms for Opioid Settlement (No. 31)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the Combined Participation Form related to the Opioid Settlement Resolution. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Holiday Schedule (No. 32)

New Year's Day	Thursday	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday	January 19
Presidents' Day	Monday	February 16
Good Friday	Friday	April 3
Memorial Day	Monday	May 25
Independence Day	Friday	July 3
Labor Day	Monday	September 7
Veterans Day	Wednesday	November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday	November 26
	Friday	November 27
Christmas	Thursday	December 24
	Friday	December 25

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the official 2026 DeWitt County Holiday schedule. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Court Order Designating Day(s) of Week Court Shall Convene (No. 33)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to adopt Court Order No. 2025-041 designating the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month the commissioners court shall convene during the 2026 fiscal year pursuant to Local Government Code §81.005. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Resolution on Texas Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program (No. 34)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-042 designating the county judge as the Authorized Official, and also authorizing the county judge to apply for and manage the Indigent Defense Formula Grant and designating the county auditor as the Financial Officer for the FY2026 grant. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Time Clock Plus Agreement (No. 35)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Agreement between Time Clock Plus and DeWitt County for the use of payroll time clocks and software effective date of October 1, 2025. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Tyler Technologies (No. 36)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Addendum to the original agreement between DeWitt County and Tyler Technologies to allow for an electronic time clock interface. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

HR Time Entry Delegate (No. 37)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to designate the County Treasurer as the Time Entry Delegate for Human Resources Director, Court Order No. 2025-043. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Collateral Security Agreement (No. 38)

Court passed on this agenda item.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 39)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of application from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Cotton Patch Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 40)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of application from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Klein Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 41)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of application from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Muschalek Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 42)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Lincke Road and 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. 43)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from AJ's Logistics for installation of a temporary water line along Cheapside Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Property Damage Release (No. 44)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive and approve property damage release and authorize the County Judge to execute the same on behalf of DeWitt County between the County of DeWitt and Bryan Ray Heidaker and Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Court Order Appointing Neomi Williams as County Auditor (No. 45)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive a certified court order from the District Clerk of the 24th, 135th and 267th Judicial Districts appointing Neomi Williams as county auditor in and for DeWitt County for a term of two years beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2027. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Authorize Auditor to Advertise for Bids (No. 46)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to authorize the County Auditor to advertise for bids for the purchase of a New Dump Truck for Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Receive and Award Bid (No. 47)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive bids for road maintenance contract and asphalt maintenance contract and award ABN Construction LLC and Dunn Services for the road maintenance contract and award H&C Road Service Solutions, Dunn Services and ABN Construction LLC for the asphalt maintenance contract for all commissioner precincts. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – September 1-17, 2025 (No. 48)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports for September 1 through 17, 2025. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for Commissioner Precinct 1 (No. 49)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for Commissioner Precinct 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for Commissioner Precinct 2 (No. 50)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Inventory of Fixed Assets Audit Report pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 262.011(i) for Precinct 2. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for Commissioner, Precinct 3 (No. 51)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Inventory of Fixed Assets for Commissioner Precinct 3 pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 262.011(i). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for the County Jail (No. 52)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for the County Jail pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 262.011(i). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Information Technology Compliance Audit FY 2025 (No. 53)

Court passed on this agenda item.

DeWitt County Deposit Revenue Collection Policy (No. 54)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive and approve adoption of updated revenue collection policy of the DeWitt County Deposit Revenue Collection. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

DeWitt County Purchasing and Accounts Payable Policy (No. 55)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve the DeWitt County Purchasing and Accounts Payable updated Purchasing and Accounts Payable Policy. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

DeWitt County Deposit Summary Report Form (No. 56)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve the adoption of the updated deposit summary report form. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

DeWitt County Disposition of Fixed Assets Policy (No. 57)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve adoption of the updated disposition of assets policy. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

DeWitt County Fixed Asset Disposition Form (No. 58)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve adoption of the updated disposition forms. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

DeWitt County Fixed Asset Transfer Form (No. 59)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve adoption of the new asset transfer form. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

DeWitt County Fixed Asset Deletion Form (No. 60)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve adoption of a new asset deletion form. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

DeWitt County Policy on Refund of Overpayments (No. 61)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve adoption of the updated policy on refunds of overpayments. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Declare Fixed Assets as Salvage (No. 62)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve declare fixed assets as salvage as 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 4-0.

Accounts Payable (No. 63)

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

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve accounts payable for Carson Services. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Carson abstaining.

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 64)

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

Budget Amendment Requests (No. 65)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve the following items in accordance with the orders presented including: (1) the budget amendment requests for interdepartmental transfers for Non-Departmental, County Treasurer, Tax Office, Weber Annex, Courthouse building, Jail

building, New Annex, Constable Pct. 1, Constable Pct. 2, Sheriff, Jail Operations, Juvenile Probation, Commissioner Pct. 1, 2, 3, 4, Health Department and Indigent Health Department; (2) the budget amendment requests to increase the general fund contribution to the Juvenile Probation Fund, along with revenue adjustments, and budget amendment request for detention expenses; and (3) the budget amendment request to increase the Rural Sheriff's Office Salary Adjustment Grant for prior year expenses. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Payroll Reports (No. 66)

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

Jury Reports (No. 67)

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

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 68)

Judge Fowler reported that the welder is looking to making some repairs on the ADA railing on the south entrance of the courthouse.

Judge Fowler reported that the air conditioning seems to be working good right now.

Regarding the DeWitt County Historical Museum, Mr. Varela reported that Joe R. Jones has begun washing the exterior siding in preparation of paint. They are going to replace all exterior siding with holes in it. Lastly, they will be re-installing windows.

Judge Fowler reported that Kenneth had asked what the court thought about having a dedicated parking spot for county vehicle and reconfiguring parking spaces to one-way diagonal parking.

Legislative Update (No. 69)

No Legislative update.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 70)

Commissioner Pct. 1 reported on mowing, patching roads and blading gravel/limestone roads (documentation provided).

Commissioner Pct. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Pct. 3 was absent.

Commissioner Pct. 4 reported on normal precinct operations.

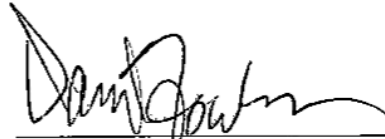
Public Announcements/Comments (No. 71)

None

Adjourn (No. 72)

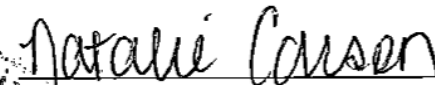
MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2025 WERE
READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 13TH DAY
OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2025.



DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK

