

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 9, 2025**

De Witt County Commissioners Court met in regular session June 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom at the De Witt 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:

Extend Economic Development Agreement (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to extend the economic development agreement between the Cuero Livestock Show, Inc. and De Witt County for a one year term to expire on May 12, 2026; and authorize the release of funds appropriated in the FY2025 budget. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Interlocal Agreement (No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement between the County of DeWitt and the City of Victoria for the purpose of obtaining access to the City's communications systems in order to communicate among various public safety units. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission- Regional Public Safety Advisory Committee (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to appoint to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission – Regional Public Safety Advisory Committee Terri Rogers, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of De Witt County ; Carl R. Bowen, Sheriff of De Witt County; and Steven Ellis, Chief of Police City of Cuero, for a two year term beginning September 1, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Amendment to Salary Order (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to amend the Salary Order, Court Order 2025-023, to remove one (1) part-time clerk for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 and replace with one (1) full-time clerk for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, resulting in a total of two (2) full-time clerks in the office of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Burn Ban (No. 1)

Court did not taken any action on this agenda item.

DeWitt County Appraisal District (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive the proposed De Witt County Appraisal District budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Aerial Fireworks Ban (No. 7)

Court did not take any action on this agenda item.

Commissioners Road Reports (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the Commissioner's Road Reports for FY2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Continuing Education Transcript (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive a continuing education transcript from the Texas Tax Assessor-Collectors Association indicating that Ashley D. Mraz, De Witt County Tax Assessor-Collector, has completed 45.5 hours of continuing education for reporting period of May 6, 2024 to May 5, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with Enersol Group for installation of a temporary water line along Dworaczyk Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from AJ's Logistics for installation of a temporary water line along Catholic Church Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of permit application from AJ's Logistics for installation of a temporary water line along Wild Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Receive and Award Contract for Road Materials Bid No: 2025-0013 (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive bids for Bulk Hydrated Lime and to award STXM LLC the contract for Bulk Hydrated Lime at the rate of \$590.00 a ton for Precinct 1, \$620.00 a ton for Precinct 2, \$620.00 a ton for Precinct 3 and \$590.00 for Precinct 4. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Statements of Qualifications (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the statements of qualifications received by the County Judge's office regarding professional (engineering) services. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Declare Fixed Assets as Salvage (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to transfer inventory item # 3012 ClientPro 345 Computer from JP 1 to the IT department in pursuant to Local Government Code 263.152. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – May 23-31, 2025 (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports from May 23rd through May 31, 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. 17)

County Auditor Neomi Williams reported that the auditor's office had received monthly reports from all officials, except Constable Pct. 2.

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 May 2025 (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive De Witt 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 May 2025 (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive De Witt County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report for May 2025, 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 May 2025 (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive De Witt 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.

Treasurer Statutory Compliance Audit FY 2024 (No. 21)

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

Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 22)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive report and approve Court Order 2025-022, approving Treasurer's Monthly Report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Minutes (No. 23)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of minutes of previous term of Commissioners Court. Mr. Kaiser 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. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve authorize payment of \$1,166.66 on the contract of a phone that was misplaced during confinement of a prisoner upon execution of release of liability from the County Attorney and the claim. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 25)

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 Amendments (No. 26)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the following items in accordance with the orders presented including the budget amendment requests for interdepartmental transfers for the Weber and New Annex, County Treasurer, County Clerk and JP 1. Mr. Pilchick 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. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Personnel Policy (No. 28)

Court passed on this agenda item.

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 29)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Victoria Air Conditioning to repair Unit #10 on the 2021 Annex in the amount of \$5,269.00. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Judge Fowler reported that the door and window contractor is back today working on the front door.

Mr. Varela reported that regarding the Historical Museum a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the museum with Joe R. Jones, the engineer, and Mr. Varela to go over the prep work that needs to be done before the contractor can move in.

Mr. Carson reported that the Precinct No. 4 building roof is on, sides are up, the framing carpenter started last week on the walls, electrician has delivered materials but has not started yet and the overhead doors are supposed to be delivered and installed tomorrow.

Legislative Update (No. 30)

Judge Fowler reported that at the conference last week there was a Legislative update on good bills that passed and bad bills that did not pass.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 31)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on normal precinct operations, mowing, blading, patching roads, and patching potholes in roads.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported that Fechner Road was repaved; working on paving on Kulawik Road and normal precinct operations, shredding and maintaining other roads.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on normal precinct operations, started mowing last week and cleaned up under FM 236 River Bridge and will paint over some of the graffiti this week.

Workshop on FY2025 Budget (No. 32)

Court did not hold a workshop.

Public Announcements/Comments (No. 33)

Joseph Sheppard commended the court and staff on how the court handles business in a professional manner.

Mr. Varela announced that beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 12th is the world's toughest canoe race, which is the Texas Water Safari, from San Marcos down to Seadrift. There will be a lot of canoe people in DeWitt County pulling in and out of the river bottoms so be mindful of the traffic in the areas.

Adjourn (No. 34)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 11:02 p.m.]

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 23, 2025

De Witt County Commissioners Court met in regular session June 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom at the De Witt 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:

Lease Agreement (No. 3)

Court passed on this agenda item.

Texas General Land Office CDBG-MIT Grant (No. 1)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-024 and Resolution No. 2025-025 requested by the Texas General Land Office and authorize the county judge to sign said documents. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Gulf Bend Center FY2026 Budget (No. 2)

Court heard a presentation from Gulf Bend Center Chief Operations Officer Nicole Way regarding FY2026 budget appropriations request. Court did not take any action.

Rancho Chula Vista Inquiry (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to authorize the county judge to draft a letter inviting representatives from Rancho Chula Vista LLC or Mr. Cole Sisto of the development to present their project to the Commissioners Court in a public forum. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Museum Project Close Out Letter (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to authorize the county judge to submit a letter on behalf of DeWitt County requesting that the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation close out the Exterior Repairs & Restoration Bates - Sheppard House/De Witt County Historical Museum Project. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Health Insurance Renewal Workshop (No. 4)

Court held a workshop in order to discuss employee health insurance benefit plan; consider options and quotes provided through Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit applications from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of two (2) temporary water lines along Matejek Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 10)

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

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – June 1-19, 2025 (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports, for June 1 through 19, 2025 in accordance pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Declare Fixed Assets as Salvage (No. 12)

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.

Novation Agreement (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the agreement between De Witt County and H & C Road Solutions Corp. for asphalt maintenance services. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Rights of Substitution (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve or authorize the county judge to sign rights of substitution between First National Bank of Shiner and De Witt County. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Accounts Payable (No. 15)

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. 16)

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. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the following items in accordance with the orders presented including: the budget amendment requests for interdepartmental transfers for the Veterans Office, Non-Departmental, District Court, Elections, Weber Annex, New Annex,

Courthouse, Sheriff and Jail Building, EMC, Commissioner Pct. No. 1, Commissioner Pct. No. 4 and Truancy. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Payroll Reports (No. 18)

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. 19)

Judge Fowler reported that the work done on the courthouse front doors seems to be effective.

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Proposal ID No. 8221535 in the amount of \$28,307.00 to Trane for work to be done on the air-cooled chillers. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Judge Fowler reported that there was a leak at the Weber Annex building and is being investigated by Cox Brothers.

Mr. Varela reported that he met with Komatsu and the builders for the repair work on the outside of the Historical Museum; and currently waiting for a contract to be done to be given to the builders assigned to commence work. Mr. Varela is working with the board to get all of the interior windows striped of the curtains and/or blinds and remove any and all breakables and packed up.

Mr. Carson reported on the Precinct No. 4 building. The air conditioning should be going in today, plumbing and electrical should be finished this week, the city has power going into the building as of Friday and should start sheet rocking next week.

Legislative Update (No. 20)

Judge Fowler discussed HB 3159 relating to a severance tax exemption for oil and gas produced from certain re-stimulation wells and the possible effect on the county.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 21)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on normal precinct operations – mowing, blading roads and patching roads.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on an incident on McElroy Road. The bridge, where the concrete laps over the wall, there is a hole. Mr. Pilchick has had TxDOT come out along with Brian and have determined a fix.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on normal precinct operations.

Public Announcements/Comments (No. 22)

None

Health Insurance Renewal (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Plan Option 1300 NG for FY2026 for medical plan benefits for county employees. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion that all elected and appointed officials insurance starts on the day sworn in. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Specific Incentive Program (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to continue to use County Specific Incentive Program effective October 1, 2025. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Adjourn (No. 23)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 11:33 a.m.]

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 27, 2025

De Witt County Commissioners Court met in special session June 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Courtroom at the De Witt County Courthouse in Cuero, Texas, with the following members present:

County Judge Daryl L. Fowler
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:

Accounts Payable (No. 1)

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

Adjourn (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [1:40 p.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE A.D. 2025 WERE READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 14TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 2025.



DARRYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 

NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK

