

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session February 9, 2026 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:

Public Hearing (No. 1)

Public hearing was held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on placing No Thru Truck Traffic road signs on the corner of US 87 North and Carter Avenue and Railroad Street and Carter Avenue in Westhoff in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. 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 at 9:10 a.m.

Rule on Public Hearing (No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to place a No Thru Truck Traffic sign on the corner of US 87 North and Carter Avenue and on Railroad Street and Carter Avenue in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Schedule Public Hearing Date (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to schedule a public hearing to install a 35 mph speed limit signs on Mueller Lang Road in Commissioner Precinct 4; the public hearing will be February 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeWitt County Courtroom. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Road Abandonment (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve Court Order No. 2026-009, Order abandoning a portion of Stanchos Road. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Road and Bridge Tracking Software Workshop (No. 6)

Commissioner Varela discuss current program and alternative option.

Proposals for Environmental Services (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to rescind the previously approved motion on December 22, 2025, 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.

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

Resolution (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve Court Order No. 2026-010, a Resolution supporting legislation to improve county road infrastructure and public safety. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Proposal for Janitorial Services (No. 9)

Court did not take any action on this agenda item.

DeWitt County Historical Commission FY2025 Annual Treasurer's Report (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive DeWitt County Historical Commission FY2025 Annual Treasurer's Report. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Renewal Services (ARTS) Agreement (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the ARTS 2026 Renewal Confirmation Program Agreement, Fee Schedule for Renewing Participant, and Contact Designation Form. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas for Commissioner James Kaiser for successfully completing the continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas for Commissioner Brian Carson for successfully completing the continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for 2025. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Membership County Investment Academy (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive certification that County Judge Daryl L. Fowler has successfully completed investment education that satisfies Section 2256.008 of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act for 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from Select Water Solutions for installation of two (2) temporary water lines along Walter Mueller Road in Precinct 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Food Service Vendor Contract (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the renewal letter and approve contract renewal with Performance Food Services (PFG) for the period April 14, 2026 through April 13, 2027, pursuant to the renewal option in the existing contract. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – January 22-31, 2026 (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Report for January 22nd through January 31st, 2026, and 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. 20)

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

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Monthly Revenue Reports from County Officials and Department Heads. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit for January 2026 (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit for January 2026, and pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 115. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report January 2026 (No. 22)

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 January 2026 (No. 23)

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.

Declare Fixed Assets as Salvage (No. 24)

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

County Auditor's Child Welfare Board Audit for FY2026 Q1 (No. 25)

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.

Pro-Rata Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program Expenditure Statement (No. 26)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the 2026 Expenditure Statement for Counties from the County Auditor; and authorize the County Judge to submit the expenditure statement to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Monthly Report of Officials (No. 27)

Duplicate of Agenda Item No. 20

County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 28)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive report and approve Court Order No. 2026-008, Order Approving Treasurer's Monthly Report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Minutes (No. 29)

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

Payroll Report (No. 30)

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.

Jury Report (No. 31)

No jury report.

Accounts Payable (No. 32)

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. 33)

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

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 34)

DeWitt County Historical Museum: Mr. Varela reported that he was still waiting for Komatsu to receive pictures that all of the concerns on the punch list were taken care of and met their satisfaction. He notice that on the window sashes that were replaced there are small gaps on each side of the window letting air through. He has spoken with the builder & Komatsu and was given a remedy of little weather strips for the gaps, which were not part of the restoration of the windows so the county will have to add them. Mr. Varela has a meeting coming up with the museum regarding ground rules of what can be done and what cannot be done. The museum has requested an agreement, which designates the museum's responsibility and the county's responsibility.

Courthouse: Judge Fowler reported that the plumbing company was here last week and got the water heater issue resolved and the hot water pump issue was resolved.

Legislative Update (No. 35)

No Legislative update.

Workshop on Asphalt Oil, Concrete, Fuel and Road Materials Bid (No. 17)

Court held a workshop on asphalt oil, concrete, fuel and road materials bid.

Authorize Auditor to Advertise for Bids (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize the County Auditor to advertise for bids for asphalt oils, concrete, fuel, and road materials. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 36)

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 that he has a contractor blading and rolling Fordtran, Bialek and Verhelle Roads. We are blading Fox Crossing Road, trimming the brush along Wolf Hollow Road with the new Mantis mower and patching potholes. We picked up the allotted amount of wrap from TxDOT. Mr. Carson also reported normal operations.

Public Announcements/Comments (No. 37)

None

Adjourn (No. 38)

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

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REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session February 23, 2026 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:

Burn Ban (No. 1)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Court Order 2026-011, adoption of a burn ban for the unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days beginning February 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Livestock Show Proclamation (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to adopt the Livestock Show Proclamation & resolution proclaiming February 28, 2026 through March 6, 2026 as DeWitt County Youth Livestock Show Week. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Public Hearing (No. 2)

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on placing speed limit signs on Mueller Lang Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 4. No one was present to speak either for or against the speed limit signs.

Close Public Hearing (No. 3)

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing at 9:33 a.m.

Rule on Public Hearing (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to install 35 mph speed limit signs on the entire length of Mueller Lang Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 4 to go into effect when the signs are installed. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Cattle Guard Removal (No. 5)

Court heard announcement from DeWitt County Commissioner Precinct No. 4 on plans to remove two cattle guards that are installed on Mueller Lang Road.

Update on SJRC Belong (No. 6)

Court heard presentation from Nicole Nguyen regarding SJRC Belong Organization.

DeWitt County Historical Commission Appointments (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to appoint Clint Dillion and Susana Weber to the DeWitt County Historical Commission for the remainder of 2025-2026 term. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Alamo Letter Monument (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive construction drawing plans for concrete foundation for the Letter from the Alamo monument. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Governor's Proclamation for Increased Fire Weather Conditions (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive extension of Governor's Proclamation declaring a state of disaster due to the increased fire weather conditions in DeWitt County. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Executive/Closed Session (No. 12)

Judge Fowler announced at 10:15 a.m. the need to go into an executive session to deliberate regarding real property and visit with its attorneys and since those negotiations with a third person could work adverse to the county we have authority under Texas Government Chapter 551 to discuss these meetings behind closed doors and just taking information from our attorneys on this matter.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion approve going into close session and authorize the judge to be the presiding officer and record keeper. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Judge Fowler announced the executive session of the Commissioners Court has ended on this February 23, 2026 at 11:25 a.m. It was recommended by our attorneys that no action be taken at today.

Payment Processing Instructions and Guidelines (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve agreement between Paymentech LLC and DeWitt County for payment processing services for Tyler Technologies Inc. software and authorize the county judge to sign document. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Payment Processing Agreement (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the agreement between Tyler Technologies Inc. and DeWitt County for eFile & Serve software and to authorize Chase to transfer eFile transactions into designated bank accounts. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Clerk Annual Report of Funds Invested (No. 14)

Court did not take any action.

Racial Profiling Report (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Full Exemption Racial Profiling Report from DeWitt County District Attorney. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Woodman Cemetery Letter (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive letters from the Woodman Cemetery Association and the Texas Historical Commission regarding the condition of the cemetery and request for assistance will be provided as necessary. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for Ashley Hunt from the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the successful completion of 16 hours of education at the Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident training course. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas for Commissioner Ryan Varela for successfully completing the continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code for 2025. 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 Blair Duran from the Texas Judicial Academy for the successful completion of 13 hours of judicial and administrative education at the 2026 County Court Assistants Training Conference. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Generator Maintenance Proposal (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and approve a proposal from Clifford Power Systems for periodic planned maintenance of the generator in the DeWitt County 2021 Annex at a cost of \$11,847.00 according to Agreement No. PMA-022727. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – February 1-18, 2026 (No. 26)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Report dated February 1st through the 18th, 2026, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Accounts Payable (No. 27)

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

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 28)

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

Budget Amendment Requests (No. 29)

None

Payroll Report (No. 30)

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

Jury Report (No. 31)

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

Commissioners Annual Road Report 2026 (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to set June 22, 2026 as the timeline for the 2026 Commissioners Annual Road Report. Mr. Pilchick 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 temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions for installation of a temporary water line along Jaeger Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick 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 temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions for installation of a temporary water line along Gruenau Road and A. Metting Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions 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 (No. 25)

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

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 32)

Courthouse/Annex: Judge Fowler reported that the courthouse door closers have been adjusted and additional painting has been done at the courthouse and Weber Annex.

DeWitt County Museum: Mr. Varela reported that the prisoners would be at the museum on Friday to remove the fence.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 34)

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 that after the removal of the cattle guards, normal precinct operations.

Legislative Update (No. 33)

No Legislative update.

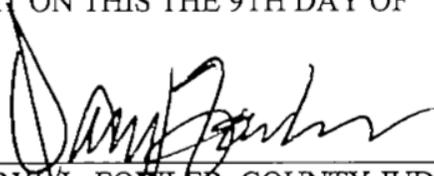
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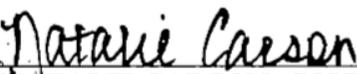
None

Adjourn (No. 36)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 11:54 a.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY A.D. 2026 WERE READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2026.


DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 
NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK

