

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 8, 2026**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session June 8, 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 Announcements/Comments (No. 1)

Texas Parks & Wildlife Biologist Skyler Hickman spoke to the court regarding the screwworm cases within South Texas and who to contact if cases are noticed within DeWitt County.

Department of State Health Services (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the Department of State Health Services Contract #HHSREV100002455 Amendment No. 2, between Department of State Health Services and DeWitt County with the revised termination date of August 31, 2027. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

TDCJ Project Agreement Form (No. 3)

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 effective dates of July 1, 2026 through December 18, 2026, Project No. SB-MISC-07-26-01. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Document Shredding Service Agreement (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve service agreement for bulk document shredding with Stericycle Inc. (Shred-it) effective today. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Website Accessibility (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the Services Agreement, Website Add-On Services, and Website Service Change Form from Texas Association of Counties County Information Resources Agency (TAC CIRA). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Consulting Services (No. 6)

Court did not take any action.

Title VI Program (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the Title VI compliance audit status of green satisfactory from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

DeWitt County Appraisal District (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive the preliminary DeWitt County Appraisal District budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Aerial Fireworks Ban (No. 9)

Court did not take any action.

Continuing Education Transcript (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive a continuing education transcript from the Texas Tax Assessor-Collectors Association indicating that Ashley D. Mraz, DeWitt County Tax Assessor-Collector, has completed 46.5 hours of continuing education for reporting period of 05/06/2025 to 05/05/2026. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Achievement (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Certificate of Achievement for Human Resource Director Ashley E. Hunt for successfully obtaining the title of PSHRA Senior Certified Professional by the Public Sector Human Resource Association. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificates of Completion (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Certificates of Completion for County Judge Daryl Fowler from Texas CLASS for the successful completion of six (6) credit hours in financial and information technology training courses pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for Human Resource Director Ashley E. Hunt from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the successful completion of Title VI Subrecipient Compliance Assessment Tool (SCAT) Technical Assistance Workshop. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Order Regarding Disposition of the Bodies of Deceased Paupers/Paupers Policy (No. 14)

Court did not take any action.

HB2521 Division Order (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive division order from ConocoPhillips Company (HB2521) for the Edward Roeder-Migura SA1 1H Unit. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports -- May 21-31, 2026 (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports dated May 21st through 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. 17)

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

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 May 2026 (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit Report for May 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 May 2026 (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report for May 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 Positive Pay Audit Report May 2026 (No. 20)

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

Trade-in of Equipment for Commissioner Pct. #1 (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the request from Commissioner Precinct No. 1 for the trade in of Inventory #4407, 2012 Land Pride Shredder RC5615, to be applied towards the purchase price of a new Rotary Cutter per Local Government Code 263.152(a)(2). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Trade-in of Equipment for Commissioner Pct. #1 (No. 22)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the request from Commissioner Precinct No. 1 for the trade in of Inventory #4426, 2012 Kubota Tractor M954O, to be applied towards the purchase price of a new John Deere 5100E Cab Tractor 697RP per Local Government Code 263.152(a)(2). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Authorize Auditor to Dispose of Salvage or Surplus Property (No. 23)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to authorize Auditor to dispose of salvage or surplus property, pursuant to Local Government Code 263, subchapter D by means of trade-in. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Authorize County Treasurer to Advertise for Request for Qualifications (No. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Investment Advisor/ Banking Consultant Services. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Amendment to Salary Order (No. 25)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve amendment to Salary Order, Court Order No. 2026-027, amendment to the DeWitt County Salary Order to remove (1) part-time equipment operator for Commissioner Precinct 2 and replace with one (1) part-time Administrative Secretary. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 26)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and approve Court Order No. 2026-026, Order Approving Treasurer's Monthly Report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Minutes (No. 27)

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

Accounts Payable (No. 28)

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. 29)

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. 30)

None

Payroll Reports (No. 31)

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. 32)

Courthouse: Judge Fowler reported on a leak on the courthouse outside wall.
Mr. Varela reported that the last concrete break test is scheduled for this week.
The installation of the concrete will be scheduled after tests results.

DeWitt County Historical Museum: Mr. Varela reported that the painting of all rooms downstairs is finished, all of the furniture is polished and will be moving to paint the upstairs and the porch on the side.

Legislative Update (No. 33)

No Legislative update.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 34)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on beginning to mow. Mr. Varela reported that the Precinct Road Tracking Software is being implemented.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on the following:

1. Dunn Services will start replacing culverts on Meyersville Road from Hwy 183 to Wendel Road.
2. ABN will replace culverts and chip seal Henneke Road from Arneckeville Road to the first cattle guard on Henneke Road.
3. County crews are blading various roads.
4. County crews will start mowing this week.

Workshop on FY2027 Budget (No. 35)

Court held a workshop on FY2027 Budget -- Constable Precinct #2, Human Resources, Commissioner Precinct #4, Juvenile Probation Department, Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, Justice of the Peace Precinct #2, County Auditor presenting Health Department and Constable Precinct #1.

Adjourn (No. 36)

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

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 22, 2026

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session June 22, 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

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New Business:

Public Announcements/Comments (No. 1)

Robert Egg addressed the court regarding AI Data Centers and requested that the court have AI Data Centers on their radar, do research and be ahead of the game before a center comes to DeWitt County.

Proclamation (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive proclamation from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Healthy South Texas designating Yorktown Elementary School as a Healthy South Texas Recognized School. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Texas Historical Commission 2025 Distinguished Service Award Certificate (No. 3)

Court presented certificate of award to the DeWitt County Historical Commission in recognition of its active and well-balanced preservation program.

Juvenile Probation Salary Grant (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to authorize the County Auditor and Treasurer to distribute unused grant funds from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for a one-time retention initiative to eligible employees in DeWitt County Juvenile Justice Department. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Resolution to Rename Victoria Veterans Affairs Clinic (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-028, a resolution to support of renaming the Veterans Affairs Clinic in Victoria in honor of Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Texas County and District Retirement System (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Texas County and District Retirement System plan assessment for plan year 2027 effective January 1, 2027. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Consulting Services (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve a Consulting Services Agreement and Services Contract with Higginbotham Public Sector, LLC effective May 26, 2026. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission- General Assembly, Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Representatives (No. 8)

Court did not take any action.

Commissioners Road Reports (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the Commissioner's Road Reports for FY 2026. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Lease/Purchase Agreement (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for the approval of a rental agreement for a 2025 Bomag RS460 Cabbed Recycler from Anderson Machinery Co. for Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

HB2521 Division Order (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive division order from Devon Energy Production Co. LP (HB2521) for the Hansen A 9H Unit. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 12)

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

Temporary Right of Way (No. 13)

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

Temporary Right of Way (No. 14)

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 Henry (H.) Koopmann Road in

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

Temporary Right of Way (No. 15)

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

Sheriff's Office Insurance Claim Settlement Offer (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the total loss settlement offer of \$53,536.08 from Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Services for the total loss of a 2025 Chevy Tahoe and authorize the County auditor to proceed with executing the necessary documents to settle the insurance claim. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – June 1-17, 2026 (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Report from June 1, 2026 through June 17, 2026, pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Health Department Statutory Compliance Audit for FY 2025 (No. 18)

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Accounts Payable (No. 19)

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Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 20)

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Budget Amendment Requests (No. 21)

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 the County Judge, Human Resources and Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Payroll Reports (No. 22)

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. 23)

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.

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

Courthouse – Trane performed maintenance on chillers last week.

Alamo Letter Monument – We are ready to set monument, need to schedule a date.

DeWitt County Historical Museum – prisoners are continuing to paint the interior of museum. DTyl has repaired three (3) light fixtures. Thomas Ingram will begin repairing the ceiling on enclosed porch, repair floor and wall in kitchen and floor in bathroom one and two. The donated fence has been received and is awaiting installation.

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Thomas Ingram to do the need repairs on the museum up to \$5,000.00. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Judge McBride provided court with information on the mold that has been discovered in the Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 office.

Legislative Update (No. 25)

No Legislative update.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 26)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported that stabilization on Oliver Road is completed. Mr. Varela will meet with Westhoff ISD on June 25th to propose tying Bunjes Street and FM240 back together for residential traffic only. Mr. Varela reported catching up on mowing, cleaning ditches and blading washed roads.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported that Eckhardt Road has to be closed because the bridge is out.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on mowing and Watson Ag Services has started putting up the carport last week at the precinct barn/office.

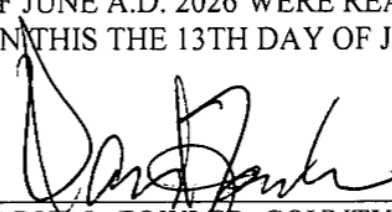
Workshop on FY2027 Budget (No. 27)

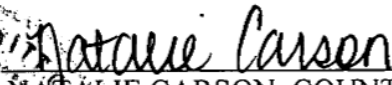
Court held a workshop on FY2027 Budget -- County Clerk, Ag Ext, Tax A/C, Commissioner Pct. #2, Veterans Service Officer and District Clerk.

Adjourn (No. 28)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE A.D. 2026 WERE READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 13TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 2026.


DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE


NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK

