

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

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session March 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 Announcements/Comments on Non-Agenda Items (No. 1)

None

Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the Proclamation for the DeWitt County Child Welfare Board establishing April 2026 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Delinquent Property Tax Text Messaging (No. 3)

Court heard a presentation from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP regarding new option for text message notifications on delinquent property tax cases.

Constable Report on Illegal Dumping (No. 4)

Court heard updates from Constable Pct. 1 Roy Kuester on efforts to clean up trash and debris along county roads and at residences within the county.

County Annex Display (No. 5)

Court passed on this agenda item.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the DeWitt County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report from Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P for the period ending September 30, 2025. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Presentation of Certificate and Award (No. 22)

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was presented to Neomi Williams, County Auditor and her staff on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Public Announcement on Road Signs (No. 6)

Court heard an announcement from Commissioner Pct. 1 Ryan Varela on replacement of No Thru Truck Traffic road signs on Old Gonzales Road and Ed Blackwell Road from signs with words to signs with symbols.

Memorandum of Understanding (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the agreement between the DeWitt County Veterans Service Office and the Texas Veterans' Commission for purposes of providing office space in order to provide assistance to military veterans and/or their family members for health care with the Veterans Health Administration. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

State Antiquities Landmarks Permit (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to ratify permit sent to Texas Historical Commission for the proposed location for the Letter to the Alamo monument. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Road and Bridge Tracking Software Workshop (No. 9)

Court held a workshop and discussed current program and alternative options. Consensus of the court is to go with GWorks.

Website Accessibility Committee (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion that the website accessibility committee consist of the same members as the safety committee. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Victoria Air HVAC Maintenance Agreement (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to renewal of HVAC service and maintenance agreement for the DeWitt County 2021 Annex with Victoria Air HVAC. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Jail Inspection Report (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive report of inspection of DeWitt County Jail by Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report for Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Forfeiture, and Sheriff's Federal Asset Forfeiture (No. 37)

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

Receive and Award Contract for Fuel Bid No: 2026-0007 (No. 26)

Bid received from Golden West Oil Company, New Distributing Co. Inc. and On-Site Fuels, Inc.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive all bids and award a contract to On-Site for Fuels for commissioners in all precincts beginning April 14, 2025 and ending April 13, 2026. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for Daryl Fowler 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. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for DeWitt County Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 employee Terry Hernandez from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas for the successful completion of the Public Information Act training course. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Letter Requesting Waiver of Penalty (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the letter from Select Water Solutions LLC and approve a waiver of the Temporary Right of Way Agreement \$5,000 penalty fee due to early

placement of a water line before approval because of unforeseen emergency circumstances, application TR 2026-011. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Haase Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and Kubala Store Road and Lincke Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from NexGen Water Solutions for installation of a temporary water line along Simecek Road and Stanchos Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1 and 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 18)

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

Amendment to Salary Order (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Court Order No. 2026-013, an amendment to approve an amendment to DeWitt County Salary Order to remove one (1) full-time equipment operator position for Road & Bridge Precinct 1 and replace with one (1) full-time administrative secretary for Road & Bridge Precinct 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Texas Association of Counties Property Insurance Renewal Schedule (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the Texas Association of Counties, Risk Management Pool Insurance Renewal schedule and application for property insurance. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Texas Division of Emergency Management Grant Management System (No. 23)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the updated designation of account approval form and acknowledgement statement for the Texas Division of Emergency Management Grant Management System, authorizing the County Judge as the Primary Approver and the County Auditor as the Secondary Approver. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Receive and Award Contract for Asphalt Oils Bid No: 2026-0005 (No. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive bids presented by the County Auditor for Asphalt Oils and award for AC-5 Martin Asphalt Company as a primary and Ergon as a secondary; for AC-10 award Martin Asphalt as a primary and Ergon Asphalt as a secondary; for AC-15P award Ergon Asphalt as a primary and Martin Asphalt as a secondary; for MC-30 award Martin Asphalt as a primary and on RC-250 award Martin Asphalt as a primary beginning April 14, 2026 and ending April 13, 2027, Bid No. 2026-005. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Receive and Award Contract for Concrete Bid No: 2026-0006 (No. 25)

Bid received from ABN Construction LLC.

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Concrete bids for No. 2026-0006 and award ABN Construction for 2000, 3000, 3500, 4000, 5000, and Flowable Fill beginning April 14, 2026 and ending April 13, 2027. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Receive and Award Contract for Road Materials Bid No: 2026-0008 (No. 27)

Road Materials:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Pre-Coated Aggregate Grade 3	Colorado Materials Ltd	Brauntex Materials, Inc.
Pre-Coated Aggregate Grade 4	Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
Pre-Coated Aggregate Grade 5	Colorado Materials Ltd	Vulcan Construction Materials LLC
Premixed Rock Asphalt	Vulcan Construction Materials LLC	Martin Marietta
Hot Mix Cold Laid Grade B	Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
Hot Mix Cold Laid Grade D	Brauntex Materials, Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
ASPPM Grade IV Performance Cold Mix – Delivered & Not Delivered	Waller County Asphalt Inc.	Asphalt Patch Enterprises Inc.
Crushed Limestone Base Pct. 1, 2 & 3 Pct. 4	Colorado Materials Ltd Allstar Materials LLC	Allstar Materials LLC Colorado Materials Ltd

Crushed Limestone Cover Stone, ¼" F Rock	Allstar Materials LLC	Quality Hot Mix Inc.
Crushed Limestone Cover Stone, Type B, Grade 3	Colorado Materials Ltd	Brauntex Materials Inc.
Crushed Limestone Cover Stone, Type B, Grade 4	Brauntex Materials Inc.	Colorado Materials, Ltd
¾ to Dust Limestone Pct. 1, 2 & 4 Pct. 3	Colorado Materials Ltd Colorado Materials Ltd	Quality Hot Mix Inc. Martin Marietta
Bulk Rate Cement	No bids received	
1/4" Pea Gravel Delivered – Pct. 1, 2, 3 Delivered – Pct. 4 Not Delivered	Allstar Materials LLC ABN Construction LLC All Bids	ABN Construction LLC Allstar Materials LLC No Alternate Bid
3/8" Pea Gravel Delivered Not Delivered Not Delivered (Fob Only)	Allstar Materials LLC Allstar Materials LLC --	ABN Construction LLC -- Vulcan Construction Materials LLC
HMAC Type B Delivered & Not Delivered	Brauntex Materials. Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
HMAC Type C Delivered & Not Delivered	Brauntex Materials. Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
HMAC Type D Delivered & Not Delivered	Brauntex Materials. Inc.	Colorado Materials Ltd
Pit Run Gravel Delivered & Not Delivered	All Bids	
Screened Gravel Delivered & Not Delivered	All Bids	
Bull Rock Delivered & Not Delivered	All Bids	

3 Sack Stabilized Sand Delivered	ABN Construction LLC	Dunn Services, Inc.
Not Delivered	ABN Construction LLC	No Alternate Bid
Hydrated Lime (Powder)	No Bids Submitted	
Hydrated Lime (Pebble)	No Bids Submitted	

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to award bids beginning April 14, 2026 and ending April 13, 2027. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Declare Fixed Assets as Salvage (No. 28)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser 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 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Trade-In of Firearms for Sheriff’s Office (No. 29)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff’s Office and authorize the County Auditor to dispose of thirty-four (34) firearms consisting of thirty-three (33) Glock pistols and one (1) Ruger Mini-14 rifle, pursuant to Local Government Code 263, Subchapter D, by means of trade-in, with the credit to be applied toward the purchase of replacement firearms. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Transfer of Fixed Asset Request (No. 30)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve transfer of Motorola APX8500 Mobile Radio, Asset Tag #5353, from the Sheriff to Emergency Management. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Transfer of Fixed Asset Request (No. 31)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve transfer of Motorola APX8500 Mobile Radio, Asset Tag #4887, from the Sheriff to Constable Pct. 2. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

County Auditor’s Semi-Monthly Reports – February 18-28, 2026 (No. 32)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor’s Semi-Monthly Report dated February 18th through February 28th, 2026, and pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Monthly Revenue Reports from County Officials and Department Heads (No. 33)

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

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive and approve Monthly Revenue Reports from County Officials and Department Heads. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit for February 2026 (No. 34)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit for February 2026, and pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 115. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report February 2026 (No. 35)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report for February 2026, and pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 115. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

County Auditor's Positive Pay Audit Report February 2026 (No. 36)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Positive Pay Audit Report for February 2026, and pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 115. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 38)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive report and approve Court Order No. 2026-012, Order Approving Treasurer's Monthly Report. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Minutes (No. 39)

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

Accounts Payable (No. 40)

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

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 41)

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

Personnel Policy (No. 42)

None

Payroll Report (No. 43)

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

Jury Report (No. 44)

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

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 45)

Weber Annex: Victoria Air proposal on the commissioner's thumb drives; no action needed.

Historical Museum: Mr. Varela provided an update on the museum.

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Tremblay Plumbing to do work at the museum for \$2,250.00. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Legislative Update (No. 46)

No Legislative update.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 47)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on normal precinct operations.

Adjourn (No. 48)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 12:32 p.m.]

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REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 23, 2026**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session March 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 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 on Non-Agenda Items (No. 1)

Bill Blackwell, William A. Blackwell Land & Cattle Company LTD, addressed the court regarding the piece of property of interest.

DeWitt County Historical Commission (No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the DeWitt County Historical Commission 2025 Annual Report. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

GLO MIT-MOD CDBG Contract No. 24-065-158-F073 Budget Amendment (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to the approve invoice from Integrated Environmental Services, LLC for the Protected Species Study and the WOUS Delineation Sturdy for Atzenhoffer Road under GLO MIT-MOD CDBG Contract No. 24-065-158-F073; and authorize the County Judge to submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for approval of a \$4,500.00 budget amendment. Upon approval by the GLO, the County Auditor is authorized to process payment of the invoice, and any other action necessary. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

HVAC Maintenance Agreement (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve HVAC service and maintenance agreement with Victoria Air for the Ratcliffe Radio Tower, it is a semi-annual service paid annually at \$1,000.00, \$500 increments. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Clerk's Note: See page 15 for continuation of this agenda item.

Proposal for Repairs to Ratcliffe Radio Tower (No. 6)

Court passed until more information could be obtain and provided later during this meeting.

Clerk's Note: See page 15 for continuation of this agenda item.

Lease and Rental Agreement (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve a rental agreement between DeWitt County Precinct No. 1 and Anderson Machinery for the purpose of renting a 2021 Caterpillar 14M3 Motor Grader effective upon receipt of delivery. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

GWorks Agreement (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve subscription agreement with GWorks for Road and Bridge maintenance software services for all four Commissioner Precinct Offices, for an amount of \$5,423.00 for the first year and for the second year \$6,669.00, Reference No. for that agreement is 20260119-103953732. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Trane Boiler Pump Replacement Proposal (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve proposal ID #8621747 from Trane Technologies for Boiler 2 pump replacement at the DeWitt County Courthouse in the amount of \$7,272.00. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Resolution (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-014 establishing Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program through the DeWitt County Office of Emergency Management. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Keep Cuero Beautiful Letter (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive letter from Keep Cuero Beautiful regarding survey of litter on DeWitt County properties. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

HB2521 Division Order (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive division order from Devon Energy Production Company LP (HB2521) for the Westhoff A-Janca A SA C 3H unit and authorize the judge to sign the division order. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

HB2521 Division Order (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive division order from Devon Energy Production Company LP (HB2521) for the Westhoff A-Janca A SA D 4H unit and authorize the judge to sign the division order. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Subsurface Easement (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for the approval of a subsurface easement between DeWitt County and Repsol Oil & Gas USA LLC for three (3) wellbores under Thieme Road in Commissioner Precinct 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for the approval of a permit application from AJ's Logistics for installation of a temporary water line along Concrete-Edgar Road in Commissioner Precinct 2. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from AJ's Logistics for installation of a temporary water line along Elder Road in Precinct 1 and Wild Road, Steen Road, and Braden Road in Commissioner Precinct 2. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for the approval of permit application from AJ's Logistics for installation of a temporary water line along Musselman Road in Commissioner Precinct 2. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from AJ's Logistics for installation of a temporary water line along Oliver Road in Precinct 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Reports – March 1-18, 2026 (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Report dated March 1st through the 18th, 2026 and pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 114. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Judge Statutory Compliance Audit for FY 2025 (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive County Judge Statutory Compliance Audit for FY 2025 pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 115. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Discretionary Exemption (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive sole source letter from P2 Emulsions. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Accounts Payable (No. 22)

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

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 23)

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. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to approve the following items in accordance with the orders presented: the budget amendment requests for interdepartmental transfers for District Court, Tax Assessor Collector, Courthouse Building and Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Payroll Report (No. 25)

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

Jury Report (No. 26)

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

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 27)

Mr. Varela gave an update on the Historical Museum.

Judge Fowler gave an update on the courthouse.

Legislative Update (No. 28)

Judge Fowler gave an update on a meeting with two (2) representatives of the STEER organization last week.

Executive/Closed Session (No. 2)

Judge Fowler announced that it is now 10:51 a.m. on March 23, 2026 and there is the need to go into an executive/closed session meeting to deliberate the potential exchange and related value of certain real property that will involve negotiations with a third person; and we have the privilege under the law Sections 551.071(2) and 551.129 of the Texas Government Code to close the meeting to consult with our attorney.

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to go into an executive session and appoint the judge as the legal keeper of the minutes. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Judge Fowler announced that the executive session ended on March 23, 2026 at 12:12 p.m. with no action arising out of the closed session.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 29)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 was absent.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on normal precinct operations.

Recess

Court recessed until 9:00 a.m. in the morning.

Reconvene

Court reconvened at 9:22 a.m. with Mr. Kaiser absent.

Proposal for Repairs to Ratcliffe Radio Tower (No. 6)

Three (3) quotes were received from Econo Air Conditioning, Victoria Air Conditioning and Armer Air.

Judge Fowler announced that he would be abstaining from the vote because both of his sons are employed by Armer Air.

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to receive all three (3) estimates from Armer Air, Victoria Air and Econo Air Conditioning and award the bid to Armer Air, Estimate No. 535. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0 with Judge Fowler abstaining.

HVAC Maintenance Agreement (No. 5)

Clerk's Note: See page 11 for previous motion for this agenda item.

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to rescind the previous motion for the service maintenance agreement for the Ratcliffe tower. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Court passed on this agenda item until a future meeting.

Adjourn (No. 30)

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

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


DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE



ATTEST: 
NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK