

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2023**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session December 11, 2023 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 James B. Pilchick, 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, led everyone in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

New Business:

Detention & Residential Services Agreement (No. 1)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to renew a one-year contract between the San Patricio County Juvenile Probation Department and DeWitt County for pre-adjudication detention of juvenile offenders beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

TxDOT County Assistance Program (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive County Assistance Program funding for FY2024, the allocation amount of \$26,285.00 to be distributed equally between the four (4) precincts. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for the approval of permit application from Baytex Energy for installation of a temporary water line along Dreyer-Turkey Bottom Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with 3FS LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Ryan Ranch Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Aerial Fireworks Ban (No. 5)

No action taken.

Sheriff Commissary and Inmate Trust Account Audit (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Sheriff Commissary and Inmate Trust Account audit from DeWitt County Auditors for FY2023. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Mobile Satellite Equipment (No. 7)

Court received mobile satellite equipment information from Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Jordan.

No action taken.

Security Benefit 457 Plan Contact Update (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize to appoint Ashley Holub for the Security Benefit 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to replace Carol Martin. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Declare Fixed Assets as Salvage (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to declare certain inventory items as worn, damaged or obsolete, pursuant to Local Government Code §263.152. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Pipeline Crossing Permit (No. 10)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for approval of permit application for a pipeline from Kaler Energy Corp. to cross Kaiser Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Monthly Report of Officials (No. 11)

County Auditor Neomi Williams reported that the auditor's office had received reports from all officials for November 2023. The missing report last month of Constable Precinct No. 2 for October 2023 has been turned in.

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

County Auditor's Monthly Report (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive County Auditor's Monthly Report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive County Treasurer's Monthly Report and approve Court Order Number 2023-057 approving Treasurer's Monthly Report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Payroll Reports (No. 19)

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

Minutes (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to correct the previous minutes, Agenda Item Number 18, for Precinct No. 1 road paving job. Mr. Afflerbach's motion should read to authorize ABN Construction to complete the paving project of installing hot mix on 0.8 miles of Old Gonzales Road. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and approve the corrected minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

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 3-0 with Mr. Afflerbach absent and Mr. Carson abstaining.

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 4-0.

Budget Amendment Requests (No. 17)

None

Personnel Policy (No. 18)

No action taken.

Payroll Audit Report November 2023 (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive De Witt County Auditor's Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Deposit Receipt Audit for November 2023 (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive De Witt County Auditor's Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Bonds (No. 22)

None

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 23)

Judge Fowler reported that he had been trying to schedule with Trane the installation of controls unit for the HVAC system when court is not being held.

Legislative Update (No. 24)

Judge Fowler reported that State Representative Geanie Morrison was not running and that two (2) candidates for State Representative have announced.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 25)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 was absent.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2:

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve H & C to seal coat Rice Road for an estimated cost of \$64,000.00. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion for ABN, under the terms of the concrete contract, to install four (4) cement in culvert pipes on Rice Road. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on shredding on roads and no projects available at this time.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4:

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion for Dunn Services to replace culvert on Verhelle Road for an estimated cost of \$86,900.00. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.


Public Announcements/Comments (No. 26)

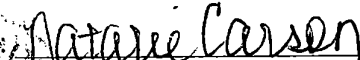
William Blackwell addressed the court regarding the property that was sold by TDCJ to DeWitt County.

Adjourn (No. 27)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 10:21 a.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER A.D. 2023 WERE READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2024.


DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 
NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK

