

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 10, 2024**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session June 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom at the DeWitt County Courthouse in Cuero, Texas, with the following members present:

Commissioner Ryan Varela, Precinct No. 1
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

Mr. Pilchick 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 adopt Order Number 2024-025 for a burn ban effective June 15, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. for the unincorporated areas of the county for a period of ninety (90) days. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Public Hearing (No. 2)

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on establishing a 35 MPH speed limit on Taylor Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 4. No one was present to speak for or against.

Close Public Hearing (No. 3)

Mr. Pilchick closed the public hearing at 9:06 a.m.

Rule on Public Hearing (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to establish a 35 MPH speed limit on Taylor Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 4 to take effect when the signs are installed. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Aerial Fireworks Ban (No. 5)

No action taken.

Employee Uniform Agreements (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to enter into agreements contracts with Cintas and UniFirst for employee uniform services. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Commissioners Road Reports (No 7)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the Commissioner’s Road Reports for FY 2024. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

DeWitt County Appraisal District (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the proposed DeWitt County Appraisal District budget for Fiscal Year 2025. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

TDCJ Project Agreement Form (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve 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 2, 2024 through September 30, 2024. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

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 60 hours of continuing education for reporting period of May 6, 2023 to May 5, 2024. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Certificate of Compliance (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive certificate of compliance for DeWitt County Treasurer Desirae Poth-Garibay for satisfying the County Treasurer continuing education requirements for 2024 established by section 83.003 of the Texas Local Government Code. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Certificate of Completion (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for DeWitt County Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Jordan Jr. from the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service for the successful completion of the Wide Area Search training course. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Rogge-Seifert Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement with Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Rogge-Seifert Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement from EOG Resources Inc. for installation of a temporary water line along Emil Blank Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way agreement application with EOG Resources Inc. for installation of a temporary water line along Gerdes Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Receive and Award Bid (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Ancira Partners bid for the one ton for the Sheriff's Office and also approve payment for today, June 10, 2024. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Deletion or Transfer of Fixed Asset Request (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve a request to transfer a 2009 3/4 ton GMC Sierra truck from DeWitt County Sheriff to DeWitt County Courthouse (Maintenance Department). Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Deposit Receipt Audit for May 2024 (No. 19)

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

Payroll Audit for May 2024 (No. 20)

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

County Auditor's Statutory Compliance Audit of DeWitt County Tax Assessor/Collector, FY 2024 2nd Quarter (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive County Auditor's Statutory Compliance Audit of DeWitt County Tax Assessor/Collector, FY 2024 2nd Quarter, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Monthly Report of Officials (No. 22)

County Auditor Neomi Williams reported that the auditor's office had received monthly reports from all officials except 24th Judicial District Attorney.

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

County Auditor's Monthly Report (No. 23)

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

County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive report and approve Court Order Number 2024-024, Order Approving Treasurer's Monthly Report. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Minutes (No. 25)

Court passed on this agenda item.

Accounts Payable (No. 26)

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

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 27)

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

Payroll Reports (No. 28)

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 4-0.

Open Enrollment (No. 29)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive an upcoming open enrollment event and set an amount of Health County Employer Rewards funds to be used for the event in the amount of \$500.00. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Personnel Policy (No. 30)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve necessary amendments and changes to the personnel policy. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 31)

Mr. Varela reported that the pavers for the DeWitt Annex have been received from Weaver & Jacobs. The 2nd planter, located on the left side, is scheduled to be knocked down Wednesday morning so the parking lot will not be accessible until at least lunch time or until the demolition is finished.

Mr. Varela reported that the DeWitt County Historical Museum updated plans for renovation have been received. The plans are currently being reviewed by the Texas Historical Commission. The plans are going back and forth between Texas Historical Commission and Komatsu.

Legislative Update (No. 32)

No Legislative update.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 33)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported that Gilbert Mueller Road has been re-asphalted, Ckodre Road is in process of being asphalted and Metting School Road is scheduled next.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported on normal precinct operations.

Workshop on FY 2025 Budget (No. 34)

Court did not hold a workshop on FY 2025 Budget.

Public Announcements/Comments (No. 35)

No public announcements/comments.

Adjourn (No. 36)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 9:43 a.m.]

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

Daryl L. Fowler

DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: *Natalie Carson*

NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK

