

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2024**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session August 12, 2024 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, 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:

2024 Tax Rate Calculation (No. 1)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive the corrected 2024 tax rate calculations required by Property Tax Code §26.04. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

2024 Proposed Tax Rate (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to propose the 2024 tax rate of 0.36601 Maintenance and Operating and a debt rate of zero. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion.

Record Vote: Commissioner Precinct 1 “Aye”
Commissioner Precinct 2 “Aye”
Commissioner Precinct 3 “Aye”
Commissioner Precinct 4 “Aye”
Judge Fowler “Aye”

2016 Tahoe Insurance Claim Settlement Offer (No. 3)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the net claim settlement offer of \$17,054.73 from TAC Risk Management Services for the total loss of the 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Constable Kelly Phelps and authorize the auditor to proceed with executing the necessary documents to settle the insurance claim; also receive DPS accident report and memo from Constable Phelps regarding the June 12, 2024 accident in Colorado County. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Settlement Agreement (No. 4)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve the agreement between DeWitt County and Gemini Trust Company LLC regarding the return of \$305,301.75 seized from Gemini's omnibus JPMorgan Chase Bank Account on January 27, 2023. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

DeWitt County Appraisal District Budget (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive the adopted FY2025 budget of the DeWitt County Appraisal District pursuant to Property Tax Code §6.06. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Schedule Public Hearing Date (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to set a public hearing date of August 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeWitt County Courthouse to consider the annual written archive plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the county clerk's records archive pursuant to Local Government Code 118.025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Schedule Public Hearing Date (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to set a public hearing date on August 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeWitt County Courtroom to place a No Thru Truck Traffic road sign on Old San Antonio Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Road Inventory (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive letter from Texas Department of Transportation for the purpose of submitting updates to county road inventory. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Optional Vehicle Registration Fees 2025 (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to set the vehicle registration fees for 2025 at \$10.00 and County Road and Bridges. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

TDCJ Project Agreement Form (No. 10)

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 October 1, 2024 through December 27, 2024. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Detention & Residential Services Agreement (No. 11)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a one-year contract for detention and residential services between the Bell County Juvenile Board and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Residential Services Agreement (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a two-year contract for residential services between the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department/Amador R. Rodriguez Academic and Vocational Center and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Detention Services Agreement (No. 13)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a two-year contract for detention services between the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department /Darrell B. Hester Juvenile Detention Center and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Residential Services Agreement (No. 14)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a two-year contract for residential services between the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department/Ladies Inspired for Excellence Residential Program and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Residential Services Agreement (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a one year contract for residential services between the Father Flanagan’s Boys’ Home and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Detention & Residential Services Agreement (No. 16)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a one-year contract for detention and residential services between the Garza County Juvenile Board and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Residential Services Agreement (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a one-year contract for residential services between the Gulf Coast Trades Center and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Detention Services Agreement (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a one-year contract for detention services between Rite of Passage Inc. and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Residential Services Agreement (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a one-year contract for residential services between Rite of Passage Inc. and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Detention Services Agreement (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a one-year contract for detention services between the Youth Opportunity Investments LLC (Rockdale Youth Academy) and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Residential Services Agreement (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of a one-year contract for residential services between the Victoria County Juvenile Justice Center and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Pipeline Crossing Permit (No. 22)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve permit application for a pipeline from SilverBow Operating Resource LLC to cross Rathkamp-Dreyer Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Pipeline Crossing Permit (No. 23)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve permit application for a pipeline from SilverBow Operating Resource LLC to cross Schmidt Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Pipeline Crossing Permit (No. 24)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application for a pipeline from BPX (Eagle Ford) Gathering LLC to cross St. John School Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 25)

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 Cabeza Road and Frank Hinojosa Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 26)

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

Authorize Auditor to Issue a Purchase Order with Special Conditions (No. 27)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve the request of Commissioner Pct. #2 for a purchase order required by the vendor Anderson Machinery Company to hold a Mantis Boom Mower, sole source contract number AL070821-AG, for purchase in FY2025. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

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. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Authorize Auditor to Dispose of Salvage or Surplus Property (No. 29)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize Auditor to dispose of salvage or surplus property, pursuant to Local Government Code 263, Subchapter D by means of an online auction. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Independent External Audit (No. 30)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize the annual outside audit of De Witt County financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2024; and nominate Certified Public Accountant firm of Harrison Waldrop and Uherek LLP to conduct the audit. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Award of Contract (No. 31)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive recommendations from selection committee; award contract to H2O Partners Inc. for a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and apply for the grant funds associated with the project; also authorize the County Judge to negotiate a contract with the firm. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Bid Workshop on Road Maintenance Services and Asphalt Maintenance Services (No. 32)

Court did not hold a bid workshop.

Authorize Auditor to Advertise for Bids (No. 33)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize the county auditor to advertise for bids for Road Maintenance Services and Asphalt Maintenance Services. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit for July 2024 (No. 34)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115 for the month of July 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report July 2024 (No. 35)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report, pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115 for the month of July 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Monthly Report of Officials (No. 36)

County Auditor Neomi Williams reported that the auditor's office had received monthly reports except for Constable Pct. 1, Constable Pct. 2 and 24th Judicial District Attorney.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve monthly report of officials. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Auditor's Monthly Report (No. 37)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive County Auditor's Monthly Report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Treasurer's Monthly Report (No. 38)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and approve the Order Approving Treasurer's Monthly Report, Court Order No. 2024-032. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Minutes (No. 39)

Court passed on this agenda item.

Accounts Payable (No. 40)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$1,364,735.41. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve accounts payable totaling \$1,015.47 for Carson Services fence repair. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Carson abstaining.

Ratified Accounts Payable (No. 41)

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

Payroll Reports (No. 42)

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 5-0.

Jury Report (No. 43)

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. 44)

Judge Fowler reported on repairs to the courthouse chillers and elevator due to the recent thunderstorm.

Judge Fowler reported on interviewing two (2) people for maintenance supervisor.

Mr. Varela reported on having an outside light on the rear of the DeWitt County Historical Museum replaced by D. Tyl Electric. Mr. Varela reported on working on bid packages for repairs.

Legislative Update (No. 45)

No Legislative

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 46)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported on encroachment issues on FM 240. Mr. Varela has met with a contractor to address the front encroachment but is waiting for the bid. Mr. Varela reported that on Cheapside Road the bridge over the Sandies Creek the concrete has been poured for the uprights, beams are down already so they should be getting ready to do the deck.

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. His crews are cutting grass.

Workshop on FY2025 Budget (No. 47)

Announcement of the filing the proposed budget FY2025 with the County Clerk and posting online.

Public Announcements/Comments (No. 48)

None

Adjourn (No. 49)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.]

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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 and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Carson gave the invocation.

New Business:

Burn Ban (No. 1)

Court did not take any action on this agenda item.

Update on SJRC Belong (No. 16)

Court heard a presentation from Cynthia Ramirez Nicole Nguyen regarding SJRC Belong Organization.

Grant Application for Home-Delivered Meals (No. 17)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt resolution for the 2025 Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program provided through the Texas Dept. of Agriculture; authorize a county grant in support of services provided by Meals on Wheels South Texas in the amount of \$12,500. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

DeWitt County Historical Commission FY2025 Budget (No. 18)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the budget of DeWitt County Historical Commission FY2025 Budget. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Changes to Proposed Budget FY2025 (No. 2)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Auditor's Certification of FY2025 Budget Changes from the Proposed to the Actual. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2025 Budget and the 2024 Tax Rate (No. 3)

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on the proposed FY2025 budget and the 2024 tax rate. No one present spoke for or against.

Close Public Hearing No. (4)

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing at 10:25 a.m.

Action on Proposed FY2025 Budget (No. 5)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt Commissioners Court Order Number 2024-033 approving the FY2025 Budget of DeWitt County. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 – “Aye”
Commissioner Precinct No. 2 – “Aye”
Commissioner Precinct No. 3 – “Aye”
Commissioner Precinct No. 4 – “Aye”
County Judge Daryl L. Fowler – “Aye”

Action on Tax Rate (No. 6)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt Court Order 2024-034 setting the 2025 Maintenance and Operating tax rate at a tax rate of .36601 out of total tax rate of .36601 pursuant to Local Government Code 81.006 and Tax Code 26.05(b). Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 – “Aye”
Commissioner Precinct No. 2 – “Aye”
Commissioner Precinct No. 3 – “Aye”
Commissioner Precinct No. 4 – “Aye”
County Judge Daryl L. Fowler – “Aye”

Pay Scale and Position Categorization for FY2025 (No. 7)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the pay scale and position categorization for DeWitt County Employees for FY2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Order Setting Salary of DeWitt County Officials and Employees for FY2025 (No. 8)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the Order Setting Salary of DeWitt County Officials and Employees for FY2025, Court Salary FY2025 Number 2024-035. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Order Setting Salary of De Witt County Auditor and Assistants (No. 9)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the Order Setting Salary for the DeWitt County Auditor & Assistants from the 24th, 135th, and 267th District Courts for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and enter into minutes of the Court. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Public Hearing (No. 10)

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on the annual written archive plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the county clerk’s records archive pursuant to Local Government Code 118.025. No one present spoke for or against.

Close Public Hearing (No. 11)

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing.

Rule on Public Hearing (No. 12)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the annual written archive plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the county clerk’s records archive pursuant to Local Government Code 118.025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Public Hearing (No. 13)

Public hearing held in order to provide opportunity for public comments on placing No Thru Truck Traffic road sign on Old San Antonio Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. No one was present to speak for or against.

Close Public Hearing (No. 14)

Judge Fowler closed the public hearing.

Rule on Public Hearing (No. 15)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve placing No Thru Truck Traffic signs on Old San Antonio Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Truancy Training (No. 19)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve request for out of state training for the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and the Truancy Officer for October 5, 2024 thru October 9, 2024 and if no travel cancellation policy is purchased then the employee or official is responsible for the lost air fare in the event of cancellation. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Detention Services Agreement (No. 20)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to renew one-year contract for detention services between the Guadalupe County Juvenile Board and the County of DeWitt beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Residential Services Agreement (No. 21)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of one-year contract for detention services between the Youth Opportunity Investments LLC (Rockdale Youth Academy) and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Detention Services Agreement (No. 22)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of one-year contract for residential services between the Victoria County Juvenile Justice Center and the County of DeWitt beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0

FM 239 Road Closure (No. 23)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the closure of FM 239 for a bridge replacement at Draw located near 1400 block of FM 239 and sign the form for TXDOT. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

County Road Inventory (No. 24)

MOITON: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to receive the letter from Texas Department of Transportation for the purpose of submitting updates to county road inventory. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Inmate Health Services Agreement (No. 25)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the renewal rate for the Inmate Health Services Agreement between Southern Health Partners and DeWitt County for the period beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees Update (No. 26)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve adoption of fees for 2025 as required by local Government Code 118.131 for Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Election Judges and Alternates (No. 27)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the appointment of election judges and alternate judges for General and Special Elections pursuant to Texas Election Code 32.002 for a 2-year term beginning September 1, 2024; and consider appointment of the presiding judge and alternate judge at the Central Counting Station for the General and Special Elections pursuant to Texas Election Code 127.005 for a 2-year term beginning September 1, 2024; ratify the County

Election Board appointment of the Early Voting Ballot Board Presiding Judge, Alternate Judge and members for the General and Special Elections pursuant to Texas Election Code 87.002 for a 2-year term beginning September 1, 2024; and determine the amount of clerks per polling location and Central Counting Station pursuant to Texas Election Code 32.033. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Texas County and District Retirement System (No. 28)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive plan assessment for plan year 2025 effective January 1, 2025 and approve changes. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Professional Services Contract (No. 29)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve renewal of the professional services contract with Cornerstone Government Affairs Inc.; and cost sharing the contractual expenses with Atascosa, Gonzales, Karnes, McMullen, and other counties. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of

Interlocal Agreement (No. 30)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Atascosa and the County of DeWitt for sharing the expense of legislative consulting services for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0. [Court Order Number 2024-038]

Interlocal Agreement (No. 31)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Gonzales and the County of DeWitt for sharing the expense of legislative consulting services for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0. [Court Order Number 2024-039]

Interlocal Agreement (No. 32)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Karnes and the County of DeWitt for sharing the expense of legislative consulting services for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0. [Court Order Number 2024-040]

Interlocal Agreement (No. 33)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of McMullen and the County of DeWitt for sharing the expense of legislative consulting services for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0. [Court Order Number 2024-041]

Temporary Right of Way (No. 35)

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve permit application from Qwik Pipe Inc. for installation of a temporary water line along Turkey Bottom Road, Schmidt Road, and Rathkamp-Dreyer Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 36)

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 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 37)

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 Gohlke School Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Temporary Right of Way (No. 38)

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 and Simpson Ranch Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Pipeline Crossing Permits (No. 39)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve pipeline crossing applications for three (3) pipelines from Devon Energy Production Company LP to cross Oliver Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

Pipeline Crossing Permits (No. 40)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve pipeline crossing permit applications for two (2) pipelines from BPX (Eagle Ford) Gathering LLC to cross SA Butler Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 with Judge Fowler absent.

District Court Reporters' Salaries (No. 41)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the Order(s) from the Administrative District Judges setting and allocating the salaries of the Official Court Reporters for the 24th, 135th, 267th Judicial Districts and the Official Alternate Court Reporter for the 24th, 135th, 267th and 377th Judicial Districts. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Authorize Auditor to Issue a Purchase Order with Special Conditions (No. 42)

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to authorize the auditor to issue a purchase order for the amount of \$49,960 to Henna Chevrolet for a 2024 Chevrolet 3500 to be paid out in FY2025. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Certification of Funds (No. 43)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive letter from County Auditor certifying funds for the DeWitt County Juvenile Probation Department from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Asphalt Maintenance Services Bid (No. 44)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve Court Order Number 2024-036 authorizing the extension of Contract for Asphalt Maintenance Services with ABN Construction, LLC. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Jury Reimbursement Plan (No. 45)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve Court Order Number 2024-037 regarding jury reimbursement plan for FY2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Minutes (No. 46)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Accounts Payable (No. 47)

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. 48)

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 Amendment Requests (No. 49)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the budget amendments with the following items in accordance with the attached orders: the revenue adjustment of state grant funding for Juvenile Probation; and the budget amendment requests for interdepartmental transfers for the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), Auditor's office, Juvenile Probation and Commissioner Precinct No. 3; and the budget amendment request to increase our court reporter expenses. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Personnel Policy (No. 50)

None

Payroll Reports (No. 51)

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. 52)

None

Bonds (No. 53)

None

Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 54)

Judge Fowler reported that that at the air conditioner unit #4 on the roof of the DeWitt County Annex building has a suction valve issue and is not working properly. Victoria Air Conditioning discovered the issue while performing periodic maintenance. Victoria Air Conditioning submitted a quote for \$661.00 for the repair.

Judge Fowler reported that he had offered the job to someone for the Building Superintendent position.

Legislative Update (No. 55)

No Legislative update

Recess

Court recessed until 1:30 p.m.

Reconvene

Court reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 56)

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported normal precinct operations

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported normal precinct operations

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported normal precinct operations

Executive/Closed Session (No. 34)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to go into executive/closed session and that the judge will be the record keeper for the meeting. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Judge Fowler announced that it is 1:52 p.m. on August 26th, the executive session ended at 1:50 p.m. and court returned to open session at 1:52 p.m. with no action to be taken.

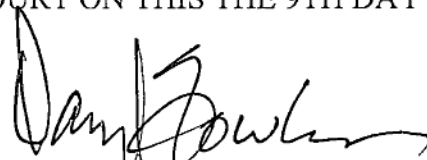
Public Announcements/Comments (No. 57)

None

Adjourn (No. 58)

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 1:54 p.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST A.D. 2024 WERE READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2024.


DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 
NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK

