

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS  
SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 3, 2024**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in special session October 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.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.

**Burn Ban (No. 1)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt the burn ban for the unincorporated areas of the county beginning at 12:01 a.m. on October 4, 2024 according to Court Order Number 2024-056. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Executive/Closed Session (No. 2)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to move into executive session. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Judge Fowler announced that court at 2:15 p.m. is in executive session with Judge Fowler as the official record keeper.

Judge Fowler announced that at 2:50 p.m. on October 3, 2024 executive session ended and returned to open meeting.

**Discussion/Potential Action (No. 3)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize the County Judge to execute an earnest money contract with Texas Store Properties LLC, Brian Dlugosch, for the purchase of a commercial improved property of 1.3974 acres, more or less, located at the corner of FM 237 and TX Hwy 72, DeWitt County Texas, and further identified as Parcel ID 9491 within the James Kimberling Survey Abstract No. 283 for the purchase price of \$195,000 plus appropriate closing costs; and authorize the County Treasury to issue a check for \$1,950 representing the earnest money to secure the contract through a 90-day feasibility period. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Adjourn (No. 4)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 2:52 p.m.]

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS  
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 14, 2024**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session October 14, 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:**

**Resolution (No. 20)**

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2024-057 adopting the Competitive Sealed Proposal process as specified under Chapter 2269 Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code for the construction project titled “Precinct 4 Office and Shop. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Order Setting Spending Limit (No. 1)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to an Order Setting a Spending Limit by Certain County and Precinct Officers, pursuant to Local Government Code 130.908, Court Order Number 2024-058. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Discussion and Possible Action Local Government Code Section 152.052 (No. 2)**

Court passed on this agenda item.

### **Election Judges and Alternates (No. 3)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the appointment of additional Election Judges and Alternates for November 5th General Election pursuant to Article 32.007, Texas Election Code, at the Harry O. Gibson Center Raquel DeLosSantos and the Central Counting Station Alternate Judge Tom Polinard who is replacing previously appointed Alden Vandever. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **2024 DeWitt County Tax Roll (No. 4)**

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to receive the 2024 DeWitt County tax roll from the County Tax Assessor pursuant to Tax Code, Title 1 Property Tax Code, Section D, and Chapter 26.09(e). Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **2024 DeWitt County Road and Bridge Tax Roll (No. 5)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the 2024 DeWitt County Road and Bridge tax roll from the County Tax Assessor pursuant to Tax Code, Title 1 Property Tax Code, Section D, and Chapter 26.09(e). Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Practitioner Agreement (No. 6)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the Practitioner Agreement by and between TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool and Cuero-DeWitt County Health Department for the City of Yoakum. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Interlocal Agreement (No. 7)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Live Oak and the County of DeWitt for sharing the expense of legislative consulting services for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2024, Court Order Number 2024-059. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Lease Agreement Amendment (No. 8)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve an amendment to the one year lease agreement of \$1,650 per month between DeWitt County and 1884 Investments LLC for use of office space for the Justice of the Peace Pct. 2. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Green DeWitt Drainage District FY2025 Budget (No. 9)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive the FY2025 Budget of Green DeWitt Drainage District. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Veoci Master Service Agreement (No. 10)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve an agreement between DeWitt County and Veoci Inc. for the use of the Veoci Platform software and services for incident and emergency management solutions beginning October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Certificate of Completion (No. 11)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for DeWitt County Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Jordan Jr. from the FEMA National Fire Academy for the successful completion of the ICS 300 Expanding Incidents for Operational First Responders training course. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Certificate of Completion (No. 12)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for DeWitt County Treasurer Desirae Poth-Garibay from the FEMA National Fire Academy for the successful completion of the ICS 300 Expanding Incidents for Operational First Responders training course. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Commissioners Court Meeting Schedule (No. 13)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to change the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court Meeting of November 11, 2024 to November 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeWitt County Courthouse Courtroom due to the Veterans' Day holiday. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Pipeline Crossing Permits (No. 14)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit applications for three (3) pipelines from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP to cross Nessel Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Temporary Right of Way (No. 15)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve the permit application from Select Water Solutions LLC for installation of a temporary water line along Kozielski Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. 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 Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along Nessel 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. Kaiser made a motion to approve temporary right of way permit application from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along Alfred Blaschke Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Temporary Right of Way (No. 18)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to approve permit application from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP for installation of a temporary water line along Walter Mueller Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Novation Agreement (No. 19)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve agreement between DeWitt County, Schmidt & Sons, Inc. and On-Site Fuel, Inc. DBA Schmidt & Sons, Inc. for the purchase of fuel. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Independent External Audit (No 21)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to authorize annual outside audit of DeWitt County Juvenile Probation Funds for the year ending August 31, 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Renewal Applications for Insurance Policies (No. 22)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve the renewal applications for crime, auto physical damage, auto liability, general liability, public officials' liability and law enforcement liability with Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Order Adopting Policy for Establishing a Records Management Program (No. 23)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve Court Order Number 2024-060 adopting the policy for establishing a records management program pursuant to Local Government Code 203.023. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Receive and Award Bid (No. 24)**

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to accept the bid from Ancira Partners Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet 3500 HD Cab and Chassis for the purchase price of \$62,569.56. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Authorize Auditor to Advertise for Bids (No. 25)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to authorize the County Auditor to advertise for bids for the purchase of a new Bottom Dump Trailer for Commissioner Precinct No. 1. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Annual Report (No. 26)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive County Auditor's Report on Fiscal Year 2024. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Monthly Report (No. 27)**

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.

**Monthly Report of Officials (No. 28)**

County Auditor Neomi Williams reported that the auditor's office had received monthly reports from all officials except for Constable Precinct No. 2.

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

**County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Report – October 1 through October 10, 2024 (No. 29)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive De Witt County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Report for October 1 thru October 10, 2024 pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Purchasing Audit Report FY 2024 4th Quarter (No. 30)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive De Witt County Auditor's Purchasing Audit Report FY 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Cash Count Report FY 2024 4th Quarter (No. 31)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive De Witt County Auditor's Cash County Audit Report pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 115. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Deposit Receipt Audit for September 2024 (No. 32)**

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

**County Auditor's Payroll Audit Report September 2024 (No. 33)**

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

**County Auditor's Inventory Audit of Fixed Assets Report (Constable, Pct. 2 Office) (No. 34)**

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.

**Records and Proceeds from the Sale of Salvage or Surplus (No. 35)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive report from County Auditor showing records and proceeds from the sale of salvage or surplus property pursuant to Local Government Code §263, Subchapter D. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Accounts Payable (No. 36)**

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. 37)**

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

**DeWitt County Investment Policy (No 38)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Investment Policy pursuant to Local Government Code 116.112 and the Public Funds Investment Act 2256.005(e) which requires annual review of investment policy and investment strategies. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Resolution to Adopt Investment Policy (No. 39)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt Resolution to Adopt Investment Policy as pursuant to Local Government Code 116.112 and the Public Funds Investment Act 2256.005(e). Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Resolution to Adopt DeWitt County Investment Strategies (No. 40)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt Court Order No. 2024-053, resolution setting out a separate written investment strategy for each of the funds under control of DeWitt County as pursuant to Public Funds Investment Act 2256.005(d) and (e). Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Resolution to Adopt List of Qualified Brokers/Dealers (No. 41)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adopt Court Order No. 2024-054, resolution to Adopt List of Qualified Brokers/Dealers as pursuant to Public Funds Investment Act of Texas, Section 2256.025 which requires the government body to annually review, revise and adopt a list of qualified brokers that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with DeWitt County. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Treasurer’s Monthly Report (No. 42)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and approve County Treasurer’s Monthly Report, Order Approving County Treasurer’s Monthly Report Court Order No. 2024-055. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Treasurer’s Quarterly Investment Report (No. 43)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive and approve County Treasurer’s Quarterly Investment Report. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Treasurer’s Annual Report (No. 44)**

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

**Personnel Policy (No. 45)**

Judge Fowler announced the need to update the personnel policy manual

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve formation of a committee for review of current policy and recommendations for changes of the personnel policy and make necessary amendments and changes, committee will be the Treasurer, the Judge, Sheriff, Commissioner Varela, HR and the County Attorney. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Minutes (No. 46)**

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



### **Payroll Reports (No. 47)**

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.

### **Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 48)**

Judge Fowler reported that the courthouse clock has been cleaned, repaired and is now working.

Judge Fowler reported about contacting a gentleman regarding cleaning the courthouse windows and repairing the windows.

Mr. Varela reported that he has talked to the county auditor about going out for bids for outside repairs.

### **Legislative Update (No. 49)**

Senator Kolkhorst will be meeting with Judge Fowler on October 28, 2024. Judge Fowler reported that he will be attending a regional conference called the Future of South Texas Conference in San Antonio.

### **Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 50)**

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported FM 240 encroachments are nearing their completion. The new bridge on Cheapside Road over Sandies Creek has been completed to 80% and are waiting for the road to be repaired; currently the road is open and the bypass has been closed. The bridge on Mueller Road is about 25% completed with projected completion date the week of Christmas.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on Pete Jablonski Road and maintenance on the rest of the roads.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported that ABN will be stabilizing and repaving Arneckeville Road this week. They have changed out eight (8) culvert pipes on Arneckeville Road. They are running a maintainer on Friar Road and hauling gravel.

### **Public Announcements/Comments (No. 51)**

None

### **Adjourn (No. 52)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.]

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS  
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 28, 2024**

DeWitt County Commissioners Court met in regular session October 28, 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:**

**Discussion and Possible Action Local Government Code Section 152.052 (No. 4)**

Court discussed the statute that allows an officeholder to reduce the amount of compensation set for that office in the county budget. Constable Precinct No. 1 Kelly Phelps addressed the court and submitted his letter of resignation effective December 30, 2024. Sheriff Carl Bowen addressed the court.

Court passed on this agenda item.

**Required Acceptance of Retail Installment Agreement Terms & Conditions (No. 5)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to accept and approve Order #55-674000008956833 in the amount of \$274.99 a month for internet and phone for the wireless number 361-243-2782. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to accept and approve Order #55-674000008957200 for the wireless service for the wireless number 361-491-9181 in the amount of \$274.99 a month. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to accept and approve Order #55-674000008956655 for wireless number 361-243-2867 and internet delivery for the amount of \$274.99 a month. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Time and Material Service Agreement (No. 6)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to ratify the approval of Time and Material Service Agreement ID #0056648, with Eaton Corporation for battery backup services in the Annex Building, dated October 14, 2024. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Inmate Health Services Agreement Amendment (No. 7)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to the Health Services Agreement between Southern Health Partners and DeWitt County for the period beginning December 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 and the amendment is for 2 full time LVN's at a yearly rate of \$266,303.88 and \$22,191.99 monthly. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Amendment to Salary Order (No. 8)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to amend the DeWitt County Salary Order to include a grant-funded executive secretary and modify the existing full-time grant-funded investigator to a modified full-time grant-funded investigator under Order #2024-061. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Certificate of Completion (No. 9)**

MOTION: Mr. Carson made a motion to receive Certificate of Completion for DeWitt County Commissioner Brian Carson from the FEMA National Fire Academy for the successful completion of the ICS 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff Complex Incidents. Mr. Varela seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Certificate of Completion (No. 10)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela made a motion to receive the Certified County Commissioner Court Member certificate for County Judge Daryl L. Fowler for completing the studies and requirements of the Commissioners Court Advanced Curriculum of the County Judge and Commissioners Association of Texas dated October 23, 2024. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Commissioners Court Meeting Schedule (No. 11)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to change the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court Meeting of December 23, 2024 to December 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the DeWitt County Courthouse. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Temporary Right of Way (No. 12)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to approve permit application from EOG Resources for installation of a temporary water line along Rathkamp-Dreyer Road and Nelson Road in Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Discretionary Exemption (No. 13)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive sole source letter and grant discretionary exemption from Command Go Bag, is the vendor, for Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Jordan for emergency incident response purposes. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Report – October 11 through October 24, 2024 (No. 14)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to receive DeWitt County Auditor's Semi-Monthly Report for October 11 through October 24, 2024 pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 114. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Declare Fixed Assets as Salvage (No. 15)**

MOTION: Mr. Varela 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 5-0.

**Accounts Payable (No. 16)**

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. 17)**

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. 18)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to approve budget amendment request for internal department in accordance. Mr. Pilchick seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

**Personnel Policy (No. 19)**

Court passed on this agenda item.

### **Payroll Reports (No. 20)**

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 Reports (No. 21)**

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

### **Courthouse/Annex/Museum Expenditures/Maintenance/Improvements (No. 22)**

Judge Fowler reported on water damage on the exterior walls of the courthouse basement caused by the water sprinklers. Mr. Blank came and made some adjustments to the sprinkler.

Judge Fowler reported that Kenneth has been dealing with the chillers outside of the courthouse.

Judge Fowler reported that there has been a request to consider a mini-split unit in the mechanical room at the annex.

Judge Fowler reported that there is a guy coming this week to repair a window located in the district courtroom. He is looking for a vendor to do a window cleaning and inspection of all of the courthouse windows.

Judge Fowler reported that he sent an email to the District Attorney inviting them to remove all of their personal items from their offices by December 25, 2024 so that Judge Fowler can have a painter come in to paint the District Attorney's offices.

Mr. Varela reported that he is currently meeting with Marie with Komatsu Engineering to get a bid packet together in order to go out to look for contractors to do the work on the museum.

### **Legislative Update (No. 23)**

Judge Fowler reported that Senator Kolkhorst will be visiting his office this afternoon prior to an event that is hosted in her honor at the VFW beginning at 6:00 p.m. Judge Fowler will lay out the county's legislative agenda with her and feel her out on the \$250 million dollars that we will be seeking.

Judge Fowler has been in communication with two (2) other county judges. Blair sent out the legislative contract and our interlocal agreement to them to join our coalition. Those two (2) counties are LaSalle and Dimmit.

### **Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations (No. 24)**

Commissioner Precinct No. 1 reported that the bridge over the Sandies Creek on Cheapside Road has been completed and the road is still waiting to be repaved. On Mueller Road, the bridge has been destroyed, the columns have been drilled, poured the concrete and waiting to form up for the support to go across. Otherwise, normal precinct operations. The FM 240 encroachments have been completed and is waiting for TxDOT to give the next step as to when they are going to start.

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 3 reported on normal precinct operations.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4 reported that Arneckeville Road stabilization is finished, will put the oil down tomorrow and will repave next week and will be blading all of Friar Road.

### **Public Hearing (No. 1)**

Public hearing was held regarding the proposed 2024 De Witt County, Texas Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement and Other Economic Development (“Guidelines”) at which members of the public will be given an opportunity to be heard regarding the content and proposed approval and adoption of the Guidelines by the County. No one was present to speak in favor or against.

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Executive/Closed Session (No. 2)**

Court did not go into executive/closed session.

### **Discussion and Potential Action (No. 3)**

MOTION: Mr. Pilchick made a motion to adopt Court Order 2024-062, an order of the Commissioners Court of DeWitt County, Texas: (1) approving and implementing the DeWitt County, Texas Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement and Other Economic Development; (2) approving county eligibility to participate in tax abatement and other economic development; and (3) establishing an effective date of October 28, 2024 and compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

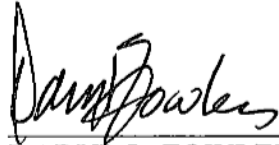
### **Public Announcements/Comments (No. 25)**

None

### **Adjourn (No. 26)**

MOTION: Mr. Kaiser made a motion to adjourn. [Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.]

THE FOREGOING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2024 WERE  
READ AND APPROVED IN REGULAR SESSION OF COURT ON THIS THE 25TH DAY  
OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2024.



DARYL L. FOWLER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: Natalie Carson  
NATALIE CARSON, COUNTY CLERK

