



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
REGULAR Session  
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call meeting to order**

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Merrell at 9:07 a.m., in Commissioners' Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas.

County Judge	Mark Merrell	Present
Precinct 1, Commissioner	Dennis Jones	Present
Precinct 2, Commissioner	Jeremy Strain	Present
Precinct 3, Commissioner	Jesse Muñoz	Present
Precinct 4, Commissioner	Ricky Bailey	Present

Cancelled by County Judge  
Rescheduled for Friday, October 15, 2021 10:00am

I, Carla Kern, County Clerk of Mitchell County, Texas, do hereby certify that these Commissioners' Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

*Carla Kern*

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
REGULAR Session  
Friday, October 15, 2021 10:00 a.m.

1. **Call meeting to order**

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Merrell at 10:00 a.m., in Commissioners' Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas.

County Judge	Mark Merrell	Present
Precinct 1, Commissioner	Dennis Jones	Present
Precinct 2, Commissioner	Jeremy Strain	Absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner	Jesse Muñoz	Present
Precinct 4, Commissioner	Ricky Bailey	Present

2. **Invocation** was led by Commission Jones  
**Pledge** was led by Commissioner Muñoz

3. **Public Comment**

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

4. **Approval of Bills**

Approve bills in the total amount of \$67,354.80

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to approve bills as presented.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz**

**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Approval of Line Items**

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

5. **Discuss and Approve Purchase of Motor Grader for Precinct 1**

Commissioner Jones presented information on a 2018 John Deere Motor Grader with 1,702 hours on it. Total cost is \$223,000. Pct. 1 will trade in a caterpillar for \$35,500 and finance \$189,050 for 5 years at 2.75% interest to purchase the new motor grader.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**

**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**

6. **Discuss and Approve Application for County Road Crossing Permit for Three Span Oil & Gas, Inc.**

Judge presented the completed application submitted by Three Span Oil & Gas Inc. for a permit to bore under County Road 458 for a pipeline to transport water.

(A copy of application follows the minutes.)

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the application for permitting.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones.**

**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**

7. **Discuss and Possible Approval of Bass Roofing Proposal for Mitchell County Agriculture Barn**  
Judge Merrell said there was no proposal yet, as the details are delayed due to the scarcity of materials. Commissioner Muñoz said there is one leak in the barn, and the Pct. 3 crew has already fixed some issues with the gutters. A vote was tabled until more information is available.

VOTE: NO ACTION

8. **Approve Previous Monthly Minutes**  
Approve minutes from Commissioners' Court Regular/Special meetings for September, 2021

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to approve minutes as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

9. **Approve Monthly Reports**

MOTION: Made by Judge Merrell to approve monthly reports as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

JP 1&4	\$ 19,407.20	District Clerk	\$ 6,249.29
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JP 2&3	\$ 6,099.26	County Clerk Civil	\$ 2,285.24
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Library	\$ 232.30	County Clerk Criminal	\$ 9,594.40
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Other reports: Auditor, Sheriff, and Treasurer – no fees.

10. **Closed Session – The Commissioners Court may convene in public session, but reserves the right to recess into executive session to discuss matters involving pending or contemplated litigation in consultation with attorney and/or personnel pursuant to 551.071, 551.074 and 551.129 (teleconference) Texas Government Code. No action will be taken in executive session.**

No closed session.

VOTE: NO ACTION

11. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Judge Merrell to adjourn.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

I, Carla Kern, County Clerk of Mitchell County, Texas, do hereby certify that these Commissioners' Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the meeting on Friday, October 15, 2021.



Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
REGULAR Session  
Monday, October 25, 2021 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call meeting to order**

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Merrell at 9:00 a.m., in Commissioners' Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas.

County Judge	Mark Merrell	Present
Precinct 1, Commissioner	Dennis Jones	Present
Precinct 2, Commissioner	Jeremy Strain	Present
Precinct 3, Commissioner	Jesse Muñoz	Present
Precinct 4, Commissioner	Ricky Bailey	Present

2. **Invocation** was led by Commissioner Strain  
**Pledge** was led by Commissioner Bailey

3. **Public Comment**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **#8. Approval of Bills**

Approve bills in the total amount of \$105,274.31.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve bills as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

**Approval of Line Items**

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **#4. Discuss and Approve Mitchell County Appraisal District Board Member**

Judge Merrell recommended Tim Warren to serve on the Mitchell County Appraisal District Board. After discussion, it was determined he was replacing Rex Thackerson.

MOTION: Made by Judge Merrell to accept recommendation to approve Tim Warren to serve on the MCAD board.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **#5. Discuss and Possible Approve Interlocal Agreement between Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation and Mitchell County**

Judge Merrell presented an inter-local agreement with Lubbock public defender's office to provide legal protection if a capital offense case arises. Cost is \$1,793.00 annually.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to approve agreement as presented.

(A partially executed copy of inter-local agreement follows the minutes. Agreement was approved July 26, 2021 as well)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. **#6. Discuss and Possible Approve of Bass Roofing Proposal for Mitchell County Agricultural Barn**

Informational – Judge Merrell, via phone with Wayne Grosbeck/DRG and Raymond Bassinger/Bass Roofing

VOTE: NO ACTION

8. **#7. Discuss and Possible Approve Reverting Public Road, Laguna Drive, Back to Private Road**  
Informational - Coty Strain, residence on Laguna Drive discussed making Laguna Drive (CR317 dead ends) into private road again. Eight houses, 6 residences. Sterling Burleson, County Attorney, discussed petition by landowners.  
**VOTE: NO ACTION**
  
9. **Discuss and Possible Approve Court Collections Authorization Agreement for Direct Deposit with a Third Party Vendor, Hamer Enterprise.**  
Judge Merrell presented, on Bridger Anglin/Court Collections' behalf, an agreement allowing fines/fees to be paid online. No cost to Mitchell County. Service fee paid by paying party. This supports the new SCOLAW – holds on vehicle registration,  
**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve “pending” agreement after terminology is reviewed by County Attorney and grant judge authority to sign.**  
**(Missing agreement, not provided.)**  
**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz**  
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**
  
10. **Discuss Annual Mitchell County Sheriff's Jail Inspection by Texas Commission on Jail Standards along with Cameras and Cell Check System**  
Patrick Toombs, Sheriff presented the Texas Commission report passing standards. A couple of recommendations were made, but overall was good.  
**(A copy of inspection follows the minutes.)**  
**VOTE: NO ACTION**
  
11. **Discuss and Possible Approve 2022 Mitchell County Resolution for Indigent Defense Grant Program**  
Sheriff Patrick Toombs provided resolution for grant program. Auditor said program provides very little money to county, but every little bit helps.  
**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve TIDC resolution “pending” County Attorney reviewing and granting judge authority to sign.**  
**(A copy of resolution follows the minutes.)**  
**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz**  
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**
  
12. **Discuss and Possible Approve New Phone System**  
Nick Shrode, IT, discussed Vexus has purchased multiple systems and recommends switching/re-rotating systems due to outage especially after hours for sheriff's office. No extra cost to county.  
**VOTE: NO ACTION**
  
13. **#14. Discuss Events for the Utilization of the Mitchell County Ag Barn and Rodeo Arena**  
Informational – Judge Merrell  
**VOTE: NO ACTION**

14. **#13. Discuss and Possible Approve Donation**

Judge Merrell presented a \$100.00 check from Jay McCormick who wanted to give to youth of the county. Recommendation was made to forward donation to the extension office.

**MOTION:** Made by Judge Merrell to accept donation and give to extension office.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Muñoz

**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.

15. **Discuss and Approve Proposed Holiday Schedule for 2022**

Judge Merrell presented 2022 holiday schedule.

(A copy of the 2022 holiday schedule follows the minutes.)

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve 2022 holiday schedule as presented.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Muñoz

**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.

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**Consultation with Attorney – Redistricting and Possible Precinct Merger**

Regular meeting recessed 9:46 a.m. Resumed regular meeting 10:18 a.m.

**VOTE:** NO ACTION

17. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to adjourn.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Muñoz

**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.

I, Carla Kern, County Clerk of Mitchell County, Texas, do hereby certify that these Commissioners' Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021.

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