



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
REGULAR Session  
Monday, September 11, 2023 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call meeting to order**

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

County Judge	Mike Redwine	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 Judge Redwine.

3. **Public Comment**

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

4. **Approve Bills – Auditor's Office**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$179,811.89.

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

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**

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

**Approve 2 Bills without PO #** County Auditor Heidi Harris presented two bills from the Sheriff's Office for approval. PO #s were not requested for these bills.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve sheriff's office bills as presented.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

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

5. **Discuss and take appropriate action on BODE Technology payment with District Attorney's Office** County Attorney Sterling Burleson said he needs to look at old agreement in past minutes, as he is not sure if insurance will cover payment. Total cost is \$25,736.00.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to pay full amount.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones.**

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

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

6. **Property bids – Tax Office**

Tax A/C Teresa Hughes presented several properties for approval for tax sale. Commissioner Strain expressed concern about one bid from an out-of-county bidder, a company from Houston. He wanted to know if the bidder was also from out-of-country. The property is the "old Goodyear building" on the corner of Walnut and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Colorado City.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to accept all bids, except the one mentioned by Strain.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain.**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes, informational page only**

**(Tax deeds will be filed OPR once fully executed and paid by property owner.)**

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

**7. Approval of monthly minutes – County Clerk**

Approve minutes from Commissioners' Court Regular/Called meetings for August, 2023

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve minutes as presented.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Bailey.

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

**8. Approval of monthly reports – County Judge**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve monthly reports as presented.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Muñoz.

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

JP 1&4	\$ 18,231.87	District Clerk	\$ 9,354.16
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JP 2&3	\$ 12,674.09	County Clerk Civil	\$ 11,882.75
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Library	\$ 0.00	County Clerk Criminal	\$ 2,772.00
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Other reports: Auditor, Sheriff, and Treasurer – no fees.

**9. The Commissioners Court may recess into executive session to discuss any matters on the agenda pursuant to a legal exception to the Open Meetings Act contained in the Texas Government Code or other Texas law, including without limitation (a) consultation with attorney or personnel matters pursuant to 551.071 and/or 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.**

No action was taken during executive session.

**10. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Strain.

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

Meeting attended and minutes prepared by: Stephanic Perez, Deputy Clerk

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, September 11, 2023.



Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
REGULAR Session  
Monday, September 25, 2023 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call meeting to order**

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

County Judge	Mike Redwine	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 Judge Redwine.

3. **Public Comment**

Public comment by George Tyson.

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

4. **Approve bills – Auditor's Office**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 159,503.92

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

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**

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

5. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on adding investigator position in Mitchell County budget with District Attorney forfeiture funds – District Attorney's Office**

DA Ricky Thompson recommended hiring Anthony Bennett, retired DPS polygrapher & investigator. He will help local jurisdictions with interviews on major cases. The new investigator will be paid approximately \$80,000 per year, out of the DA's forfeiture funds.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to add investigator to county budget, to be reimbursed by DA's forfeiture funds.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.**

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

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

6. **Discuss and Approve 2024 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fee Report – Sheriff Toombs**

Sheriff Patrick Toombs said fees are staying the same as last year. He said he's checked with surrounding counties, and the fee amounts are similar. Commissioner Strain asked how the fees are collected, and Toombs said most of the fees are paid through court cases in the county clerk's office or justices of the peace offices.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to approve the 2024 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz.**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**

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

**7. Discuss and take appropriate action on equipment rental for county barn – County Judge, Commissioner Strain**

The county will be leasing stock show panels from the Mitchell County Livestock Association for use at the annual Jay McCormick pig sale. The panels, owned by MCLA, are stored in the ag barn at no cost to the organization. Commissioner Strain said he knows it's aggravating to have to lease equipment that has been stored in a county building for free, but it's not worth risking the pig sale being moved to another county. Strain said the sale is huge for business owners and the rest of the county. Total cost to rent the equipment is \$2,000.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to approve the rental agreement, authorizing county judge to execute on behalf of county.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**

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

**8. Discuss and approve renewal of Transamerica Life Insurance Company and Retiree TX Care for FY2024 – County Judge**

Judge Redwine presented the annual renewal of life insurance for retirees. Participation is completely voluntary and 100% cost to employee.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to renew the insurance.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain.**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**

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

**9. Information on hiring new librarian – County Judge**

Teresa Beckmeyer of the Library Advisory Board advised the court to hire Lori Stephens as the new librarian. The board received approximately 15 applications, with two being qualified applicants. Stephens has four years of library experience, has lived in Colorado City for five years and can start working on Tues., Sept. 26, 2023.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to hire Lori Stephens as librarian, on the recommendation of the library board.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz.**

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

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

**10. Discuss and approve the National 4H Week Proclamation for the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – Extension Agent**

The Mitchell County 4-H officers attended the meeting to help present a National 4-H Week Proclamation. There are 34 currently enrolled in the local chapter.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve Oct. 1-7, 2023 as National 4-H Week by proclamation.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**

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

**11. Approve August monthly report for Extension Office**

County Agent Derek Coffman presented the report, saying August is usually a slower month. His primary focus is recruitment for the 4-H program.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve report.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz.**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**

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

**12. Property bids – Tax Office**

Tax A/C Teresa Hughes brought information regarding a company bidding on the old GoodYear building, located at 290 Walnut St in Colorado City. After tabling the \$3,500 bid in a previous meeting, Hughes performed a taxable entity search to ensure the company, Jimenez Capital Management LLC, was a non-foreign company. The company is from Houston.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to accept bid.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain.**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes, informational page only**

**(Tax deeds will be filed OPR once fully executed and paid by property owner.)**

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

**13. Deed to correct ELR-Neff property conveyance description – County Attorney**

According to Commissioner Strain, property previously owned by the county has been resold, but the deed needs to be changed to show the correct property line. The new owner paid for a survey to be performed, and he needs the deed to reflect the true boundaries of the property.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to have the County Attorney draw up and file deed reflecting the correct legal property description.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes, informational page only**

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

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**a. Consultation with County Attorney**

No executive session, as County Attorney Sterling Burlison was unable to attend the meeting.

**15. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.**

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

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Meeting attended and minutes prepared by: Stephanie Perez, Deputy Clerk

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, September 25, 2023.

*Carla Kern*

Carla Kern, County Clerk

