



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

1. **Call meeting to order**

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Commissioner Strain at 9:00 a.m., in Commissioners' Courtroom, 2nd Floor, 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas.

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

2. **Invocation** was led by Sheriff Patrick Toombs
Pledge was led by Commissioner Bailey

3. **Public Comment**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Approval of Bills**

Approve bills in the total amount of \$ 129,973.04

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

(A copy of the budget amendment follows the minutes.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Line Items

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **Budget Amendment(s)**

VOTE: NO ACTION

6. **Discuss and Approve Out of State Training for Mitchell County Extension Agent**

Derek Coffman, CEA, discussed upcoming training in Ruidoso, NM. Travel funds will come out of current budget, just need approval since training is out of state.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones to approve travel and training in Ruidoso, NM.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. **Discussion and Action on Appointment of Elections Judges and Alternates**

County Clerk Carla Kern discussed the need to appoint election judges and alternates for 2-year term effective September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2023.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to approve elections judges and alternates as presented for 2-year term. (A copy follows the minutes.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. **Discuss and Approve Repair of Loraine VFD Firetruck with CARES Funds**

Pct. 4 Commissioner Jeremy Strain discussed research from County Judge Mark Merrell regarding CARES Act funds can be used to help with Loraine VFD firetruck repairs. City of Loraine donated \$31,353.00 to the county.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones to transfer/amend budget for \$10,000 to donate to Loraine VFD for firetruck repairs.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

9. **Discuss and Approve Inter-Local Agreement with City of Loraine for Road Repair Services**

County Attorney Sterling Bureson presented an inter-local agreement with City of Loraine for maintenance effective one year and automatic two years thereafter with exchange for water use from county.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones to approve inter-local agreement as presented.

(Missing agreement, not provided.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

10. **Discuss and Approve Permit for Gaming Rooms**

County Attorney Sterling Bureson discussed standard regulations outside city but within county, with limitations stated in application. No requirement for public hearing. Application and \$1,000 permit fee will be collected by County Clerk's office.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones to approve permit application for gaming rooms.

(Missing application, not provided.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

11. **Discuss and Possible Approve Donation of Fence to Texas Department of Criminal Justice**

County Attorney Sterling Bureson discussed TDCJ interest in old jail fencing. County has already declared as surplus property. Exchange for TDCJ labor removal and donate to TDCJ.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to approve donation of fencing for exchange in TDCJ labor for removal and authorize county judge to complete paperwork.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

12. **Discuss and Approve Monthly Reports**

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

JP 1&4	\$ 20,800.18	District Clerk	\$ 11,951.17
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JP 2&3	\$ 12,904.14	County Clerk Civil	\$ 12,592.50
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Library	\$ 301.50	County Clerk Criminal	\$ 2,724.10
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Other reports: Auditor, Sheriff, and Treasurer – no fees.

13. **Discuss and Approve Previous Monthly Minutes**

Approve minutes from Commissioners' Court Regular/Special meetings June, 2021

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

14. **15. ***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.

Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney Regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation for Mitchell County Desalination Plant under Texas Government Code Section 551.071

Regular meeting recessed 9: 43 a.m. Resumed regular meeting 10:00 a.m.

15. **16. Action Regarding Items Discussed in Closed Session**

VOTE: NO ACTION

16. **14. Discussion of Upcoming Budget Workshop**

Informational - Heidi Harris, Auditor

VOTE: NO ACTION

17. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

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, July 12, 2021.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, July 26, 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, 2nd 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. **Approval of Bills**

Approve bills in the total amount of \$ 135,271.48.

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

No line items presented.

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **8. Discussion of District Attorney's Budget**

Ricky Thompson, DA, requested help to add an assistant DA and additional clerk to his staff to answer phones and enter intakes.

VOTE: NO ACTION

6. **5. Discuss and Approve Agreement Between West Texas Centers and Mitchell County**

Judge Merrell discussed agreement to continue relationship with WTC.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve agreement as presented with authorization for county judge to sign.

(A copy of agreement follows the minutes.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. **6. Discuss and Approve Inter Local Agreement Between Regional Public Defender Office and Mitchell County, Texas**

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 Strain to approve agreement as presented with authorization for county judge to sign.

(A copy of inter local agreement follows the minutes.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. **7. Discussion of County and City Economic Development and Non-Profit Proposal**
Informational – Ty Wood is garnering support to form a non-profit business 501(c)(6) with Mitchell County, City of Colorado City, MCHD, and local Chamber of Commerce.
VOTE: NO ACTION
9. **Discuss and Approve Property Bid received by Tax Assessor**
Sylvia Clanton, Tax A/C, presented \$100.00 bid for lot with no house on LCR 246 (not waterfront).
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve bid as presented.
(A copy of property bid follows the minutes.)
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
10. **Discuss and Approve Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2022**
Sylvia Clanton, Tax A/C, presented TxDPS optional fees (\$10.00 Road and Bridge).
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve \$10.00 R&B fee, but not the \$1.50 for Child Safety for crossing guards to be sent to state.
(A copy of fees follows the minutes.)
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
11. **Budget Workshop**
Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop at 10:00 a.m.
Recessed 12:00 p.m. Reconvened 1:30 p.m.
Recessed 3:05 p.m. Reconvened 3:18 p.m.
VOTE: NO ACTION
12. **Adjourn**
Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.
MOTION: Made by Judge Merrell to adjourn.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
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, July 26, 2021.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners Court
CALLED Session
Tuesday, July 27, 2021 9:00 a.m.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Commissioners Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Merrell at 9:01 a.m., in Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd Floor, at 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 Munoz	Present
Precinct 4, Commissioner	Ricky Bailey	Present

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NO ACTION

3. **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop at 9:01 a.m.

4. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Judge Merrell to adjourn.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

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 Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners Court
CALLED Session
Thursday, July 29, 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, 2nd Floor, at 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 Munoz	Present
Precinct 4, Commissioner	Ricky Bailey	Present

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NO ACTION

3. **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop at 9:00 a.m.

4. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Judge Merrell to adjourn.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

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 Thursday, July 29, 2021.

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners Court
CALLED Session
Friday, July 30, 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, 2nd Floor, at 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas.

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NO ACTION

3. **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

No office heads or elected officials were scheduled to come before the court to present their budget during budget workshop.

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **ADJOURN**

A quorum was not present, therefore the meeting was cancelled and no official action taken.

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, July 30, 2021.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk

