



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, January 11, 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, 3rd Floor District Courtroom, 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(S)**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Update on Mitchell County Courthouse Windows Project**

Informational – Judge Merrell and via phone Wayne Gondeck/DRG Architects

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **Approval of bills**

Approve bills in the total amount of \$ 303,368.41

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of line item transfers

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve line item transfers as presented.

(A copy of the line item transfers follow the minutes.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **Budget Amendments**

Approve budget amendments in the amount of \$ 1,032.90, Jailers; \$300.00, Precinct 2 and \$2,800.00, Precinct 3.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve budget amendments as presented. (A copy of the budget amendments follows the minutes.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. **Discuss and Action on Approval of Bonds**

Carla Kern, County Clerk, presented Charles Richard Summers' bond for approval.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. **Annual Walk/Run for Fallen 1st Responders Lt. Eric Hill and Officer Nick Reyna**

Informational – Jeri Haag

VOTE: NO ACTION

9. **Update on CARES Grant**

Informational – Lovida Hamilton

VOTE: NO ACTION

10. **Purchase of Computers for Commissioners**

Informational – Nick Shrode, IT

VOTE: NO ACTION

11. **Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection Services with Colorado City, Westbrook and Loraine**

Sterling Burleson, County Attorney presented three interlocal agreements with cities within Mitchell County for fire protection for approval.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to approve interlocal agreements as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

12. **Review and Approve Bid Packet for CTIF Grant Project**

Sterling Burleson, County Attorney, presented bid packet for CTIF grant project to commissioners pointing out page 9 (list of projects). Need approval to go out for bids and advertise.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve bid packets for CTIF project as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

13. **APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS**

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	\$ 8,496.00	District Clerk	\$ 6,300.32
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JP 2&3	\$ 7,154.56	County Clerk Civil	\$ 8,678.50
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Library	\$ 131.00	County Clerk Criminal	\$ 4,510.00
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Other reports: Auditor, Sheriff, and Treasurer – no fees.

14. **APPROVE PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES**

Approve minutes from Commissioners' Court Regular/Special meetings December, 2020.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

15. **Discuss and Consider Judge Glen Harrison's Request for an Extension of the Designation of the Colorado City Civic Center as an Auxiliary Courthouse**

Judge Merrell and via phone Judge Harrison discussed designating Colorado City Civic Center as an auxiliary courthouse based on Supreme Court rulings during COVID/Pandemic to social distance and select jury panels for 2021.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve use of civic center as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

16. **Personnel – Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and 3. (Closed Session under Texas Government Code 551.074)**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to accept applications for JP 2/3 to County Judge's office by January 25, 2021 9:00am.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Muñoz stated, "We have a competent and compatible person of 8 years' experience to appoint for this position, but I will go along with the motion." Commissioner Strain stated that transparency and doing the absolute best we can is why applications will be helpful.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

Regular meeting recessed 9:47 a.m. Resumed regular meeting 10:49 a.m.

17. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain 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, January 11, 2021.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk





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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Merrell at 9:00 a.m., in 3rd Floor District Courtroom, 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 Mark Waldrip, President of FB&T
PLEDGE was led by Commissioner Jones

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **UPDATE ON MITCHELL COUNTY ROOF PROJECTS**

Informational – Judge Merrell and via phone Wayne Gondeck/DRG Architects

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **REDISTRICTING**

Informational – Judge Merrell and via phone Sid Falk/Bickerstaff

VOTE: NO ACTION

6. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Approve bills in the total amount of \$ 138,691.44.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

VOTE: NO ACTION

7. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LEASE AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION EQUIPMENT AND RENTAL FEES WITH LOCAL ENTITIES**

Carla Kern, County Clerk, presented lease agreement and election code supporting rental fees.

Changes to agreement – increased equipment damage amount due to cost of new equipment.

The timing of the purchase of new equipment allows for changes in rental and damage fees.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve lease agreement as presented with no rental fees charged to other entities.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. **APPROVAL OF SALARY FOR MULTICOUNTY COURT AT LAW COORDINATOR**

Informational - Sterling Burlison, County Attorney

VOTE: NO ACTION

9. **REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVE COUNTY PLAT IN BLOCK 6, SEVEN WELLS SUBDIVISION, MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

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VOTE: NO ACTION

Recessed 9:49 am – 9:53 am

10. **UPDATE ON MITCHELL COUNTY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WEIGH STATION**

Informational – Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: NO ACTION

11. **UPDATE ON MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Informational - Robbie Dewberry and Mark Waldrip.

VOTE: NO ACTION

12. **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2 AND 3**

Judge Merrell presented resignation letter from James Williams, JP 2/3 effective January 31, 2021.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to accept resignation assuming replacement has been appointed.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

13. *****CLOSED SESSION - EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

PERSONNEL – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2 AND 3

Regular meeting recessed 10:24 a.m. Resumed regular meeting 11:25 a.m.

VOTE: NO ACTION

14. **APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2 AND 3**

Judge Merrell recommended appointing Norma Perez as JP 2/3 to finish remaining term ending December 31, 2022

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to accept recommendation as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

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15. **ACTION REGARDING CLOSING SESSION MATTERS**

VOTE: NO ACTION

16. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Judge Merrell to adjourn.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain

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, January 25, 2021.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk

