



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
CALLED Session  
Monday, February 7, 2022 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	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 Jones

3. **Public Comment**

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

4. **Discuss and Approve Lifting Mitchell County Burn Ban**

Judge Merrell discussed burn ban has already been lifted, but there may be a need in the near future for another burn ban.

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

5. **Discuss and Approve the new Mitchell County Librarian**

Teresa Beckmeyer, chairman of library board presented Kalea Dean as the unanimous candidate for the Library Director.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve library board recommendation and hire Kalea Dean as the new library director.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones**

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

6. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

**MOTION: Made by Judge Merrell to adjourn.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz**

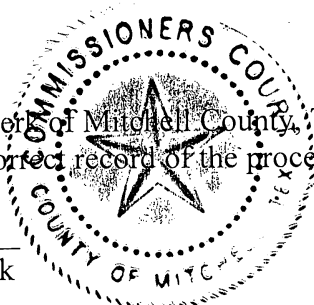
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**

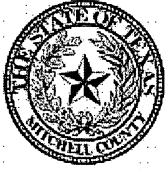
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I, Carla Kern, County Clerk of Mitchell County, Texas, do hereby certify that these Commissioners' Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022.

*Carla Kern*

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
REGULAR Session  
Monday, February 14, 2022 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 the County 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**

Tino Silva and Liliana Ornelas addressed concerns about sports complex

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

4. **Discuss and Approve of Bills**

Approve bills in the total amount of \$ 507,033.37.

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

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**

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

**Discuss and Approve of Line Items**

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

5. **Discuss the Cleanup Progress of the Mitchell County Old Jail**

Informational - Judge Merrell discussed progress on cleanup at the old jail. Looking to get bids to tear down and potentially turn into parking lot.

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

6. **Update on Mitchell County Commercial Vehicle Weigh Station**

Informational - Jeremy Usener, Texas DPS, discussed the progress and active use of weigh station and the appreciation for county supporting it.

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

7. **Discuss and Possible Approve County Burn Ban**

Judge Merrell discussed the need to reinstate the 30-day burn ban.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve 30-day burn ban.**

**(A copy of the approved burn ban follows the minutes.)**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz**

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

8. **Discuss Upcoming Mitchell County Webpage**

Informational – Nick Shrode, IT, provided information. Judge Merrell asked about highlighting projects and current events at the courthouse with a slideshow.

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

9. **Discuss and Possible Approval of Contract with Certified Payments for District Clerk's Office**

Belinda Blassingame, District Clerk, discussed that back in 2003 the County Clerk's office signed contract with Certified Payments to accept credit card payments, and she has provided Sterling Burleson, County Attorney, a copy of contract for review. He saw no issues with contract. No charge to county, 2.5% convenience fee to customer.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve contract with Certified Payments as presented.**

~~(No contract provided for minutes.)~~

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones**

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

10. **Discuss 32<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Racial Profiling Report**

Informational - Judge Merrell

~~(No report provided for minutes.)~~

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

11. **Discuss and Possible Approve Painting Inside Mitchell County Courthouse**

Judge Merrell expressed the need to repaint the interior of courthouse. Last major renovation of courthouse was in 1965. Quoted estimate from Johnny Pantoja for \$26,000.00 was presented. Discussion on increasing cost of materials followed. Heidi Harris, Auditor, was asked about budget. The possibility of moving funds from A/C maintenance to cover cost is feasible. The suggestion was made to ask if the American Relief Fund could cover cost.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve repainting of the interior of courthouse.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**

**VOTE: Motion passed 4 to 1**

**(For – Strain, Merrell, Munoz, Bailey) (Against – Jones)**

12. **Discuss and Approve County Clerk 2021 Continuing Education Hours**

Carla Kern, County Clerk, presented 2021 continuing education hours for review/approval.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve hours as presented.**

**(A copy of certificate follows the minutes.)**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones**

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

13. **Discuss and Approve Order of Special Constitutional Amendment Election – May 7, 2022**

Carla Kern, County Clerk, presented Order of Special Constitutional Amendment Election to be held on May 7, 2022, before the Primary Run-Off, to be issued by County Judge.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve order and authorize judge to execute notice.**

**(A copy of the Notice of Special Constitutional Amendment Election follows the minutes.)**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**

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

14. **Discuss Possible Joint or Contract with Other Political Subdivisions Elections – May 7, 2022**

Informational – Carla Kern, County Clerk

**VOTE: NO ACTION**

15. **Discuss and Approve Monthly Minutes**

Approve minutes from Commissioners' Court Regular/Special meetings for January, 2022

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

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**

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

16. **Discuss and Approve Monthly Reports**

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

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz**

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

JP 1&4	\$ 22,927.10	District Clerk	\$ 10,271.30
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JP 2&3	\$ 11,335.90	County Clerk Civil	\$ 11,560.50
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Library	not reported	County Clerk Criminal	\$ 4,366.10
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Other reports: Auditor, Sheriff, and Treasurer – no fees.

17. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

**MOTION: Made by Judge Merrell to adjourn.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz**

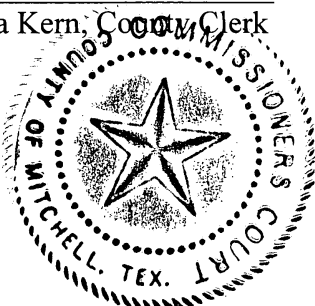
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**

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Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
REGULAR Session  
Monday, February 28, 2022 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.

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

3. **Public Comment**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Discuss and Approve of Bills**

Approve bills in the total amount of \$ 45,815.21.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

**Discuss and Approve of Line Items**

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **Discuss and Possible Approve County Burn Ban**

Informational – Judge Merrell. Current burn ban in effect until March 16, 2022.

VOTE: NO ACTION

6. **Update on Law Enforcement Center Roof Replacement Project**

Informational - Judge Merrell, Raymond Bassinger with Bass Roofing

VOTE: NO ACTION

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Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney on Pending or contemplated Litigation –  
Lauren Engineering Lawsuit

Recessed: 9:11 a.m. Resumed: 9:43 a.m.

VOTE: NO ACTION

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REGULAR Session

Monday, February 28, 2022 9:00 a.m.

8. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

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

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Jones

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

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