



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, July 11, 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, 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**

George Tyson, citizen, spoke regarding agenda item 8. Jayhawk Solar LLC
VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Discuss and Approve of Bills**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 113,418.87

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 update on the Dick Ware Unit by Warden Cueto**

Tabled agenda item, reschedule later date

VOTE: NO ACTION

6. **Independent Auditor's Report**

Judge Merrell mentioned on 6/27/2022 Commissioners' court meeting, Cathrine Wilkes, CPA, presented audit report of county for 2021. No motion, second or vote took place.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve independent auditor's report presented at last meeting.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. **Discuss and possible approval of annual participation of Cybersecurity Course**

Lovida Hamilton, County Judge's assistant, informed court annual participation for cybersecurity course is coming up. If you perform at least 25% of your duties on a county computer then you and your staff need to complete the cybersecurity by August 31. An email will be sent to register, deadline July 31.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve participation in cybersecurity course.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. **Discuss and possible approve property tax abatement request by Jayhawk Solar LLC**
Informational – Judge Merrell / Sterling Burleson, County Attorney – copy of letter from Jayhawk Solar LLC provided to each commissioner outlining tax abatement request.
(No documents provided for minutes.)
VOTE: NO ACTION

9. **Discuss and possible approve burn ban**
Judge Merrell expressed the need to extend burn ban additional 30 days effective today.
(A copy of executed burn ban with effective date 14th day of July, 2022 follows the minutes.)
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve extension of burn ban.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

10. **Discussion of Champion Creek Subdivision water lines – Ashley Mullins**
Informational – Ashley Mullins, real estate agent.
(Documents and photos distributed to commissioners. Nothing provided for minutes.)
VOTE: NO ACTION

11. **Review and possible approval of multiple contracts for Mitchell County roofing projects**
Sterling Burleson, County Attorney, provided one large binder with contracts and exhibits for seven remaining roofing projects. Wayne Grosbeck of DRG has reviewed and approves projects. Raymond Bassinger/Bass Roofing is ready to go. After contracts executed, project will take 180 days to complete.
(A partially executed contract follows the minutes and binder is located in County Clerk's vault for viewing.)
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve contracts for roofing projects as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

12. **Review and possible approval of Peace Officer Reimbursement Agreement**
Patrick Toombs, Sheriff; Jeremiah Witte, Deputy; Sterling Burleson, County Attorney presented peace officer reimbursement agreement for review. After discussion, Commissioner Strain asked if American Relief Funds can be used since no money budgeted for this. It was confirmed by auditor, these funds can be used. Budget will still have to be amended.
(A copy of approved Peace Officer Reimbursement Agreement follows the minutes.)
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to accept agreement presented to the court.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

13. Review and possible approval of Housing Incentive Agreement with City of Colorado City

Sterling Burleson, County Attorney provided commissioners with City of Colorado City Housing Incentive Agreement for review. The original agreement referenced city asking county for one-time contribution with city overseeing funds. County didn't approve funding. The current agreement has nothing binding for county. Once city approves agreement to build three homes with housing incentive, the contract will be brought to commissioners to accept or deny providing funds and court can determine amount of funds.

(A copy of Housing Incentive Agreement follows the minutes.)

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve housing incentive agreement

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

14. Discuss and Approve Monthly Minutes

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

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

15. Discuss and Approve Monthly Reports

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

JP 1&4	\$ 37,527.10	District Clerk	\$ 9,057.01
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JP 2&3	\$ 13,007.00	County Clerk Civil	\$ 12,099.00
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Library	\$ 0.00	County Clerk Criminal	\$ 8,635.10
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Other reports: Auditor, Sheriff, and Treasurer – no fees.

16. 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 consultation with attorney or personnel matters pursuant to 551.071 and/or 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

No executive session needed.

17. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.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 11, 2022.

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, July 25, 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, 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. **2. Invocation** was led by Commissioner Strain
1. Pledge was led by Commissioner Jones

3. **Public Comment**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Discuss and Approve of Bills**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 164,544.42

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 American Rescue Plan Act**

Judge Merrell discussed receiving 2nd payment \$829,888.00

VOTE: NO ACTION

6. **Discuss and possible approve 312 Application of Zeus RED, for Mitchell Solar I, Mitchell Solar II, Mitchell Solar III, Spade Wind I and Spade III**

Tabled, rescheduled for August 22, 2022

VOTE: NO ACTION

7. **Budget Workshop**

Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop at 9:05 a.m.

Recessed 10:16 a.m. Reconvened 10:27 a.m.

Lunch break 11:50 a.m. – 1:34 p.m.

VOTE: NO ACTION

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No executive session.

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REGULAR Session
Monday, July 25, 2022 9:00 a.m.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz 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 25, 2022.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners Court
CALLED Session
Tuesday, July 26, 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, 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. **Invocation** was led by Commissioner Strain
Pledge was led by Commissioner Bailey

3. **Public Comment**
NO ACTION

4. **Budget Workshop**

Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop at 9:00 a.m.
Recessed: 9:59 a.m. Reconvened: 10:15 a.m.
Lunch break 10: 53 a.m. – 1:43 p.m.

5. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones 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 26, 2022.

Handwritten signature of Carla Kern in blue ink.

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners Court
CALLED Session
Wednesday, July 27, 2022 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. **Invocation** was led by Commissioner Strain
Pledge was led by Commissioner Jones

3. **Public Comment**
NO ACTION

4. **Budget Workshop**
Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop at 9:00 a.m.
Recessed: 9:03 a.m. Reconvened: 9:23 a.m.

5. **ADJOURN**
Meeting adjourned at 10:24 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 Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners Court
CALLED Session
Thursday, July 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, 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	Absent

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

3. **Public Comment**
NO ACTION

4. **Discuss and Possible Approval of the sale of the Loraine Manor**

Ashley Mullins with Texas Hometown Real Estate presented 2 offers for purchasing the Loraine Manor. 1) \$17,000 cash offer close in 2 weeks from Monday, so August 8th or sooner. After verbal acceptance a 2nd offer was offered as a backup 2) \$50,000 cash offer, plan to use for 4-6 months then resale.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to accept first offer \$17,000 as agreed upon with judge sign agreement.

(No documents provided for minutes.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Proposed Tax Rate**

Heidi Harris, Auditor presented proposed tax rates on behalf of Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector for 2023 budget year. .526775 including M&O .398759, I&S .043163, Road .084853

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to accept .526775 proposed tax rate as presented.

(A copy of proposed tax rate follows the minutes.)

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Reconvened in open session at 9:15 a.m. to clarify inclusion of M&O, I&S, Road. No additional vote needed. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

6. **ADJOURN**


Meeting adjourned at 9:09 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 Thursday, July 28, 2022.


Carla Kern, County Clerk