



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
CALLED Session
Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:00 a.m.

1. **Call meeting to order**

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Commissioner Munoz at 11:00 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	Absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner	Jesse Muñoz	Present
Precinct 4, Commissioner	Ricky Bailey	Present

2. **Invocation** was led by Commissioner Jones

Pledge was led by Commissioner Bailey

3. **Public Comment**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **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. Consultation with Attorney – Lauren Engineering**

Enter Executive Session: 11:01 a.m. Resumed Regular Meeting: 11:37 a.m.

No action was taken during executive session.

5. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 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 Thursday, September 1, 2022.


Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, September 12, 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**

Judge Merrell introduced new Colorado City Police Chief, Joseph Stephens

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Discuss and Approve of Bills**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 140,908.05.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Discuss and Approve of Line Items

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **9. Discussion of Possible State of Emergency Declaration regarding border security and state funding for local law enforcement to help deter indirect criminal activity related to the border crisis**

Sheriff Patrick Toombs presented additional resolutions from previously approved resolution at last meeting regarding the Operation Lone Star grant application for border security and the need to declare a state of emergency resolution for border crisis.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve the resolution presented effective immediately and ending December 31, 2023.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **5. Discuss and possibly approve Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Access to Cloud Library Digital Resources**
Kalea Dean, Librarian, presented interlocal agreement for Mutual Access to Cloud Library Digital Resources. Looks like this was on agenda in November, 2021 and tabled. Currently participating, but needed commissioners to approve agreement. Sterling Burleson, County Attorney, has reviewed.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve interlocal agreement as presented with authorization for Judge Merrell to execute on county's behalf.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. **6. Public Hearing on Mitchell County Abatement Guidelines and Criteria**
Open Public Hearing: 9:07 a.m. Closed Public Hearing: 9:13 a.m.
Ruben Hurt/Colorado City Mayor
VOTE: No action

8. **7. Discuss and possibly approve Abatement Guidelines and Criteria**
Sterling Burleson, County Attorney, informed the court that the county Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria needs to be re-approved every two (2) years and the guidelines and criteria are still good as is. Approved 2015, 2017, then some time in 2020.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz approve Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria as presented and existing from 2015.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones
ATTACHMENTS: Yes (waiting for newly typed for current judge, commissioners, county clerk signatures)
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

9. **8. Discuss and Approve 2023 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees Report**
Sheriff Patrick Toombs informed the court no fees changing from 2022 to 2023
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain as presented
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

10. **Discuss possible bitcoin database storage project**
Informational only – Judge Merrell
ATTACHMENTS: No
VOTE: No action

11. **Discuss and Approve Monthly Minutes**
Approve minutes from Commissioners' Court Regular/Special meetings for August, 2022
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve minutes as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

12. Discuss and Approve Monthly Reports

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

JP 1&4	\$ 22,607.10	District Clerk	\$ 8,372.30
JP 2&3	\$ 13,754.08	County Clerk Civil	\$ 11,974.00
Library	\$ 255.50	County Clerk Criminal	\$ 2,251.00

Other reports: Auditor, Sheriff, and Treasurer – no fees.

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No executive session needed.

No action was taken during executive session.

14. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.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, September 9, 2022.



Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, September 26, 2022 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call meeting to order**

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Merrell at 9:06 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 Munoz

3. **Public Comment**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Discuss and Approve of Bills**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 103,615.78

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Discuss and Approve of Line Items

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

5. **Discussion and update on Mitchell County Roof Projects**

Informational – Judge Merrell

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

6. **Discuss and possible approve bid on property owned by Mitchell County**

Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector presented bid from Albert L. Garrett \$2,000 for property at 661 LCR 313 Colorado City for approval.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to accept bid as presented to add back to tax roll.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. **Discussion with Texas Communities Group, LLC in reference to Trust Properties**

Informational – Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector and Danny Barret, Director of Texas Communities Group LLC

ATTACHEMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

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Consultation with Attorney Regarding Current or Pending Litigation – Lauren Engineering Lawsuit

Enter Executive Session: 9:32 a.m. Resumed Regular Meeting: 10:46 a.m.
No action was taken during executive session.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 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, September 26, 2022.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk

