

# MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court CALLED Session Monday, March 6, 2023 9:00 a.m.

1. Call meeting to order

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Redwine at 9:00 a.m., in Commissioners' Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas.

County Judge Mike Redwine 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 everyone

3. Public Comment

VOTE:

NO ACTION

4. Discuss Mitchell County Grant for possible draining and/or roadway project

Discussion with Grant Works via phone (Martha/Charles) which county road(s) to conduct residential survey as part of the grant application process. (must have a minimum of 51% low economic housing.)

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to continue with application process with residential survey being conducted by Grant Works on County Road 100 and 102 within Precinct 4 with Commissioner Bailey overseeing project if granted. Also added to withdraw from application process or grant at any time the commissioners' court sees fit.

SECOND: N

Made by Commissioner Munoz

**ATTACHMENTS: No** 

VOTE:

All in favor. Motion passed.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

MOTION:

Made by Commissioner Strain to adjourn.

**SECOND:** 

Carla Kern, County Clerk

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 Monday, March 6, 2023.



# MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court REGULAR Session Monday, March 13, 2023 9:00 a.m.

## 1. Call meeting to order

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Redwine at 9:05 a.m. in Commissioners' Courtroom, Courthouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas.

County Judge Mike Redwine 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 Judge Redwine.

3. Public Comment

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. Bills

Approved bills in the total amount of \$156,682.65, presented by Jeri Haag, Auditor's Clerk.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes** 

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

Line Items

ATTACHMENTS: No VOTE: NO ACTION

#### 5. ARTS Renewal

County Treasurer Jennifer Rivera presented information on the renewal of the Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS). Renewal is made through Texas Association of Counties, and Rivera will serve as the primary contact because she provides Human Resources for the county.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve renewal.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones.

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes** 

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

#### 6. Racial Profiling Report

Sheriff Patrick Toombs presented two reports regarding racial profiling; one with local statistics and another with a comparative analysis. Informational only.

ATTACHMENTS: Yes VOTE: NO ACTION

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**REGULAR Session** 

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7. Discuss, consider and adopt a resolution to designate authorized signatories for the Texas Community Development Block Grant program

Sam Chumley of GrantWorks Inc. was present to answer questions regarding the program. She told the court the resolution must be adopted to apply for the grant funding.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to adopt the resolution and authorize Judge Redwine to sign.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.

ATTACHMENTS: No – Agenda Item #10 motion withdraws Mitchell County from application process. No resolution needed.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. Discuss, consider and adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant program application and adopting required CDBG Civil Rights policies

Chumley of GrantWorks told commissioners adopting the CDBG Civil Rights policies was a standard practice and part of the Fair Housing Act.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to authorize application to the Texas Community Development Block Grant and to adopt the required CDBG Civil Rights policies.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, Information only. Agenda Item #10 motion withdraws Mitchell County from application process. No resolution needed.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

9. Discuss, Accept community-wide housing analysis performed regarding impediments to fair housing in Mitchell County

Commissioners choose road to submit for CDBG program, then the analysis is performed on that road.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Muñoz to accept analysis.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.

ATTACHMENTS: No – Agenda Item #10 motion withdraws Mitchell County from application process.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

10. Contact for Architectural/Engineering Services for Mitchell County Community Development Block Grant project

County Attorney Burleson received a copy of the contract, not contact, from Wayne of DRG. Burleson advised commissioners not to sign the contract until the fees are set. Strain clarified that the county would owe DRG if the court decides to refuse the funding after the application work is completed. Bailey said he believes the chosen road may not meet the criteria for the funding.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to take Mitchell County out of the application process completely, with Judge Redwine notifying DRG and GrantWorks.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz.

ATTACHMENTS: No, contract not approved.

Agenda Item voids resolutions on agenda items #7-8

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

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**REGULAR Session** 

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11. Discuss and Approve Monthly Minutes

Approve minutes from Commissioners' Court Regular/Special meetings for February, 2023.

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 Strain to approve monthly reports as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

 JP 1&4
 \$26,813.60
 District Clerk
 \$12,488.15

 JP 2&3
 \$15,103.68
 County Clerk Civil
 \$10,840.00

 Library
 \$165.20
 County Clerk Criminal
 \$545.00

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

13. 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 (a) consultation with attorney or personnel matters pursuant to 551.071 and/or 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Deliberations Regarding Real Property

No executive session.

## 14. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to adjourn.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey. VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting attended and minutes prepared by: Stephanie Perez, Deputy County Clerk

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, March 13, 2023.



# MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court REGULAR Session

Monday, March 27, 2023 9:00 a.m.

## 1. Call meeting to order

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Redwine at 9:00 a.m. in Commissioners' Courtroom, Courthouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas.

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Precinct 4, Commissioner Ricky Bailey Present

2. Invocation was led by Commissioner Strain.

Pledge was led by Judge Redwine.

#### 3. Public Comment

Liz Oakley, private citizen, addressed the court regarding a Corix rate increase hearing held by phone recently. She said she was disappointed to learn no county leaders participated in the hearing.

VOTE:

**NO ACTION** 

#### 4. Bills

Approved bills in the total amount of \$65,134.60 presented by County Auditor Heidi Harris.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain. SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.

ATTACHMENTS: YES

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

## 5. Engagement Letter with Independent Auditor Catherine Wilks

County Auditor Heidi Harris presented an engagement letter from CPA Catherine Wilks. Commissioners approved Wilks to perform audit services for the county for \$19,500

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve CPA services and authorize Judge

Redwine to sign contract.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES** 

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

### County Auditor's Annual Financial Report 2022

County Auditor Heidi Harris presented the internal financial report. The county received \$1.6 million more in revenue than spent in expenditures in 2022.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve the 2022 Annual Financial Report.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz.

ATTACHMENTS: YES

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

#### 6. Bank Depository

County Treasurer Jennifer Rivera told commissioners the current contract on the county's depository ends May 31, 2023. It has been four years since the county sought bids for the depository.

Commissioner Muñoz expressed interest in seeking bids before awarding the contract.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to seek bids for a depository.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Bailey.

ATTACHMENTS: NO

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

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7. Library Accreditation

No action was taken, as Library Director Kalea Dean said neither she nor the board are interested in accreditation with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

8. Mitchell County Property Tax Bid Sale Approval

County Tax A/C Teresa Hughes presented 7 deeds for the court's approval. The county has collected \$861 from the sales so far. Commissioner Strain asked if the county can make a policy to limit foreign buyers purchasing property in Mitchell County. County Attorney Sterling Burleson said he will look into the option.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to approve the deeds.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones.

ATTACHMENTS: YES, Informational page follows minutes.

(Tax deeds will be filed OPR once fully executed and paid by property owner.)

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

9. Open, Review, and Select sealed bids for Mitchell County Desalination Property Sale

The only bid received was for \$255,000. The bid was rejected, and commissioners instructed County Attorney Sterling Burleson to look into the process of hiring a realtor.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones to reject all bids.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Muñoz.

ATTACHMENTS: NO

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

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Deliberations Regarding Real Property & Consultation with Attorney

Enter Executive Session: 9:39 a.m. Resumed Regular Meeting: 10:05 a.m. No action taken during Executive Session.

## 11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to adjourn.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

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Meeting attended and minutes prepared by: Stephanie Perez, Deputy clerk.

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Carla Kern, County Clerk