



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, July 10, 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, 2nd 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**

George Tyson, citizen, spoke supporting agenda item #11 - Mitchell County as a sanctuary county for the unborn

VOTE: No action

4. **Approve Bills – County Auditor**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 158,901.65.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Approve Line Items – County Auditor

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

5. **Introduction of new Warden for Wallace/Ware Units – TDCJ Staff**

Informational: Daniel Silva, TDCJ captain, introduced new warden Jeremy LaRue.

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

6. **County Road Abandonment of CR 288 – Commissioner Strain**

Commissioner Strain discussed the need to abandon CR 288. The county road runs across private pasture, owned by Sterling Cattle Company, and a highway. Destruction of road destroyed cattle guard. According to county attorney, a signed petition is needed from owner to abandon/vacate CR 288 with authorization for county judge to sign.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve CR 288 abandonment with authorization for county judge to sign once petition has been signed by the one owner.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, petition for road abandonment follows the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

- 7. Appointment of County Health Authority – County Judge**
Judge Redwine recommended re-appointing Dee Roach, M.D., as the county's top health official. Dr. Roach has held this position for many years and has agreed to serve another term.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to re-appoint Dr. Dee Roach as the county health authority.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of appointment follows the minutes.
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
- 8. Discussion and Possible Approve of Resignation of County Librarian – County Judge**
Judge Redwine discussed receiving resignation letter from Kalea Dean with a two week notice.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to accept the resignation as discussed.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of resignation letter follows the minutes.
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
- 9. Discuss and approve Property Tax Bill Sale Approval – Tax Assessor**
Lana Vardeman, deputy clerk, presented seven deeds on behalf of Tax A/C office to be reviewed/executed by county judge. June 6, 2023 sheriff sale brought in \$38,879.84 with county receiving \$9,813.64 in taxes
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve tax bill sales, authorizing county judge to execute on county behalf.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, informational page only with minutes
(Tax deeds will be filed OPR once fully executed and paid by property owner.)
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
- 10. Discussion, consideration and appropriate action regarding settlement terms with Walgreens, CVS and Walmart defendants, and authorizing the County Judge or other authorized officials to execute the Settlement participation and release forms regarding statewide settlement offers in the matter of Texas statewide opioid multi-district litigation for the County in the matter of In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 1:17-md-022804 – County Attorney**
County Attorney discussed paperwork authorizing county judge to execute on county's behalf.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve settlement terms with Walgreens, CVS and Walmart defendants, and authorizing the county judge to execute on county's behalf.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, three exhibit Ds follow the minutes.
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
- 11. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution Supporting the Sanctity of Life, Restrictions on Access to Abortion, and Reaffirming Mitchell County as a Sanctuary County for the Unborn – County Judge**
Mark Lee Dickson, Director of Right of Life, made a presentation covering sanctity of life in the U.S.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones to approve resolution supporting the sanctity of life, restrictions on access to abortion, and reaffirming Mitchell County as a sanctuary county for the unborn.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of resolution follows the minutes.
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

12. Approval of monthly minutes – County Judge

Approve minutes from Commissioners' Court Regular/Called meetings for June, 2023.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

13. Approval of monthly reports – County Judge

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	\$ 18,392.50	District Clerk	\$ 10,814.01
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JP 2&3	\$ 9,525.14	County Clerk Civil	\$ 14,625.80
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Library	\$ 0.00	County Clerk Criminal	\$ 2,994.10
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Other reports: Auditor, Sheriff, and Treasurer – no fees.

14. 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.

551.072 – Deliberation Regarding Real Property – Sale of Desalination Property

551.074 – Personnel Matters – Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and 3 Office Staff

551.074 – Personnel Matters – County Librarian

Enter Executive Session: 9:57 a.m. Resumed Regular Meeting: 11:05 a.m.

No action was taken during executive session.

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones 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 10, 2023.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
CALLED Session
Friday, July 14, 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, 2nd 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	Absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner	Ricky Bailey	Present

2. **Invocation** was led by Commissioner Strain
Pledge was led by Judge Redwine

3. **Public Comment**

Citizens spoke supporting agenda item #5: George Tyson, Matt Helm, Robin Hayes, Pam White
VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **5. Discussion and approval of a listing agreement for the sale of the Desalination Property**

County Attorney Sterling Burleson spoke briefly about the real estate listing agreement needing a couple minor revisions from residential to commercial.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve agreement presented with county attorney making necessary changes and authorizing the county judge to execute on county's behalf.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of real estate listing agreement follows the minutes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **4. Discussion and approval of County Ordinance outlawing abortion, abortion-inducing drugs, and abortion trafficking within the unincorporated area of Mitchell County and reaffirming Mitchell County a sanctuary county for the unborn.**

Discussed before court by County Attorney Sterling Burleson, Right for Life Director Mark Dickson fully explained the ordinance being considered by the court.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve the county ordinance outlawing abortion, abortion-inducing drugs, and abortion trafficking within the unincorporated area of Mitchell County and reaffirming Mitchell County a sanctuary county for the unborn.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of ordinance 07/14/2023 follows the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **Discussion and possible approval on Interlocal Agreement with Colorado ISD for provision of School Resource Officer**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones to table agenda item.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

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No executive session.

8. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain 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 Friday, July 14, 2023.



Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, July 24, 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, 2nd 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**

George Tyson, citizen, spoke about agenda item #6 regarding solar project.
Liz Oakley, citizen, spoke about agenda item # 7, the air rifle program.

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Approve Bills – County Auditor**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 180,672.44

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Approve Line Items – County Auditor

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

5. **Discussion and possible approval of Engagement Letter for Independent Audit FY 2023 – County Auditor**

County Auditor Heidi Harris discussed engagement letter with Cathrine Wilks, CPA, as independent auditor. Cost is estimated to be \$19,800.00.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve independent audit and giving Heidi Harris, county auditor authorization to sign.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **Discuss interest, overview and review potential solar project in Mitchell County with NextEra Energy Resources – Representative with NextEra**

Informational – 3 representatives from NextEra: Andrew Hart, Nicole Rivera, Katie Jenkins

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

7. Discussion and possible approval of air rifle programs at Mitchell County Ag Barn – Extension Agent

Derek Coffman, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent, discussed the use of ag barn for air rifle practice.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to allow program with proper supervision to use ag barn for air rifle practice.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible approval of resolution authorizing Operation Lone Star Grant Application and Declaration of Local Disaster – County Sheriff

Jeremiah Witte, deputy sheriff, expressed the need for new or extended resolution to apply for grant. Deadline is 8/11/2023. Current resolution expires 12/31/2023. Need extended through 2024. Items that could be purchased with funds: vehicles, x-ray scanner, drone, radios, body cams.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve resolution extension through 12/31/2024

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a certified copy follows the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

9. 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.

No executive session.

Recessed 9:34 a.m. Resumed 9:51 a.m.

10. Budget Workshop

Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop at 9:51 a.m.

Lunch break 12:03 p.m. – 1:32 p.m.

VOTE: NO ACTION

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain 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 Monday, July 24, 2023.


Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
CALLED Session
Tuesday, July 25, 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, 2nd 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. **Budget Workshop**

Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop at 9:00 a.m.

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain 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 Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
CALLED Session
Wednesday, July 26, 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, 2nd 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. **Budget Workshop**

Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop at 9:00 a.m.
Recessed 9:00 a.m. Reconvened 11:00 a.m.

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12: 49 p.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain 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 Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
CALLED Session
Thursday, July 27, 2023 1:00 p.m.

1. **Call meeting to order**

Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County was called to order by Judge Redwine at 1:00 p.m., in Commissioners' Courtroom, 2nd 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. **Budget Workshop**

Commissioners' Court convened into Budget Workshop

VOTE: NO ACTION

5. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain 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 27, 2023.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk

