



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, August 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	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 regarding concerns about agenda item #13 involving CORIX Utilities

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Bills**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 158,503.66

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Line Items

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

5. **#6 Discussion and possible action to set elected officials salaries and all other compensation for FY 2024 – Auditor's Office**

County Auditor Heidi Harris provided & Judge Redwine read aloud the increasing amounts for FY 2024 elected officials salaries.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve 2024 elected officials salaries

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy follows the minutes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **#5, #8 Discussion and possible action to set date for public hearing on FY 2024 proposed budget – Auditor's Office**

Jeri Haag, auditor's clerk, discussed date of Monday, August 28 for public hearing. No discussion, court moved on to next agenda item.

Heidi Harris, auditor, arrived and agenda item discussed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve to set date as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. **Discussion and possible action on the proposed tax rate for FY 2024 and take record vote – Auditor's Office**
Judge Redwine read aloud the proposed 2023 property rate to fund FY 2024 budget (County .355000, County Road .100000. Debt .044505 = Total .499505)
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve proposed 2023 tax rate as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy follows the minutes
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. **#9 Discussion and approval of resolution to replace or rehabilitate bridge crossover at Jayhawk Creek on CR 121 through the TXDOT Infrastructure and Jobs Act and the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program – Commissioner Jones**
Commissioner Jones discussed the need for resolution to be approved and authorizing county judge to sign on county's behalf for the Jayhawk Creek replacement and rehabilitation to begin. 100% state funded.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve resolution presented and give county judge authorization to execute on county's behalf.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy follows the minutes
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

9. **#10 Mitchell County Property Bids – Tax Office**
Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector, presented one deed on Crockett St in Loraine. Bid is \$400.00.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to approve property bid, authorizing county judge to execute on county's behalf.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones
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. **#11 Discussion and possible approval of county burn ban – Judge Redwine**
Judge Redwine discussed order prohibiting outdoor burning effective immediately for 30 days.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of burn ban follows the minutes.
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

11. **#12 Discussion and possible action changing one library clerk position from full time to part time – Library Board**
Teresa Beckmeyer, member of library advisory board, requested commissioners consider one of the full-time librarian clerk positions be changed to part time effective August 31st.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve the request from library advisory board.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
ATTACHMENTS: No
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

12. #13 Discussion and possible action regarding application for Feral Hog Grant – Judge Redwine

Judge Redwine presented application needing approval and completion for feral hog grant to reduce cost of traps and possibly other suppliers. Funding available up to \$10,000 for county trapper, game warden and ag agent to use.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve applying for the feral hog grant presented in court.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: No, not provided

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

13. #14 Discussion and possible approval of CORIX application for Pipeline Public Road Crossing for two road bores – Judge Redwine

Judge Redwine presented application for Corix Utilities for crossing CR 307 for approval.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of application for road crossing permits follows the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

14. #15 Discussion and approval of contract renewal with West Texas Centers to provide MHMR services to the county jail – Judge Redwine

Judge Redwine discussed contract renewal to continue relationship with WTC and MHMR services to county jail.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve contract renewal as presented with authorization for county judge to sign.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of renewal follows the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

15. #16 Public Hearing for archive fee for county clerk's office – Carla Kern

Public Hearing Open: 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing Closed: 9:37 a.m.

George Tyson, citizen, asked for explanation of purpose of fee.

VOTE: No action

16. #17 Discussion and action to approve 2024 archive fee for county clerk's office – Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk presented the annual request to approve the \$10 archive fee charged for recording documents with the county clerk's office. Enough funds are available to complete microfilm to digital conversion of 70 deeds of trust books.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve collection of fee for the 2024 plan as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of archive fee plan follows the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

REGULAR Session

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17. Discussion and action on appointment of election judges and alternates – Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk, discussed the need to appoint election judges and alternates for 2-year term effective September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2025.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve elections judges and alternates as presented for 2-year term.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of judges and alternates follows the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

18. Approval monthly minutes – Carla Kern

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

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed

19. Discuss and Approve Monthly Reports

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

JP 1&4 \$ 10,803.50 District Clerk \$ 16,225.78

JP 2&3 \$ 9,564.37 County Clerk Civil \$ 10,418.25

Library \$ 0.00 County Clerk Criminal \$ 8,379.61

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

20. 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.

21. Budget Workshop

Begins: 9:50 a.m. Recess: 9:50 a.m. Resumes: 9:55 a.m.

VOTE: No action

22. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

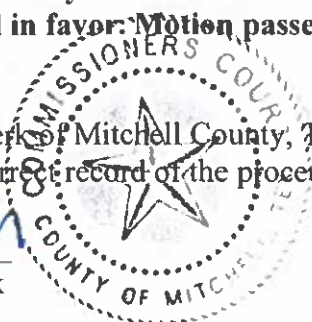
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones to adjourn.

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 Monday, August 14, 2023.


Carla Kern, County Clerk





MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
CALLED Session
Monday, August 21, 2023 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call meeting to order**

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

3. **Public Comment**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Discuss and Approve Order of Special Election – Constitutional Amendment – County Clerk**
County Clerk Carla Kern presented Order of Special Election – Constitutional Amendment with Governor's Proclamation for November 7, 2023 election.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve order of special election for November 7, 2023.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of signed order and governor's proclamation follows the minutes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 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 Monday, August 21, 2023.

Carla Kern, County Clerk





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

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

3. **Public Comment**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Bills – Auditor's Office**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 41,773.09

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion with Ricky Thompson, District Attorney regarding genetic testing invoices relating to the Hailey Dunn case needing to be paid. County Attorney Sterling Burleson was asked by Commissioner Strain to see if insurance policy county has paid for years through Lubbock County will help with this invoice.

Invoice tabled until next commissioners' court meeting.

Line Items – Auditor's Office

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

5. **Budget Amendment(s) – Auditor's Office**

Jeri Haag from auditor's office presented budget amendment increasing part time sports complex salary \$8,178.00

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve budget amendments as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, not provided

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **Public Hearing on 2024 Budget – Auditor's Office**

Judge Redwine

Public hearing open: 9:16 a.m. Public hearing closed: 9:17 a.m.

VOTE: No action

7. Consider Adopting the 2024 Budget – Auditor's Office

Jeri Haag from auditor's office presented 2024 budget for Heidi Harris, County Auditor: January – December 31, 2024 budget to be adopted. Estimated population of 8,943: anticipated total revenue of \$11,057,612.74; total expenditures of \$11,440,735.84; \$130,331.27 funded from reserves for heavy equipment purchases; and \$725,000.00 funded from ARPA grand funds; giving Mitchell County a \$472,208.17 budget surplus for fiscal year 2024.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve 2024 budget as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, adopted budget follows the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. Consider Setting the Tax Rate for 2023 – Auditor's Office

Jeri Haag from auditor's office presented order to commissioners' court setting the tax rate for 2023. Ad valorem tax .499505

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve tax rate as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, executed order follows the minutes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

9. Receive and Acknowledge the 2024 Budget for Mitchell County Auditor and District Court Reporter – District Judge Glen Harrison

Jeri Haag from auditor's office presented to commissioners' court certified copy of 2024 budget for Mitchell County Auditor and District Court Reporter for informational purpose only.

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, certified copy from district clerk follows the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

10. Property bids – Tax Office

Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector presented two bids for empty lots in Loraine.

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, informational page only

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

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

11. Discussion and appropriate action on Imposition or Removal of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2024 (TxDMV) – Tax Office

Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector discussed county is charging maximum \$10.00 for road & bridge. No action needed.

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

12. **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.**

a. **Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation**

Enter Executive Session: 9:29 a.m. Resumed Regular Meeting: 9:35 a.m.
No action was taken during executive session.

13. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 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, August 28, 2023.



Carla Kern, County Clerk

