



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court
REGULAR Session
Monday, August 12, 2024 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 – agenda item #4 & #5

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Public hearing for reinvestment zones – ABST 548 BLK 28S T&P SEC 17 W/2 SW/4 317 ACRES – PARCEL ID 14821, ABST 1507 BLK 28S T&P SEC 32 NW/4 158.0 ACRES – PARCEL ID 14868, ABST 1451 BLK 26 T&P SEC 6 640.0 ACRES – PARCEL ID 12937**

Open Public Hearing: 9:03 a.m.

Closed Public Hearing: 9:06 a.m.

VOTE: No action

5. **Discussion and action on adopting an Order establishing reinvestment zones: ABST 548 BLK 28S T&P SEC 17 W/2 SW/4 317 ACRES – PARCEL ID 14821, ABST 1507 BLK 28S T&P SEC 32 NW/4 158.0 ACRES – PARCEL ID 14868, ABST 1451 BLK 26 T&P SEC 6 640.0 ACRES – PARCEL ID 12937 – Judge Redwine**

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approved two (2) orders establishing reinvestment zones to discuss possible tax abatements, but does not commit to entering into agreement.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, two (2) order establishing reinvestment zones 1 and 2 follow the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **Approve bills – Auditor's Office**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 625,446.86

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

Approve line items – Auditor's Office

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

Approve Budget Amendments – Auditor's Office

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

7. **Order of General Election November 5, 2024 – County Clerk's office**
County Clerk Carla Kern presented Order of General Election for November 5, 2024 election.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve order of general election for November 5, 2024 with county judge signing.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. **Public Hearing for 2025 archive fee for County Clerk's office – County Clerk's office**
Open Public Hearing: 9:11 a.m. Closed Public Hearing: 9:13 a.m.
VOTE: No action

9. **Discuss and possible action to approve 2025 archive fee for county clerk's office – County Clerk's office**
Carla Kern, County Clerk presented the annual request to approve the \$10 archive fee charged for recording documents with the county clerk's office. 2024 completed microfilm project and replaced updated scanners and printers.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve 2025 archive fee collection plan as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy of archive fee plan follow the minutes.
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

10. **Information on purchase of loader from John Deere in Abilene – Commissioner Munoz**
ATTACHMENTS: No
VOTE: No action

11. **Discussion and action on salary increase for DA secretary using forfeiture funds – DA's office**
Mary Anne Davila, Mitchell County assistant clerk to DA spoke on Rick Thompson, DA behalf requesting additional \$5,000 to be used for 2nd assistant clerk Judy Martinez from forfeiture funds.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve increase from forfeiture funds \$30k to \$35k for Mitchell County's 2nd assistant clerk, Judy Martinez.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
ATTACHMENTS: No
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

12. **Discussion and possible action to set elected officials salaries and all other compensation for FY 2025 – Judge Redwine**
County Auditor Heidi Harris mentioned public notice has been given regarding FY 2025 compensation. Elected officials salaries increasing by 5% and sheriff's office receiving \$3,350.00 SB 22 state funds.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

- 13. Discussion and possible action to set date for public hearing on FY 2025 Proposed Budget – Judge Redwine**
County Auditor Heidi Harris discussed date of Monday, August 26 at 9:00 a.m. for public hearing.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve set date as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
ATTACHMENTS: No
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
- 14. Discussion and possible action on the Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2024 for the FY 2025 Budget and take record vote – Judge Redwine**
County Auditor Heidi Harris provided Judge Redwine proposed tax rate for FY 2024 to fund FY 2025 budget. Judge Redwine read aloud the proposed rate 0.468510
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve proposed 0.468510 tax rate as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, a copy follows the minutes.
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
- 15. Approve bonds for Reserve Sheriff Deputies – Sheriff's office**
County Clerk Carla Kern provided two (2) reserve sheriff deputies bonds for approval – Joseph Paul Stephens and Kadrien Briant Creek.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve reserve sheriff deputies bonds.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones
ATTACHMENTS: Yes, filed in OPR with county clerk's office
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
- 16. Discussion and possible action on payment of reserve deputies using City reimbursement funds – Sheriff's office**
Sheriff Patrick Toombs spoke regarding city reimbursement funds for reserve deputies. No discussion.
ATTACHMENTS: No
VOTE: No action
- 17. Approval of monthly minutes – County Clerk's office**
Approve minutes from Commissioners' Court Regular/Called meetings for July, 2024.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve minutes as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.
- 18. Approval of monthly reports – Judge Redwine**
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve monthly reports as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey
ATTACHMENTS: All reports provided and approved follow the minutes.
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

19. **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. Personnel matters – Sheriff's office

No executive session.

20. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain 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 12, 2024.

Carla Kern

Carla Kern, County Clerk





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3. **Public Comment**

VOTE: NO ACTION

4. **Approve bills – Auditor's Office**

Approved bills in the total amount of \$ 210,625.65

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 – Auditor's Office

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

Approve Budget Amendments – Auditor's Office

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Information on Centennial Celebration - Lori Stephens, Librarian**

Event set for Saturday, September 28, 2024 11am-3pm

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: No action

6. **Information on new library board members - Lori Stephens, Librarian**

Librarian Lori Stephens presented two names for replacements to library board member: Michelle Bassham and Leslie Geiger.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve new library board members.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

ATTACHMENTS: No

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. **Review and re-approve tax abatement guidelines and criteria - Judge Redwine**
Public Hearing set for September 23, 2024
ATTACHMENTS: No
VOTE: No action

8. **Review and possible approval of agreement with West Texas Centers for mental health services (MHMR) - Judge Redwine**
Judge Redwine discussed renewal of contract. Item tabled.
ATTACHEMENTS: No
VOTE: No action

9. **Review and possible approval of agreement with West Texas Centers for court ordered competency and sanity evaluations - Judge Redwine**
ATTACHMENTS: No
VOTE: No action

10. **Review and possible approval and execution two Tax Deeds - Tax Office**
Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector presented two bids for Loraine properties: Fiond Properties Holding Series LLC from Plano \$211.00 and Cory Englert from Carlsbad \$300.00 both located White's Residence Addition of City of Loraine.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve bids as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz
ATTACHEMENTS: Yes, informational only
(Tax deeds will be filed OPR once fully executed and paid by property owner.)
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

11. **Discussion and possible imposition of optional fees on calendar year 2025 (Optional County Fee Update) as Additional Fees - Tax Office**
Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector discussed county is charging maximum \$10.00 for road & bridge. No child safety fee and transportation project fee does not apply to our county.
 - a. **Road and Bridge Fees - \$10.00**
 - b. **Child Safety Fees - Fee**
 - c. **Transportation Project Fee (not applicable to our County)****MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve optional fees for 2025 as presented.**
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

12. **Review of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Colorado City, Texas on Assignment of Re-Sale Properties - Judge Redwine/County Attorney**
ATTACHMENTS: No
VOTE: No action

13. **Discussion and possible discussion for Public Hearing on 2025 budget (Judge Redwine)**
Judge Redwine opened public hearing: 9:30 a.m. closed public hearing: 9:35 a.m.
ATTACHMENTS: NO
VOTE: No action

14. Discussion and possible action on adopting 2025 Budget (Judge Redwine)

Jeri Haag from auditor's office presented 2025 budget for Heidi Harris, County Auditor: January – December 31, 2025 budget to be adopted. Estimated population of 9,075: anticipated total revenue of \$10,882,843.66; total expenditures of \$11,341,038.47; \$300,000.00 funded from reserves for heavy equipment purchases; and \$200,000.00 funded from ARPA grant funds; giving Mitchell County a \$41,805.19 budget surplus for fiscal year 2025.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve 2025 budget as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, adopted budget follows the minutes and scanned as "County Budget"

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

15. Discussion and possible action on considering tax rate for 2024 (Judge Redwine)

Jeri Haag from auditor's office presented order to commissioners' court setting the tax rate for 2024. Ad valorem tax .468510

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

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, executed order follows the minutes

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

16. Receive and Acknowledge the 2025 Budget for Mitchell County Auditor and District Court Reporter (Judge Redwine)

Jeri Haag from auditor's office presented to commissioners' court certified copy of 2025 budget for Mitchell County Auditor and District Court Reporter.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve 2025 budget for Mitchell County Auditor and District Court Reporter as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz

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

VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.

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No executive session.

18. 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.

Commissioners' Court attended by Jennifer Zuniga, Chief Deputy from County Clerk's office

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 August 26, 2024.


Carla Kern, County Clerk

