



MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
CALLED Session  
Friday, August 8, 2025 9:00A.M.

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County Judge	Mike Redwine	Present
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 Judge Redwine

3. **Public Comment**

**VOTE:** No action

4. **Discussion and possible action on approval of the Public Notification App – Patrick Toombs**

Patrick Toombs, Sheriff updated court he doesn't need to request budget. He found out he can pay out of commissary.

**ATTACHMENTS:** No

**VOTE:** No action

5. **Discussion and possible action for MHMR grant – Sheriff Patrick Toombs**

Patrick Toombs, Sherriff, Rodney Jones and Tyler Sheppard with West Texas Centers on behalf of MHMR discussed submitting grant 8/1/2025 for a mental health deputy program. Grant pays salary and benefits, no county funds. Matching 25% in kind required such as county use deputy, equipment estimated \$37,000.00, Tabled to discuss during budget workshop.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes, not provided

**VOTE:** No action

6. **Budget Workshop**

Tabled until regular meeting 8/11/2025

**VOTE:** No action

7. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Jones to adjourn.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Bailey

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

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*Carla Kern*

Carla Kern, County Clerk





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

**Pledge was led by Judge Redwine.**

3. **Public Comment**

Sally Grant, citizen voiced concerns about road condition on Bass Loop at Lake Champion and help from county to help repair.

**VOTE: No action**

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

Approved bills in the total amount of \$151,213.18.

**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 item transfers – Auditor's Office**

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

**VOTE: No action**

**Approve Budget Amendments – Auditor's Office**

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

**VOTE: No action**

5. **Receive an update on the Hackberry Creek Project – Woodjino Douze**

Informational – Woodjino Douze with Nextera Energy reported that the project was still on schedule.

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

**VOTE: No action**

6. **Discussion and possible action on proposal for Historic Courthouse Master Plan for Mitchell County Courthouse – David Chase & Callie Lawson**

Informational – David Chase and Callie Lawson with ArchiTexas presented overview of courthouse renovation plan with county matching. Commissioner Strain expressed no interest if county has to match. Estimated cost after grants \$300,000.00

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

**VOTE: No action**

- 7. Discussion and possible action on proposal of 42" Natural Gas Pipeline crossing CR353 & CR343 by boring under the road and requesting to cross county road without encasing the pipe under the road – Norfleet Land Services**  
Kyle Conley, Hugh Brinson Pipeline LLC representing Norfleet Land Services proposed the plan to lay the pipe without encasing. Commissioner Munoz expressed concerns about the blocking of residential roadways, and also the clean up when finished. Mr. Conley assured him that there would be no problems with blocking or cleanup.  
**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to accept variance 42' pipe without encasing, 7ft top to lowest point with stipulation that this would be approved on a case by case basis.**  
**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**  
**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**  
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**
- 8. Approval and action on use of D.A. Forfeiture Funds for an employee salary – Ricky Thompson**  
Discussed at previous commissioners' court meeting and no discussion or approval needed.  
**ATTACHMENTS: No**  
**VOTE: No action**
- 9. Discussion and possible action on JP Office consolidation and possible executive session – Judge Redwine**  
Judge Redwine requested clarification to proceed or not to proceed with outside law firm on evaluation. Commissioner Strain apologized for being in favor, but after review with outside law firm and language he's not comfortable pursuing and the savings isn't significant enough. Commissioner Bailey agreed. Commissioner Munoz was against and felt it should be pursued. No comments from Commissioner Jones. Per county attorney, motion needed to continue, no motion or action if not moving forward with consolidation. No changes to current Justice of the Peace 1&4 and 2&3 split.  
**ATTACHMENTS: No**  
**VOTE: No action**
- 10. Discussion and approval of Correction deed of Duck Puddle land to Gregory and Marcie Bernard**  
Sterling Burleson, County Attorney provided copies of correction deed for property for Bernard's. County Attorney suggested correction deed to transfer title from previous owners and hopefully fix issues in the future assume property gets sold. He also suggested taken action on item #10 and #11 together. Discussions with Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector to refund if needed.  
**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve correction deed and agenda item 11 to authorize Tax Assessor-Collector to refund if needed.**  
**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz**  
**ATTACHMENTS: No**  
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**

11. **Discussion and action on refund received from property sale to Greg and Marcie Bernard**  
Motion, Second and Action made with agenda item #10.
12. **Discussion and approval on County Child Welfare Services Non-Financial Agreement and receive update on current board members – Janet Mayo**  
Janet Mayo, Child Welfare board member discussed how their services work with foster parents. Current board members for the last 15 years: Brenda Kelly, Denise Farmer, Evie Salinas, LeeAnn Limones, Anita Graham, Dana Partin and myself.  
**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve agreement with Child Welfare Services Non-Financial as presented.**  
**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Strain**  
**ATTACHMENTS: Yes, partially executed agreement**  
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**
13. **Discussion, approval, and execution of tax foreclosure deeds – Tax Assessor's Office**  
Teresa Hughes presented 6 Tax Deeds for approval. Commissioners rejected 2 of the bids. (Property #19345 & 19322) 17734, 18089, 18416 were accepted.  
**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve deeds 3, 4, 5 on summary list. No approval for 2 and 6.**  
**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz.**  
**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bailey to reapprove 7 and judge executing on county behalf.**  
**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones**  
**ATTACHMENTS: Yes, informational page. Deed(s) to be recorded in official public records after fully executed by all entities.**  
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**
14. **Discuss and Approve Order of Special Election – Constitutional Amendment – County Clerk**  
Jennifer Zuniga, chief deputy clerk presented order and list of 17 propositions for approval.  
**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to approve order as presented.**  
**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**  
**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**  
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**
15. **Discussion and possible action to set elected officials salaries and all other compensation for FY2026 – Auditor's Office**  
Heidi Harris, auditor presented public hearing notice for setting elected officials salaries and longevity compensation for FY2026.  
**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Jones to accept setting elected officials salaries and other compensation for FY2026.**  
**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**  
**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**  
**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**

16. **Discussion and possible action to set a date for the public hearing on the FY 2026 Proposed Budget – Auditor's Office**  
Heidi Harris, auditor the court needs to vote to set public hearing for August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00 am.  
**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve setting public hearing for August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.  
**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Jones  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.
17. **Discussion and possible action on the Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2025 for the FY 2026 Budget and take a record vote – Auditor's Office**  
Heidi Harris, auditor presented tax rate for FY2025 proposed tax rate \$.456451 per \$100, no-new-revenue tax rate \$.456451 per \$100, voter-approval tax rate \$.538719 per \$100  
**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain with this to be added to public hearing.  
**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Bailey  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.
18. **Approve Monthly Minutes for July 2025 – County Clerk's office**  
Approve minutes from Commissioner's Court Regular/Called meetings for July, 2025.  
**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve minutes as presented.  
**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Jones  
**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.
19. **Approve Monthly Reports – Judge Redwine**  
**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain 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.
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.**
  - 551.074 Personnel – JP Office

**No executive session.**
21. **Budget Workshop**  
Commissioners' Court convened into budget workshop at 10:30 a.m.  
**VOTE:** No action

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**22. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 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.

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MINUTES for Mitchell County Commissioners' Court  
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2. **Invocation was led by Commissioner Strain**  
**Pledge was led by Judge Redwine**

3. **Public Comment**

**George Tyson, citizen supporting agenda item #13 4H shooting range**  
**VOTE: NO ACTION**

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

Approved bills in the total amount of \$103,751.42

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

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Munoz**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes / No**

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

**Approve line item transfers – Auditor's Office**

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

**VOTE: No action**

**Approve Budget Amendments – Auditor's Office**

**ATTACHMENTS: No**

**VOTE: No action**

5. **Discussion, consideration and appropriate action regarding settlement terms with (1) Purdue (and certain of its affiliates) and the Sackler family, and (2) Sandoz, Inc. (Sandoz Subdivision Settlement), and (3) Alvogen, Amneal, Apotel, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus ("Alvogen"), and authorizing the County Judge or other authorized officials/representatives to execute the Settlement participation and release forms regarding settlements in the matter of opioid multi-district litigation for the County in the matter of In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 1:17-md-02804.**

Sterling Burleson, County Attorney gave brief history of litigation – 3 settlements with approximately 9 pharmaceutical companies.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to accept and authorizing county judge to sign on county's behalf.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bailey**

**ATTACHMENTS: Yes**

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



**6. Discussion, approval, and execution of one tax foreclosure deeds – Tax Assessor's Office**

Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector presented one tax deed from Elizabeth Acosta bid \$3,190 for two accounts, property is located in Loraine W Market Street and Smiley.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve bid as presented.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Bailey

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes, informational pages only. Tax Deed will be filed in county clerk's public records after fully executed and filing fees paid.

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

**7. Discussion and approval on an imposition of Optional Fees for the Calendar Year for 2026 from the Department of Motor Vehicles – Tax Assessor's Office**

Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector discussed county is charging maximum \$10.00 for road & bridge. Need approval to continue collecting the optional fee for 2026.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Bailey to approve continued collection of fee.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Munoz

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

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

**8. Discussion and Action to approve 2026 Fees for Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Toombs**

Patrick Toombs, Sheriff informed the court no changes for 2026 fees.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Munoz approve 2026 sheriffs' fees.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Jones

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

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

**9. Updates on Elections – County Clerk**

Carla Kern, County Clerk read brief overview of legislature house and senate bills to effect elections and staffing.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

**VOTE:** No action

**10. Public Hearing for 2026 Archive Fee for County Clerk's office – Judge Redwine**

Open public hearing: 9:22 A.M.

Closed public hearing: 9:28 A.M.

**VOTE:** No action

**11. Discussion and Action to approve 2026 Archive Fee for County Clerk's office – County Clerk**

Carla Kern, County Clerk presented the annual request to approve the \$10 archive fee charged for recording documents with the county clerk's office. 2025 completed microfilm projects. No set additional projects in 2026.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve 2026 archive fee collection plan as presented.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Munoz

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

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

- 12. Discussion and Action on Appointment of Election Judges and Alternates for a 2-year term – County Clerk**  
Carla Kern, County Clerk presented list by precinct appointments of election judges and alternates for a 2-year term effective September 1, 2025 ending August 31, 2025. One vacancy – Precinct 2 Alternate Judge/DEM.  
**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve and appointment election judges and alternates as presented.  
**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Jones  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.
- 13. Discussion and Approval of lease of Shooting Range Property to 4-H – County Agent**  
Sterling Burleson, County Attorney presented lease agreement on behalf of JJ Caswell, Ag agent. Requesting 25 years instead of 10 years lease due to potential grants and adding building.  
**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve agreement with change to lease term 25 years.  
**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Bailey  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.
- 14. Discussion and possible action on the MHMR Bldg with Hospital and radio tower agreement – Judge Redwine/Sheriff Toombs**  
Judge Redwine discussed need for MHMR building agreement and trade for radio tower use. Michelle Grafford from Mitchell County Hospital mentioned the hospital is considering selling or donating current building due to high maintenance cost.  
**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve MCHD EMS repeaters for radio tower use and table discussion regarding MHMR building at this time.  
**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Strain  
**ATTACHMENTS:** No  
**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.
- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding the engagement letter with Robers & McGee, CPA, PLLC, for the 2025 Independent Audit – Auditor's Office**  
Heidi Harris, Auditor presented 2025 independent audit engagement letter with Robers & McGee, CPA, PLLC. Cost \$22,300  
**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve engagement letter as presented.  
**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Jones  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes, not provide until fully executed  
**VOTE:** All in favor. Motion passed.
- 16. Public Hearing on 2026 Budget/2025 Tax Rate – Judge Redwine**  
Open public hearing: 9:59 A.M. Closed public hearing: 10:21 A.M.  
**VOTE:** No action

**17. Discussion and possible action on adopting 2026 Budget – Auditor's Office**

Heidi Harris, Auditor presented 2026 budget January – December 31, 2026 budget to be adopted. Estimated population of 9,349: anticipated total revenue of \$11,434,476.80; total expenditures of \$11,631,683.63 with \$100,000.00 funded from reserves for heavy equipment purchases and \$100,000.00 funded from reserve permanent improvement funds for courthouse renovations, giving Mitchell County \$2,793.17 budget surplus for fiscal year 2026.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve 2026 budget as presented.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Jones

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

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

**18. Discussion and possible action on considering the tax rate for 2025 – Auditor's Office**

Heidi Harris, Auditor presented order to commissioners' court setting the tax rate for 2025, Ad valorem tax \$.456451

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve tax rate for 2025 as presented.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Munoz

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

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

**19. Receive and Acknowledge the 2026 Budget for the Mitchell County Auditor and District Court Reporter – Auditor's Office**

Heidi Harris, Auditor presented to commissioners' court a certified copy of 2026 budget for Mitchell County Auditor and District Court Reporter.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Strain to approve 2026 budget for Mitchell County Auditor and District Court Reporter as presented.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Bailey

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

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

**20. Discussion and possible action on county barn rental fee waive for Texas Farm Bureau Ag Day – Jeremy Strain**

Commissioner Strain on behalf of Mitchell County Texas Farm Bureau requested county barn rental fee be waived for September 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. event for youth and the public.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Munoz to approve rental fee waiver for Mitchell County Farm Bureau use of county barn.

**SECOND:** Made by Commissioner Bailey

**ATTACHMENTS:** No

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

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**22. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

**MOTION: Made by Commissioner Strain to adjourn.**

**SECOND: Made by Commissioner Jones**

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

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