



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered that on Tuesday the 6th day of January 2026 at 9:01 a.m. a meeting of the Midland County Commissioners' Court was called to order in the Commissioners Courtroom, located at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas.

The following members were present:

TERRY JOHNSON, County Judge
CHARLES HALL, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1
JEFF SOMERS, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2
STEVEN VILLELA, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3
DIANNE ANDERSON, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Recorded by Alison Haley, County Clerk.

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Invocation given by Pastor Will Hobbs, Kelview Heights Baptist Church.**
- 3. Pledges of Allegiances.**
- 4. Discuss and take action on proclamation for Crime Stoppers Month.**

Angie Valenzuela, Executive Director for Midland Crime Stoppers introduced some board members and expressed her thanks for the court's continued support. Kerri Matthews, Board President for Midland Crime Stoppers also expressed his thanks to the court. Judge Johnson read the proclamation.

Motion to acknowledge the proclamation for Crime Stoppers Month.

Motion by: Somers	Seconded by: Hall	Exhibit: 10-11
For: Somers, Johnson, Villela, Anderson	Against: None	Abstaining: None

Commissioner Hall didn't vote.

- 5. Receive biennial report on Midland County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).**

Presented by Lee Ann McCombs, Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, Adult Service Program Director. By law we are required to give you a brief summary of this report.
Exhibit: 12-44

- 6. Acknowledge salaries for FY2026 – Roving Bailiff.**

Presented by Judge Elizabeth Leonard, 238th District Court. The Board of Judges held an open meeting December 22nd to set the salary for a Roving Bailiff. Judge Johnson expressed his frustration about departments hiring employees away from the Sheriff's Office.

Move that we acknowledge the salaries for FY2026 Roving Bailiff grade 24 step 4.

Motion by: Anderson	Seconded by: Villela	Exhibit: 45
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

7. Discuss and take action on grade and step for Ibefel Franco with 318th District Court.

Tabled.

8. Discuss and take action on request to keep spare Unit #15551 for Sheriff's Office.

Presented by Sheriff Criner. Sheriff Criner would like to keep spare Unit #15551 for staff members to use for transporting evidence instead of using their own vehicle. Commissioner Hall asked how many standby vehicles the Sheriff Office has. The Sheriff did not have those numbers. Commissioner Hall stated that he thought the vehicle should be housed with the spare fleet at the barn. It is an unmarked vehicle. Commissioner Anderson suggested they use their own vehicles and get reimbursed for mileage. Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent, joined the conversation.

Motion that we accept the CID to keep the unit as a spare unit for crime scene property techs to use the vehicle to transport evidence to the DPS lab. That is spare unit #15551 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Motion by: Somers	Seconded by: Johnson	Exhibit: 46-47
For: Somers, Johnson	Against: Hall, Villela, Anderson	Abstaining: None

Motion did not pass.

9. Discuss and take action on Sheriff's Office performance evaluations and step increase policies.

Presented by Sheriff Criner. The step increases were not funded in the budget. This can be funded with the salaries for open positions. We would like this to start immediately. Commissioner Anderson and Villela would like this to be discussed during the budget process. Sheriff Criner stated that this is a retention tool. It was inadvertently overlooked. Commissioner Villela was not comfortable voting on this item now and would like to table it until the next court.

Motion that we approve the Sheriff's Office performance evaluations and step increase policies.

Motion by: Johnson	Seconded by: Somers	Exhibit: 48-51
For: Somers, Johnson	Against: Hall, Villela, Anderson	Abstaining: None

Motion did not pass.

Call item 11

10. Discuss and take action on grade and step increase for Chief Deputy Eggleston.

Hold for next court.

11. Discuss and take action creating Major position for Sheriff's Office.

Presented by Sheriff Criner. This position will help us to be an accredited agency for this part of Texas with TCPA. This would also be a buffer between the Captains and the Chief. There would be some funds needed to create a new line in the new pay schedule. Commissioner Villela asked for a job description. Sheriff Criner stated the Major position would be a PS15 moving the Chief to a PS16 which requires the approval of a new pay schedule.

Motion to create a Major position at a 15 1 without a job description currently.

Motion by: Villela	Seconded by: Anderson	Exhibit: 52-53
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

12. Discuss and take action adding Major position to Sheriff’s Office public safety pay schedule.

Hold for next court.

13. Consent Agenda:

- a. Take action on personnel memoranda.**
- b. Take action on submitted applications for permits to use county right-of-way for utility and line installations, driveway construction, road dedication, and mailbox construction.**
- c. Acknowledge insurance check for Unit #35053 from TAC.**

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion by: Villela
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Hall
Against: None

Exhibit: 54-109
Abstaining: None

14. Discuss and take action on line item transfers.

Presented by Lisa Sessions, 1st Assistant Auditor. There are no line-item transfers to report.

No action taken.

15. Discuss and take action on bills and wire transfers.

Presented by Lisa Sessions, 1st Assistant Auditor. There were a few exceptions. Additional Bills. Computacenter for \$41,827.66, Dunaway for \$36,136.79, Krav Maga Worldwide for \$945.00, Reese Albert for \$532,548.70, 3 for Sequel Data Systems, 1st one is \$287,757.46, 2nd \$175,465.91, 3rd is \$573,540.73. US Postal Master \$418.00. One additional bill not on the list for Pontem Software, \$975.00. One wire transfer for the County Clerk.

Move we approve bills and wire transfers.

Motion by: Anderson
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Villela
Against: None

Exhibit: 110-117
Abstaining: None

16. Discuss and take action on authorized representatives signing TexPool resolution.

Presented by Sara Gray, Treasurer.

Motion to sign the TexPool authorization for representatives.

Motion by: Villela
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Anderson
Against: None

Exhibit: 118-120
Abstaining: None

17. Discuss and take action on plat for Permian Industrial Park Section 2.

Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director. In Precinct 4.

Move we approve the plat for Permian Industrial Park section 2.

Motion by: Anderson
For: Somers, Johnson,
Villela, Anderson

Seconded by: Villela
Against: None

Exhibit: 121-138
Abstaining: None

Commissioner Hall did not vote.

18. Discuss and take action on plat for Josiah Addition.

Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director.

Motion to approve the Josiah addition plat.

Motion by: Somers	Seconded by: Hall	Exhibit: 139-160
For: Somers, Johnson, Villela, Anderson	Against: None	Abstaining: None

Commissioner Hall did not vote.

19. Discuss and take action on ROW dedication of SCR 1130 shared access easement.

Presented by G.W. Hanson, Public Works Operations Manager.

Motion to approve the right-of-way dedication of SCR 1130 shared access easement.

Motion by: Somers	Seconded by: Hall	Exhibit: 161-168
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

20. Conduct public hearing on installation of no parking signs on WCR 125 between TX 349 and SCR 1200.

County Judge Johnson announced a public hearing on installation of no parking signs on WCR 125 between TX 349 and SCR 1200. County Judge Johnson asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak about this matter. No one came forward.

21. Discuss and take action on installation of no parking signs on WCR 125 between TX 349 and SCR 1200.

Presented by G.W. Hanson, Public Works Operations Manager.

Motion that no parking signs be put up on WCR 125 between TX 349 and SCR 1200.

Motion by: Hall	Seconded by: Villela	Exhibit: 169-171
For: Somers, Johnson, Villela, Anderson	Against: None	Abstaining: None

Commissioner Hall did not vote.

22. Conduct public hearing on speed limit change from 40 mph to 30 mph on WCR 125 between TX 349 and SCR 1200.

County Judge Johnson announced a public hearing on speed limit change from 40 mph to 30 mph on WCR 125 between TX 349 and SCR 1200. County Judge Johnson asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak about this matter. No one came forward.

23. Discuss and take action on speed limit change from 40 mph to 30 mph on WCR 125 between TX 349 and SCR 1200.

Presented by G.W. Hanson, Public Works Operations Manager.

Motion to change the speed limit from 40 to 30 on WCR 125 between TX 349 and SCR 1200.

Motion by: Villela	Seconded by: Hall	Exhibit: 172-174
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

24. Conduct public hearing on installation of stop sign on ECR 150 at the intersection of ECR 150 and SCR 1160.

County Judge Johnson announced a public hearing on installation of stop signs on ECR 150 at the intersection of ECR 150 and SCR 1160. County Judge Johnson asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak about this matter. No one came forward.

25. Discuss and take action on installation of stop sign on ECR 150 at the intersection of ECR 150 and SCR 1160.

Presented by G.W. Hanson, Public Works Operations Manager.

Motion to approve the installation of the stop sign on ECR 150 at the intersection of ECR 150 and SCR 1160.

Motion by: Somers
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Hall
Against: None

Exhibit: 175-177
Abstaining: None

26. Conduct public hearing on installation of stop sign on SCR 1136 at the intersection of SCR 1136 and ECR 190.

County Judge Johnson announced a public hearing on installation of stop signs on SCR 1136 at the intersection of SCR 1136 and ECR 190. County Judge Johnson asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak about this matter. No one came forward.

27. Discuss and take action on installation of stop sign on SCR 1136 at the intersection of SCR 1136 and ECR 190.

Presented by G.W. Hanson, Public Works Operations Manager.

Motion that we put a stop sign at the intersection of SCR 1136 and ECR 190.

Motion by: Hall
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Villela
Against: None

Exhibit: 178-180
Abstaining: None

28. Discuss and take action on potential modifications to street name sign.

Presented by G.W. Hanson, Public Works Operations Manager. County Attorney, Russell Malm and Andrew Avis, Public Works Director, joined the conversation about privately owned road signage.

Motion to approve County Road signage to have the County Seal, publicly maintained signage, the blue ones.

Motion by: Villela
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Anderson
Against: None

Exhibit: 181-184
Abstaining: None

29. Discuss and take action on proposal from Mid-Tex of Midland to install handrails around new elevated sidewalk on north side of Courthouse.

Presented by Clint Yonts, Public Works, Project Manager.

Motion that we accept the proposal from Mid-Tex of Midland to install handrails around new elevated sidewalk on north side of Courthouse.

Motion by: Johnson
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Villela
Against: None

Exhibit: 185-186
Abstaining: None

30. Discuss and take action on purchase of vehicle for Juvenile Probation.

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. We received a quote from Sewell for a replacement pickup 2025 Ford F150 using the BuyBoard contract in the amount of \$63,285.00.

Motion to purchase 2025 Ford F150 from BuyBoard contract through Sewell for the amount of \$63,285.00.

Motion by: Villela	Seconded by: Anderson	Exhibit: 187-189
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

31. Discuss and take action on award for RFP 25MCO656 Oil & Gas Lease.

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. We received 1 response and recommend awarding Midland-Petro D.C. for a 3-year term, 25% royalty, and a bonus of \$50,250.00.

Motion to approve the award RFP 25MCO656 Oil and Gas Lease to Midland-Petro D.C. for a 3 year term, 25% royalty, and a bonus of \$50,250.00.

Motion by: Somers	Seconded by: Hall	Exhibit: 190-191
For: Somers, Johnson, Villela, Anderson	Against: None	Abstaining: None

Commissioner Hall did not vote.

32. Discuss and take action on Sewell Fleet Letter of Understanding.

Presented by Commissioner Villela. We have been paying the fleet asset management fee. We have saved over \$100,000.00 in 3 months since we changed to Sewell Fleet.

Motion to fill out the letter of understanding with Sewell Fleet for fleet and asset management only.

Motion by: Villela	Seconded by: Anderson	Exhibit: 192-193
For: Hall, Somers Villela, Anderson	Against: Johnson	Abstaining: None

33. Receive office report from Justin Bunch with Emergency Management Office.

Justin Bunch, Emergency Management Coordinator, described the changes the office had been through in FY2025 in obtaining the Environmental Department and some statistics. They answered over 700 calls for service. There were 95 environmental citations. They removed 210 tires that they see as they are driving around the county. They have removed over 9,500 lbs. of trash. 160 cases filed for arson. 3 arson arrests, 18 environmental arrests and 13 other arrests. 16 explosive devices removed. They provide fire extinguishers and stop the bleed training to the public. They gave out 56 fire alarms to the public. They discussed the first community trash pick-up event during which they collected 21,309 tires, 202 batteries, 2,145 gallons of motor oil recycled, 10 tons of trash, 25lb of prescription medication. We try to be problem solvers. G.W. Hansen, Public Works Operating Manager, joined the conversation. Commissioner Anderson asked about environmental issues. Sewer inspections are done through the City of Midland.

Motion to acknowledge the report from Emergency Management Office.

Motion by: Johonson	Seconded by: Hall	Exhibit: 194
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

34. Conduct Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

10:46 a.m. take a quick break and go into Executive Session.
10:55 a.m. back into Regular Session.

35. Discuss and take action on offer for property at 801 N Fort Worth, Midland, Texas, 79701.

Presented by Judge Johnson.

Motion that we accept the offer for 801 N. Fort Worth in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Motion by: Hall	Seconded by: Villela	Exhibit: 195-205
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

36. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Somers	Seconded by: Johnson	Exhibit:
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

Adjourn at 10:56 a.m.

A Meeting of the Midland County Commissioners Court will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 on or after 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom, located at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas.

I, Alison Haley, Midland County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Midland County Commissioners Court meeting on January 6, 2026.




Alison Haley, Midland County Clerk