



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

Be it remembered that on Tuesday the 20th day of January 2026 at 9:02 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 Allan Stanglin from Golf Course Road Church of Christ.**
3. **Pledges of Allegiances.**
4. **Receive presentation on Project Blueprint at the United Way of Midland.**

Presented by Kari Hennagin, United Way of Midland President and CEO. Ms. Hennagin described Project Blueprint and presented this year's class. Exhibit: 9

5. **Discuss and take action on donation in the amount of \$800.00 from Jimmy and Jeanie Young for Mounted Patrol.**

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion to accept the donation, \$800 from Jimmy and Jeanie Young for Mounted Patrol.

Motion by: Somers	Seconded by: Hall	Exhibit: 10-13
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

6. **Discuss and take action on job description for Major position for Sheriff's Office.**

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion to approve job description.

Motion by: Villela	Seconded by: Anderson	Exhibit: 14-16
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

7. **Discuss and take action on Sheriff's Office Performance Evaluations and Step Increase policies.**

Tabled

8. Discuss and take action on revised salary schedule for Sheriff's Office.

Presented by Sheriff Criner. Commissioner Hall believes that this should be discussed at budget time.

Motion that we approve the Sheriff's salary schedule.

Motion by: Hall Seconded by: Somers Exhibit: 17-18
For: All (5) Against: None Abstaining: None

9. Discuss and take action moving Chief Deputy pay grade to PS 16.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion to move Chief Deputy to pay scale and pay grade of PS 16.

Motion by: Villela Seconded by: Anderson Exhibit: 19
For: All (5) Against: None Abstaining: None

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

Presented by Sheriff Criner. District Attorney Glenn Harwood stated that the evidence should be transported in a County vehicle.

Motion that we move spare unit #15551 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe to a standby for the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by: Hall Seconded by: Somers Exhibit: 20-21
For: All (5) Against: None Abstaining: None

11. 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 monthly report for Constable 1.
- d. Acknowledge monthly report for Constable 4.
- e. Acknowledge year-end report for Constable 4.
- f. Acknowledge monthly report for JP 1.
- g. Acknowledge monthly report for JP 2.
- h. Acknowledge monthly report for JP 3.
- i. Acknowledge monthly report for JP 4.
- j. Acknowledge monthly report for Warrant Services.
- k. Acknowledge court fees for County Clerk's Office.
- l. Acknowledge court fees for District Clerk's Office.
- m. Acknowledge C&W fee report.
- n. Acknowledge Detention fees.
- o. Acknowledge reimbursement check for damage to overhead door at Horseshoe.
- p. Acknowledge accident report for Unit #15641.
- q. Acknowledge accident report for Unit #15664.
- r. Take action on quote from Classics Auto Body for repairs of Unit #15664.
- s. Acknowledge Treasurer's report.

Motion to approve the consent agenda excluding c, d and e.

Motion by: Somers Seconded by: Villela Exhibit: 22-249
For: All (5) Against: None Abstaining: None

c. Acknowledge monthly report for Constable 1.

Presented by Constable Brown, Precinct 1.
Commissioner Hall questioned some of the numbers.

d. Acknowledge monthly report for Constable 4.

Presented by Constable Hall, Precinct 4.
Commissioner Hall questioned some of the numbers.

e. Acknowledge year-end report for Constable 4.

Presented by Constable Hall, Precinct 4.
Commissioner Hall questioned some of the numbers. Commissioner Anderson asked if there was anything Constable Hall would like to note. Constable Hall pointed out that her workload has increased by about 20% in the last year.

Motion to acknowledge c d and e.

Motion by: Somers	Seconded by: Villela	Exhibit: 66-72
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

12. Discuss and take action on line item transfers.

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor.

Move we approve line-item transfers.

Motion by: Anderson	Seconded by: Villela	Exhibit: 250-255
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

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

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor. There were some exceptions to the bills. Additional bill to HR Director for \$98.28 as a reimbursement for the Black-eyed pea party.

Move that we approve the bills to include the HR request for \$98 and all exceptions.

Motion by: Anderson	Seconded by: Villela	Exhibit: 256-265
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

14. Discuss and take action on purchase and implementation of new Voter Registration System.

Presented by Rosa Olgin, Elections Administrator. \$185,996.00 needed. This is not a budgeted item.

Motion that we take action and purchase and implementation of new voter registration system for \$185,996,00 moved from contingency.

Motion by: Hall	Seconded by: Villela	Exhibit: 266-287
Somers Johnson	Against: None	Abstaining: None
Villela, Anderson		

Commissioner Hall did not vote.

15. Discuss and take action on additional funds for fuel for Constable 1.

Presented by Constable Douglas Brown, Precinct 1.

Motion that we give Constable Precinct 1 \$2,000.00 from fuel contingency.

Motion by: Hall	Seconded by: Somers	Exhibit: 288
Somers Johnson	Against: None	Abstaining: None
Villela, Anderson		

Commissioner Hall did not vote.

16. Discuss and take action changing pay grade for Electronic Resources Position at the Library.

Presented by Debbie Colson, Library Director. Ms. Colson would like to change the pay grade for the Electronic Resources position from a grade 17 to a grade 14. This is a non-supervisory position.

Move that we change the Head of Electronic Resources position at the Library from grade 17 to grade 14 effective immediately.

Motion by: Anderson	Seconded by: Villela	Exhibit: 289-298
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

17. Discuss and take action on agreement of services with Advance Tree Clinic.

Presented by Eddie Melendez, Facilities Director.

Motion to accept and sign the agreement of services with Advance Tree Clinic.

Motion by: Villela	Seconded by: Hall	Exhibit: 299-312
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

18. Discuss and take action on award for RFP 25MCO658 for the 2026 Midland County Chip Seal Project.

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. We received 4 bids. After evaluation they are recommending Ronald R. Wagner and Co. for \$6,203,502.77. G.W. Hanson, Public Works, Operations Manager joined the conversation.

Move that we award RFP 25MCO658 for the 2026 Midland County chip seal project to Ronald R. Wagner and Co. LP.

Motion by: Anderson	Seconded by: Villela	Exhibit: 313-316
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

19. Discuss and take action on change order for Amstar CID lab project to complete funding approved in 2025.

Presented by Clint Yonts, Public Works, Project Manager. This is a budgeted project.

Motion to accept the change order for Amstar CID lab project.

Motion by: Villela	Seconded by: Anderson	Exhibit: 317-321
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining: None

20. Discuss and take action on two new ROW inspection positions.

Presented by G.W. Hanson, Public Works Operations Manager. Mr. Hanson would like to create two new right-of-way inspection positions. A ROW construction inspector at a grade 20 step 10.5 = \$86,475.17. A ROW construction inspector supervisor at a grade 21 step 14 = \$104,299.43. There are funds in Capital Projects. Veronica Morales, Auditor and Russell Malm, County Attorney, joined the conversation in reference to the step and paygrade.

Move that we approve the two new Right of way Inspection positions for road and bridge one being a Construction Inspector will be a grade 20 step 1 and the Construction Inspector Supervisor will be paygrade 21 step 1.

Motion by: Anderson
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Villela
Against: None

Exhibit: 322-328
Abstaining: None

21. Receive update on capital projects.

Presented by Jesse Ferguson, Public Works, Capital Projects Manager. Mr. Ferguson gave a schedule and budget update for the new Jail building; the project is currently completed 57%. The permanent jail sewer project was presented with a completion very soon. JP building update was presented with a completion expected March 2026. Medical Examiner building update presented informing this is in the very early stages. Juvenile Justice building updated they are waiting on estimates and design documents to be completed in March. West County drainage project we are still waiting for design. Exhibit: 329-331

22. Receive update on Fleet Maintenance.

Presented by Dennis Yates, Fleet Manager. No historical data to present. Sewell Fleet is saving the County money. The small fixes have been sent to a third party and paid for by Sewell. Mr. Yates believes that there needs to be some improvement on Road and Bridge fleet turnaround. Exhibit: 332

23. Receive year-end report on Horseshoe.

Presented by Steven Garcia, Horseshoe Director. There was a PowerPoint presentation. Changes to policies were made to function better. 231 events this year. Booked events days 475. Lost event days due to roofing issues 46 days lost. Facebook interactions, clicks and follows increased. Exhibit: 333-345

24. Discuss and take action on policy standardizing the submission process and order for Commissioners' Court agenda items.

Presented by Commissioner Villela. Commissioner Villela would like advanced knowledge of agenda items.

Motion to request all Department Heads and Elected Officials to submit agenda items to Jenny Hilton, still for the Judge and to cc Rachel Rodriguez or the Commissioners' Court Admin.

Motion by: Villela
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Anderson
Against: None

Exhibit: 346
Abstaining: None

25. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Somers
For: All (5)

Seconded by: Hall
Against: None

Exhibit:
Abstaining: None

Adjourn at 10:09 a.m.

A Meeting of the Midland County Commissioners Court will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 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 20, 2026





Alison Haley, Midland County Clerk