



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

Be it remembered that on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 at 9:00a.m a meeting of the Commissioners Court was called to order in the Commissioner Courtroom, located at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas. The following members were present:

**Terry Johnson, County Judge;  
Scott Ramsey, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1;  
Robin Donnelly, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2;  
Luis D. Sanchez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;  
Randy Prude, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4**

**Recorded by Ana Almuina, Chief Deputy County Clerk**

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Invocation given by Kyle Rodgers with Stonegate.**
- 3. Pledges of Allegiances.**
- 4. Acknowledge retirement of Kathleen Morphis from the County Clerk's Office.**

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director and Ana Almuina, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

Motion to acknowledge the retirement of Kathleen Morphis from the County Clerk's office.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Donnelly	Exhibit: 15
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

- 5. Acknowledge retirement of Cheryl Coursey from the Library.**

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director.

Motion to acknowledge the retirement of Cheryl Coursey from the Library.

Motion by: Donnelly	Second by: Sanchez	Exhibit: 16
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

- 6. Discuss and take action on a donation by the Sewell Family of Companies and Diamondback Energy, LLC for professional grant writing services intended to benefit the Midland County Sheriff's Office.**

Presented by Evan Thomas, Sewell Family of Companies and Clint Williamson, Diamondback Energy.

Motion that we approve your actions that Sewell Companies of Midland and Diamondback Energy, go together to provide a grant writer to seek out possible grants for the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Motion by: Prude	Second by: Sanchez	Exhibit: 17
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**7. Receive presentation from Russell Meyers with Midland Memorial Hospital.**

Presented by Russell Meyers, President, CEO Midland Memorial Hospital requested \$2.388 million to provide raises for essential workers from the State provided ARPA funds. Commissioner Ramsey stated he will be abstaining and would not be discussing this matter as his wife is on the Board of Trustees for the Hospital.

**8. Discuss and take action on request from Russell Meyers with Midland Memorial Hospital.**

Presented by Russell Meyers, President, CEO Midland Memorial Hospital. Commissioner Prude asked Mr. Meyers how Covid patients are being treated. Commissioner Sanchez thanked Russell Meyers and all the essential workers for their hard work and stated that he believes that this is what the ARPA funds were intended for. Commissioner Donnelly apologized that the city council has made it necessary for Mr. Meyers to come before the Court today. Commissioner Donnelly stated the County has spent down their reserves. Commissioner Prude asked Dr. Bartlett to address the Court today. Dr. Richard Bartlett expressed his concerns on this matter.

Motion that we approve the request from Russell Meyers for \$2.388 million dollars, coming out of the ARPA funding of which \$17 million is already in the bank effective October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by: Donnelly  
For: Johnson,  
Sanchez, Prude

Second by: Sanchez  
Against: Donnelly

Exhibit: 18  
Abstaining: Ramsey

**9. Discuss and take action on proclamation for National 4-H Week 2021.**

Presented by Steve Paz, County Agent. The Community Club Officers addressed the Court. Jackson Durress, Sierra Griffith, Dayton Duncan and Dayla Duncan. County Judge Johnson read the proclamation aloud.

Whereas, the Midland County Commissioners Court is proud to honor the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 114 years of providing experience-based education to youngsters throughout the Lone State State; and Whereas, This admirable program, which seeks to provide a learning experience for the whole child, including head, heart, hands, and health, helps young Texans to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes to enable them to become self-directed, productive, and contributing members of our society; and WHEREAS, Its more than 550,000 urban, suburban, and rural youth participants, ranging in age from eight to nineteen, hail from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and truly represent a cross-section of the state; and WHEREAS, The program undoubtedly could not have achieved the success that it has today were it not for the service of its more than 22,000 volunteers, who have given generously of their time, talents, energies, and resources to the youth of Texas; and whereas, Throughout its proud history, the 4-H program has developed positive role models for countless Texans and through its innovative and inspiring programs, continues to build character and to instill the values that have made our state strong and great; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, The Midland County Commissioners Court, hereby designated October 3-9, 2021 as National 4-H Week in Texas and commend the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the many men and women who have made the program a success.

Motion by: Judge Johnson  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Second by: Donnelly  
Against:

Exhibit: 19-20  
Abstaining:



Motion to transfer \$1,340,504.00 from general fund to Road and Bridge.

Motion by: Ramsey                      Second by: Sanchez                      Exhibit: 42  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

*Call item 43 and 44*

**14. Adopt Midland County Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022.**

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor.

Motion that we adopt the Proposed Budget for FYI 2021-2022.

Motion by: Sanchez                      Second by: Donnelly                      Exhibit:  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

**15. Adopt Midland County Tax Rate.**

Presented by Mary Helen Bowers, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector.

Whereas, it is necessary for the Midland County Commissioner's Court to levy a tax for 2021 in order to provide funds with which to meet the budget requirements of the County, and to pay expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the services provided by the County to Midland County residents: therefore. Be it ordered by the Commissioners Court that there is hereby levied and there shall be assessed and collected for 2021 an ad valorem tax of \$.141635 per \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property within the County as shown on the final approved 2021 tax rolls of the County. This tax rate is hereby adopted in the following components: Maintenance and Operating Expense Tax Rate \$.137089, Debt Service Tax Rate \$.004546, 2021 total ad valorem tax rate of \$.141635. That said rate has been set in due regard for the budget requirements of Midland County government use for 2021. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will raise taxes for maintenance and operation on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$12.45. That the Midland Central Appraisal District is hereby authorized and directed to prepare 2021 tax statements and transmit the same to the owners of taxable property within the County on or before October 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Motion by: Donnelly                      Second by: Ramsey                      Exhibit: 43-44  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

*11:20am take a break  
11:39am back into Regular session.  
Call item 47 and 52*

**16. Discuss and take action on personnel memoranda.**

Presented by Mary Ann Espinoza, Chief Deputy Treasurer.

Motion to acknowledge the payroll change summary for September 13, 2021.

Motion by: Ramsey                      Second by: Donnelly                      Exhibit: 45-46  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

**17. Discuss and take action on line item transfers.**

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor. There were a few exceptions.

Motion to approve all line item transfers.

Motion by: Ramsey                      Second by: Donnelly                      Exhibit: 47-65  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

**18. Discuss and take action on bills and wire transfers.**

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor. There were a few wire transfers. There were a few exceptions to the bills. There were 2 additional bills. Transplant fees of \$11,434.85 and Boon Chapman \$112,210.31.

Motion to pay all bills and wire transfers.

Motion by: Ramsey                      Second by: Donnelly                      Exhibit: 66-79  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

**19. Receive status of FY 2019 One-Time Community Support Contributions.**

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor. All the agencies were contacted by the Auditors office. Commissioner Sanchez asked if there was a time limit. Some of them do. Sheriff Criner joined the conversation.

Motion to acknowledge.

Motion by: Donnelly                      Second by: Ramsey                      Exhibit: 80-81  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

**20. Recognize Matthew Glaser as Head of Electronic Resources for Midland County Public Libraries.**

Ann Rector, Library presents Matthew Glaser as head of electronic resources. No action. Exhibit: 82

**21. Discuss and take action on Library Card Sign-up Month Proclamation for Midland County Public Libraries.**

Presented by Ann Rector, Library

Motion that we declare September sign up month proclamation for Midland County Public Libraries and heartedly agree with the encouragement for everybody in Midland to get a library card.

Motion by: Prude                      Second by: Donnelly                      Exhibit: 83-84  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

**22. Acknowledge “One Card. One Community. A World of Opportunity.” Campaign.**

Presented by Ann Rector, Library. This campaign started in September.

Motion to acknowledge the campaign of one card, one community and world of opportunity.

Motion by: Prude                      Second by: Sanchez                      Exhibit: 85  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

**23. Discuss and take action on out-of-state travel for Ann Rector to attend ARSL Conference in Reno, NV.**

Presented by Ann Rector, Library

Motion to approve out of state travel for Ann Rector to attend ARSL Conference in Reno, NV.

Motion by: Prude                      Second by: Donnelly                      Exhibit: 86  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,                  Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

**24. Discuss and take action authorizing County Judge to sign Texas State Library and Archives Commission contract.**

Presented by Ann Rector, Library. This will be used to create an area for small businesses.

Motion that we authorize County Judge to sign Texas State Library and Archives Commission contract.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 87-94
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**25. Discuss and take action on holiday vouchers/gift cards.**

Presented by Robert Segura, HR director. The discussion was about a voucher program for turkeys for county employees.

Motion that we approve the holiday vouchers in the amount of \$25.00 for 758 active employees.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 95
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**26. Discuss and take action on language for Pandemic Policy, Midland County Employee Handbook.**

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director. We are in line with CDC regulations.

Motion that we approve the language for Pandemic Policy, Midland County Employee Handbook.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 96-98
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**27. Receive update on COVID impact with county employees.**

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director. – Exhibit: 99

**28. Discuss and take action on Texas Workforce Skills Development Program.**

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director. This is an extension of Seals, which Seals was exclusively a summer program.

Motion agreeing to the expansion of participation in the Texas Workforce Skills Development Program.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Donnelly	Exhibit: 100-101
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

*Break for lunch at 12:43 pm back at 2:15pm.  
2:18pm back into Regular Session. The following members were present:*

- Terry Johnson, County Judge;
- Scott Ramsey, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1;
- Robin Donnelly, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2; - absent – arrived for item 37 to be recalled
- Luis D. Sanchez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3; - absent
- Randy Prude, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4

**29. Discuss and take action on donation of \$11.00 to the County Clerk's Office.**

Presented by Ana Almuina, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

Motion acknowledging the donation of \$11.00 to the County.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Prude	Exhibit: 102-104
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

*Call item 40,41,42,45 and 46*

**30. Discuss and take action on Order Setting Compensation of County Auditor, Assistant County Auditors, District Court Reporters and District Court Bailiffs.**

Presented by Alex Archuleta, District Clerk.

Motion to acknowledge the District Clerks certification of order setting Compensation of County Auditor, Assistant County Auditors, District Court Reporters and District Court Bailiffs.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Prude	Exhibit: 105-111
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**31. Discuss and take action on budget amendment of \$45,000.00 for CSCD.**

Presented by Allen Bell, CSCD Director. The Court relays that the Court has granted it in the budget. Exhibit: 112

**32. Discuss and take action on additional funds for Crisis Intervention Unit Assistant.**

Presented by Sheriff Criner and Veronica Morales, Auditor  
The Auditor explained the reason the CIU assistant position was denied the grant funds.

Motion that we add the additional funds for crisis intervention unit assistant at the amount of \$49,168.18.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 113-116
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**33. Discuss and take action authorizing County Judge to sign the SAVNS Agreement for FY 2022.**

Presented by Sheriff Criner. This is a renewal.

Motion authorizing the County Judge to sign the SAVNS Agreement for FY 2022.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Prude	Exhibit: 117-119
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**34. Discuss and take action authorizing Sheriff David Criner to sign renewal contract for PermiaCare.**

Presented by Sheriff Criner. This is a renewal. Russell Malm, County Attorney joined the conversation.

Motion to approve the Sheriff and the County Judge to sign the renewal contract for PermiaCare subject to Russel Malm, County Attorneys review.

Motion by: Prude	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 120-154
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**35. Discuss and take action on Midland County Sheriff's Office hosting movie at Big Sky Drive-In for Halloween activities.**

Presented by Sheriff Criner. This will be on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October.

Motion allowing the Midland County Sheriff Office to host a movie at Big Sky Drive-in.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Prude	Exhibit: 155
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**36. Acknowledge monthly report for Civil & Warrants Fee Collection Report for August 2021.**

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion to acknowledge the monthly Civil & Warrant Fee Collection Report.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Prude	Exhibit: 156-157
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**37. Discuss and take action on Event Liability Insurance renewal.**

Tabled for another Commissioner to come to Court. Commissioner Ramsey will need to abstain. Presented by Ken Colston, Risk Management. Recalled

Motion to approve the insurance renewals for both libraries.

Motion by: Prude	Second by: Donnelly	Exhibit: 158-175
For: Johnson, Donnelly, Prude	Against:	Abstaining: Ramsey

**38. Discuss and take action replacing weather damaged overhead doors.**

Presented by Ken Colston, Risk Management.

Motion that we replace the damaged overhead doors with the vendor from Seminole

Motion by: Prude	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 176-177
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**39. Discuss and take action on bond renewal for Justin Bunch.**

Presented by Ken Colston, Risk Management. \$93.00

Motion to approve the bond renewal for Justin Bunch.

Motion by: Prude	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 178-184
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

**40. Discuss and take action authorizing County Judge to sign Ricoh Lease Agreement.**

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent.

Motion to approve the County Judge to sign the Ricoh Lease Agreements.

Motion by: Prude	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 185-199
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:



**41. Discuss and take action allowing Risk Management to use County Credit Card.**

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. Ken Colston, Risk Manager joined the conversation.

Motion to approve the Risk Management to use County Credit Card for backpack to replace some stolen equipment.

Motion by: Prude                      Second by: Ramsey                      Exhibit: 200  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,              Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Prude

**42. Discuss and take action declaring Classics Auto Paint & Body exempt from competitive bidding.**

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent and Ken Colston, Risk Manager. I would like the court to exempt them from competitive bidding. under Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(11)., vehicle and equipment repairs.

Motion to declare Classics Auto Paint & Body exempt from competitive bidding on the basis of Code 262.024 (a)(11), vehicle and equipment repairs.

Motion by: Prude                      Second by: Ramsey                      Exhibit: 201  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,              Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Prude

**43. Discuss and take action on Thyssenkrupp Elevator Maintenance Agreements.**

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. These maintenance agreements are for 4 years. Eddie Melendez, Facilities Director joined the conversation. Tabled.

**44. Discuss and take action on RFP 21MCO573 Janitorial Services**

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent and Eddie Melendez, Facilities Director. Veronica Morales, Auditor asked about the janitorial services for the library. Eddie Melendez recommended moving forward with Redley Services.

Motion to hire Redley Services for the Janitorial Services RFP 21MCO573 and add the \$76,000 onto the new budget.

Motion by: Sanchez                      Second by: Ramsey                      Exhibit: 202-204  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,              Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

**45. Discuss and take action joining NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Group.**

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent.

Motion to approve Midland County joining NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Group.

Motion by: Prude                      Second by: Ramsey                      Exhibit: 205  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,              Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Prude

**46. Discuss and take action transferring clinic internet to Premise Health.**

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent.

Motion to approve transferring clinic internet to Premise Health.

Motion by: Ramsey                      Second by: Prude                              Exhibit: 206-208  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,              Against:                                      Abstaining:  
Prude

Back to item 30

**47. Discuss and take action on Interlocal Agreement with Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1.**

Presented by Jay Edwards, Midland County Fresh Water District #1.

Motion that we approve the contract with Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1.

Motion by: Donnelly  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Second by: Sanchez  
Against:

Exhibit: 209-214  
Abstaining:

**48. Discuss and take action on Interlocal Agreement with Midland County Utility District.**

Table

**49. Discuss and take action pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §81.005 setting the dates for regularly scheduled Commissioners' Court meetings for Fiscal Year, October – September, 2021-2022.**

Presented by Jenny Hilton, County Court Administrator.

Motion to approve the court dates as presented by Jenny Hilton, County Court Administrator.

Motion by: Prude  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,  
Prude

Second by: Ramsey  
Against:

Exhibit: 215-216  
Abstaining:

**50. Discuss and take action on Midland County Holiday dates for Calendar Year, January – December, 2022.**

Presented by Jenny Hilton, County Court Administrator.

Motion to approve the County Holidays as listed by Jenny Hilton, County Court Administrator.

Motion by: Prude  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,  
Prude

Second by: Ramsey  
Against:

Exhibit: 217  
Abstaining:

**51. Discuss and take action on contract with MODE Communications.**

Presented by County Judge Johnson. Judge Johnson wanted to respond to the motion to cancel the MODE Communications contract. Commissioner Ramsey responded. County Attorney, Russell Malm joined the conversation. Exhibit: 218  
No action taken.

*2:50 pm take a break waiting on Commissioner Donnelly.*

*3:06pm Back into Regular session.*

*Call item # 37*

**52. 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.**

Permit to Construct Driveway Facilities on County Right of way:

1. Sebastian Pinal on CR1200

*Request* for designation of location for crossing of a Midland County Texas road:

1. Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent Westex, LLC on CR 1050
2. Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent Westex, LLC on CR 140
3. Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent Westex, LLC on CR 1160
4. Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent Westex, LLC on CR 1140
5. Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent Westex, LLC on CR 150
6. Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent Westex, LLC on CR 1110
7. Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. on CR1160
8. Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. on CR1160
9. Endeavor Energy Resources, LP on ECR 190 east of CR1160
10. Endeavor Energy Resources, LP on ECR 190 east of CR1160
11. Endeavor Energy Resources, LP on ECR 190 east of CR1160
12. Endeavor Energy Resources, LP on ECR 190 east of CR1160
13. Endeavor Energy Resources, LP on SCR 1160 south of ECR 190
14. Endeavor Energy Resources, LP on SCR 1160 south of ECR 190
15. Endeavor Energy Resources, LP on SCR 1160 south of ECR 190
16. Endeavor Energy Resources, LP on SCR 1160 south of ECR 190

Motion to pass these.

Motion by: Prude  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,  
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Second by: Sanchez  
Against:

Exhibit: 219-258  
Abstaining:

**53. Adjourn.**

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Prude  
For: Johnson, Ramsey,  
Donnelly, Prude

Second by: Donnelly  
Against:

Exhibit:  
Abstaining:

Adjourn at 3:07pm

**A Meeting of the Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 9:00a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland County Courthouse Commissioners Courtroom.**

**I, Alison Haley, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court meeting on September 13, 2021.**



  
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Alison Haley, County Clerk