



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

Be it remembered that on Monday the 8th day of November, 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 Alison Haley, County Clerk

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Invocation given by Jonathan Hartzler, Associate Rector, Christ Church Midland**
- 3. Pledges of Allegiances.**
- 4. Discuss and take action on operation hours for Road & Bridge.**

Judge Johnson stated that this suggestion for a 5-day work week is for continuity and trying to streamline the workload.

Daryl Thornton, Road and Bridge employee explained the benefits to a 10-hour day.

Toby Amos, Road and Bridge employee expressed his reasons for wanting to stay with the 10-hour workday.

Blake Umsted, Road and Bridge employee expressed his reasons for wanting to stay with the 10-hour workday.

Dana Stewart, Road and Bridge employee expressed her reasons for wanting to stay with the 10-hour workday.

Luis Patino, Road and Bridge employee passed out a letter to the court members and expressed his reason for wanting to stay with the 10-hour workday.

Eric Blanco, Road and Bridge employee spoke against moving to a 5-day workweek.

Rubin Mata, Road and Bridge Administrator passed out a packet of information to the court members. He then laid out the reasons for staying with the 10-hour workdays. Equipment warm-up, travel time and employee morale. Commissioner Prude complimented those that spoke from the Road and Bridge department. Commissioner Ramsey stated the positive things that had been mentioned by those that spoke. Commissioner Donnelly asked about Vector Fleet working on the Road and Bridge equipment. County Judge Johnson asked if 3 13-hour days would be better. Monday – Thursday then Tuesday – Friday was mentioned.

Motion to keep the operations at Road and Bridge to a 4-day workweek.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Prude	Exhibit: 12-33
For: Ramsey, Donnelly Sanchez, Prude	Against: Johnson	Abstaining:

- 5. Conduct public hearing for installation of stop signs at CR 118 and CR 1218.**

Judge Johnson opened a public hearing for installation of stop signs at CR118 and CR1218. No one came forward.

6. Discuss and take action on installation of stop signs at CR 118 and CR 1218.

Presented by Ruben Mata, Road and Bridge Administrator and Commissioner Sanchez.
This will now be a 4 way stop.

Motion that we add an additional stop sign at CR118 and CR1218 to go from a 2 way to a 4 way stop sign.

Motion by: Sanchez Second by: Prude Exhibit: 34-39
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

7. Acknowledge monthly report for JP 1.

Presented by Judge Terry Luck, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.

Motion to acknowledge the monthly report for JP1.

Motion by: Ramsey Second by: Donnelly Exhibit: 40-57
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

8. Discuss and take action on court minutes for October 21 & 25, 2021.

Presented by Alison Haley, County Clerk.

Motion to approve minutes for October 21 and 25, 2021.

Motion by: Sanchez Second by: Prude Exhibit: 58
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

9. Discuss and take action on court fees for County and District Clerks' Offices.

Alison Haley, County Clerk presented the County and District Clerks' fees for October 2021.

Motion to acknowledge the fees for County and District Clerks' offices.

Motion by: Ramsey Second by: Donnelly Exhibit: 59-73
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

10. Discuss and take action on personnel memoranda.

Presented by Mitzi Baker, Treasurer.

Motion to approve personnel memoranda.

Motion by: Sanchez Second by: Ramsey Exhibit: 74
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

11. Acknowledge the Treasurer's Monthly Reports for July and August 2021.

Presented by Mitzi Baker, Treasurer.

Motion that we acknowledge the Treasurer's monthly report for July and August.

Motion by: Sanchez Second by: Donnelly Exhibit: 75-85
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

12. Discuss and take action on line item transfers.

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor. There were several brought to the Courts attention.

Motion to approve all line item transfers.

Motion by: Donnelly Second by: Ramsey Exhibit: 86-148
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Recalled by Veronica Morales Auditor.

Veronica Morales, Auditor said she needed an additional line-item transfer. It is moving funds from Emergency Management equipment and furnishings over to Information Technology equipment and furnishings for \$2500.00

Motion that we approve the line-item transfer.

Motion by: Donnelly Second by: Ramsey Exhibit: 149
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

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

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor. There were a few exceptions for no Purchase Orders. Jerry Deady, Site Manager, Vector Fleet Management, LLC. discussed the battery backup invoice. \$1,620.75 is the amount the County is liable for.

Motion to approve to pay all bills with exceptions and to pay the vector settlement.

Motion by: Donnelly Second by: Ramsey Exhibit: 150-157
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

14. Discuss and take action authorizing County Judge to sign Baker and Taylor Book Lease Renewal.

Presented by Debbie Garza, Library Director. This is an annual agreement.

Motion authorizing the County Judge to sign the Baker and Taylor Book Lease Renewal.

Motion by: Ramsey Second by: Donnelly Exhibit: 158-159
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

15. Acknowledge Library donations.

Presented by Debbie Garza, Library Director.

Motion to acknowledge the library donations.

Motion by: Ramsey Second by: Donnelly Exhibit: 160-161
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Prude

Commissioner Sanchez stepped away.

16. Discuss and take action on additional funds for two printers at Tax Office.

Presented by Karen Hood, Tax Assessor Collector. Two printers need to be replaced. These were not budgeted for.

Motion that we purchase the printers with monies out of contingency for \$2,000.00.

Motion by: Donnelly Second by: Prude Exhibit: 162
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

10:06am take a 10-minute break

10:18am back into Regular Session.

10:19am recessed until tomorrow due to a COVID exposure.

Be it remembered that on Tuesday the 9th day of November 2021 at 9:00am a special 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;
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Randy Prude, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4

1. Canvass the General Election of November 2, 2021.

Presented by Carolyn Graves, Elections Administrator. There was a good turnout.

Motion that we approve the canvas of the November 2, 2021, election.

Motion by: Prude Second by: Donnelly Exhibit: 163-262
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

2. Adopt Order Canvassing the returns and Declaring the Results of Creation of the Midland County Assistance District No. 1 and Imposition of a Sales and Use Tax.

Presented by Carolyn Graves, Elections Administrator.

Motion that we adopt the order of canvassing the returns.

Motion by: Donnelly Second by: Ramsey Exhibit: 263-279
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

9:04am back into Regular Session from Monday, November 8, 2021.

17. Discuss and take action on Election Administrator and Assistant Election Administrator to attend conference in Fort Worth, Texas on January 4-7, 2022.

Presented by Carolyn Graves, Elections Administrator.

Motion that we approve the Election Administrator and Assistant Election Administrator to attend conference in Fort Worth.

Motion by: Donnelly Second by: Sanchez Exhibit: 280
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

18. Discuss and take action on use of Horseshoe for Primary and General Elections for 2022.

Presented by Carolyn Graves, Elections Administrator.

Motion to use the Horseshoe for the Primary and General Elections for 2022.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Donnelly	Exhibit: 281
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

19. Acknowledge submission of Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification between DEA and Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Presented by Laura Nodolf, District Attorney. This agreement must be in place for us to receive the funds.

Motion to acknowledge submission of the sharing agreement.

Motion by: Donnelly	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 282--287
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

20. Discuss and take action on Holiday Celebration.

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director. Invitations have gone out to the employees.

Motion that we approve the holiday celebration on December 4 at the Horseshoe with the budget to come from the employee relations.

Motion by: Prude	Second by: Donnelly	Exhibit: 288
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

21. Discuss and take action on turkey vouchers.

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director. Asking the court for some guidance. Laura Nodolf, District Attorney joined the conversation. Move forward without turkeys. No action needed.

22. Update on COVID impact of employees.

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director. We currently have 9 county employees with COVID. No action taken. Exhibit: 289

23. Discuss and take action appointing County Representative to Midland Central Appraisal District's (MCAD) Board of Directors.

Presented by County Judge Johnson.

Motion that we appoint Scott Kidwell the County Representative to the Midland Central Appraisal District.

Motion by: Donnelly	Second by: Sanchez	Exhibit: 290-291
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

24. Discuss and take action on UAV (drone) Insurance Renewal.

Presented by Justin Bunch, Emergency Manager. Recommending option on page 6 for pro-rated premium of \$2,281, which will align this policy expiration date with all other County insurance policies that expire 10/1/22.

Motion that we approve the drone insurance renewal.

Motion by: Prude	Second by: Donnelly	Exhibit: 292-306
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

25. Discuss and take action on purchase of Pickup for Sheriff's Office Civil & Warrants.

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. This is a budgeted item. We have a quote from American Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Midland for a Ram 2500 3/4 pick-up (will be driven by Mounted Patrol officer) in the amount of \$49,995. We will be trading in 2 units for this pickup:

UNIT 10143 – 2012 FORD F250 - 99,302 MILES \$9623.50
UNIT 15470 – 2012 FORD F250 - 98,000 MILES \$ 9623.50

Motion to approve the Pickup for the Sheriff's Office Civil and Warrants.

Motion by: Prude	Second by: Donnelly	Exhibit: 307-313
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

26. Discuss and take action authorizing County Judge to sign Thomson Reuters contract for JP 2 & 4.

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. This is a budgeted item. Thomson Reuters has provided an agreement that locks in the rate of \$299.00/month for 36 months for West Proflex Subscription.

Motion authorizing the County Judge to sign the Thomson Reuters contract for JP 2 and 4.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Donnelly	Exhibit: 314-315
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

27. Discuss and take action on purchase of livestock panels for Horseshoe.

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. This is a budgeted item. We have a quote from Preifert Rodeo & Ranch Equipment, using TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Contract, in the amount of \$84,955.22. The panels will replace old panels and also be used to make additional pens and chutes. There was a discussion about the panels.

Motion that we purchase the livestock panels for the Horseshoe.

Motion by: Donnelly	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 316-318
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude	Against:	Abstaining:

28. Discuss and take action on land acquisition purchase from Endeavor.

Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director. This is CR1250. The purchase price is \$354,178.00. This is for future projects. This has been a long-time negotiation. There was a discussion about TXDot and UP. Commissioner Donnelly stated that he is confident that UP will approve this.

Motion that we purchase the Endeavor acreage at CR1250.

Motion by: Donnelly Second by: Ramsey Exhibit: 319-404
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

29. Discuss and take action authorizing County Judge to sign Time and Material Agreement with Parkhill for CFM Services.

Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director.

Motion that we approve this authorizing County Judge to sign the Time and Material agreement with Parkhill for CFM services making sure that any changes that Russell (County Attorney) needs to make, for them to be done. For those that don't know CFM stands for County Floodplain Management.

Motion by: Sanchez Second by: Prude Exhibit: 405-416
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

30. Discuss and take action on change purchase order with Reece Albert for the Industrial Ave Reconstruction Project.

Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director.

Motion that we change the purchase order with Reece Albert for the Industrial Ave. reconstruction project.

Motion by: Sanchez Second by: Prude Exhibit: 417-422
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

31. Discuss and take action on Vacation form and associated fee.

Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director. \$50.00 application fee is suggested.

Motion that we approve the vacation form and associated fees.

Motion by: Prude Second by: Sanchez Exhibit: 423-425
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

32. Discuss and take action on agreements and payment of budgeted funds to approved non-profit organizations.

Presented by Jenny Hilton, County Judge Administrator. Senior Life and the County Fair agreements were discussed.

Motion that we approve the agreed upon budgeted funds for the two non-profits.

Motion by: Prude Second by: Sanchez Exhibit: 426-439
For: Johnson, Ramsey, Against: Abstaining:
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Recall line-item transfer by Veronica Morales, Auditor

33. 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. Franklin Construction on ECR 107
2. Franklin Construction on SCR 1054
3. Franklin Construction on ECR 107
4. Franklin Construction on ECR 107
5. Crystal Cabinets Inc. on SCR 1124

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

1. Oncor Electric Delivery Company on SCR 1110
2. Rural Telecommunications of America, Inc. on SCR 1089

Motion to approve Robins.

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

Second by: Donnelly
Against:

Exhibit: 440-462
Abstaining:

34. Conduct Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with County Attorney regarding pending and prospective litigation and other matters.

*9:40am take a 15-minute break then go into Executive Session.
10:31am back into Regular Session*

35. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

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

Second by: Sanchez
Against:

Exhibit:
Abstaining:

Adjourn at 10:31am.

A Meeting of the Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, November 22, 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 November 8th and 9th, 2021.



Alison Haley

Alison Haley, County Clerk