THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF ARCHER COUNTY, TEXAS

met in Regular Session on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Those present:

Brett Hoff

Randall C. Jackson

Wade Scarbrough
Darin Wolf
Commissioner Prect. 1
Commissioner Prect. 2
Pat Martin, III
Commissioner Prect. 3
Todd Herring
Commissioner Prect. 4

County Judge

Constable Precinct 4

Karren Winter County Clerk

Patricia Vieth
Jack Curd
Sheriff
Robby Shawver
Justice of the Peace Prect. 3
Justice of the Peace Prect. 1

Dawn Vieth Tax Assessor/Collector
Conner Deen County Attorney Extern

David Levy via zoom County Attorney
Diana Patterson Constable Prect. 3
Nita Lewis Court Coordinator

Paul O. Wylie, Jr.

Lori Rutledge

Auditor

District Clerk

Nathan Lawson with Archer County News Melissa Hoegger, citizen Holly Johnson, citizen Christi Wisch, citizen Shonda Hoff, citizen Eric Wisch, citizen Susie Wallace citizen

A. CALL TO ORDER

Greeting, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags Registration of Attendees by the County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Randy Jackson, and a quorum was noted.

B. Approve Final Agenda:

Item #3 was removed from the agenda.

ORDER TO APPROVE FINAL AGENDA

The motion was made by Wade Scarbrough and seconded by Darin Wolf to approve the Final Agenda. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

C. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS, MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS OR</u> PRESENTATIONS AGENDA:

Randy Jackson asked to guest to introduce themselves and the nature of their visit to Court.

Eric Wisch commented on the road conditions in Quail Ridge Estates. Wisch asked to speak with his commissioner after court adjourned.

Karren Winter presented a plaque the County Clerk's Office received from Texas State Registrar for excellent in vital statistics.

Todd Herring advised the Court that the Holliday Senior Citizen would be having a drive-thru hamburger feed on March 5, 2023, to help pay the cost of meals for meals on wheels in Holliday.

D. ACTION AGENDA:

1. Approve departmental reports.

ORDER TO APPROVE REPORTS

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Pat Martin, III to approve departmental reports: **Treasurer**. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

2. Approve vouchers for payment.

ORDER TO APPROVE VOUCHERS

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Pat Martin, III to approve vouchers for payment. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

- 3. Approve line-item transfers. Removed.
- 4. Approve Education Certificates.

ORDER TO APPROVE CERTIFICATES

The motion was made by Wade Scarbrough and seconded by Pat Martin, III to approve Education Certificates. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

Karren Winter Public Information Act

County & District Clerk's Association Continuing Education

Lori Rutledge County & District Clerk's Association Continuing Education

Public Information Act

Jack Curd Master Peace Officer Certification

5. Approve Publisher's Certificates.

ORDER TO APPROVE CERTIFICATES

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Darin Wolf to approve Publisher's Certificates. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

Archer County News Vacancy in Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 (ran twice)

6. Approve Minutes from previous month – January, 2023.

ORDER TO APPROVE MINUTES

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Wade Scarbrough to approve the minutes from January, 2023. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

7. Consider and/or take action to approve Grant Request for Constable Pct 1. Randy Jackson advised the Court on the grant request.

ORDER TO APPROVE GRANT REQUEST

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Wade Scarbrough to approve the grant request for Constable Precinct 1 for a bulletproof vest and shield. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

 Consider and/or take action on Per Diam or Meal Allowance for County Employees. Jack Curd discussed to increase per diam for meals. Dawn Vieth and Karren Winter reported how expensive meals were at conferences.

ORDER TO APPROVE MEAL ALLOWANCE

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Darin Wolf to approve an increase of \$60.00 per day for meals with a requirement that receipts be submitted to the Treasurer for all reimbursements to County Employees. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE DAY TRAVEL MEAL ALLOWANCE

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Darin Wolf to increase the day travel allowance to \$30.00 per meal with a requirement that receipts be submitted to the Treasurer for all reimbursements to County Employees. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

9. Consider and/or approve external audit for the year ended September 30, 2022, presented by Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC. Paul Fleming gave an overview of the external audit.

ORDER TO APPROVE EXTERNAL AUDIT

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Pat Martin, III to approve the external audit for the year ended September 30, 2022 as presented by Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

10. Discuss and/or take action on the purchase of Radar Equipment for Constable Pct 3. Diana Patterson requested the Court to allow the purchase of radar equipment for Constable Precinct 3. Joe Aulds and Robbie Shawver Justices of the Peace had agreed to use JP technology fund to cover the cost.

ORDER TO APPROVE PURCHASE

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Todd Herring to approve the purchase of radar equipment in the amount of \$3,140.00 for Constable, Precinct 3 cost to be covered by the Justice of Peace technology fund. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

11. Consider and/or approve allowing Online Training to achieve required Continuing Education hours. Wade Scarbrough discussed online training for required training.

ORDER TO APPROVE ONLINE TRAINING

The motion was made by Wade Scarbrough and seconded by Darin Wolf to approve Online Training to achieve required Continuing Education hours for cyber security. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

12. Consider and/or take action to solicit bids for financing a 15' Batwing Mower.

Darin Wolf requested the age of Precinct 2's mower and the need to solicit bids for a replacement.

ORDER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Todd Herring to advertise for bids on financing a 15 foot Batwing Mower for Monday, February, 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

13. Consider and/or take action to declare 2000 Mack Truck (Pct 3) as Surplus. Pat Martin, III discussed declaring a 2000 Mack Truck to be declared surplus so that he could advertise to sell.

ORDER TO DECLARE TRUCK SURPLUS

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Todd Herring to declare a 2000 Mack Truck in Precinct 3 surplus. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

14. Consider and/or take action to solicit bids for the sale of 2000 Mack Truck.

ORDER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Darin Wolf to advertise for bids on the sale of a Precinct 3 2000 Mack Truck for Monday, February, 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

Court went into Executive Session before items #15 and #16 were discussed.

15. Consider and/or take action on Constable Pct 2 Appeal. (Tabled 1-23-2023)

ORDER TO PAY COSTS

The motion was made by Wade Scarbrough and seconded by Todd Herring to pay the back wages, benefits, and court filing fee cost outlined in the Judgment from the Second Appellate District of Texas at Fort Worth. Voting yes 1-3-4; No 2-Judge

16. Consider and/or take action on Justice of the Peace Pct 4 position. (Tabled 1-23-2023)

ORDER TO SET SPECIAL MEETING

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Todd Herring to set Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. as a special meeting to interview applicants for the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 position. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

17. Executive Session as authorized by Texas Gov Code Section 551.071.

ORDER TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Darin Wolf to convene into Executive Session. Voting yes1-2-3-4-Judge

Executive Session convened at 10:32 a.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

ORDER TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Darin Wolf to adjourn from Executive Session. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

Having no further business to consider, the Court adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

I, Karren Winter, County Clerk of Archer County, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, Archer County, Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing Commissioners Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTEST: Karren Winter

Karren Winter, Archer County Clerk