THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF ARCHER COUNTY, TEXAS

met in Special Session on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Those present:

Randall C. Jackson County Judge

Wade Scarbrough Commissioner, Precinct 1 Darin Wolf Commissioner, Precinct 2 Kendall Coleman Commissioner, Precinct 3 Todd Herring Commissioner, Precinct 4

Karren Winter County Clerk

Patricia Vieth Treasurer Cristi Kellar Auditor

Tyler Sales Asst. County Attorney

Jack Curd Sheriff

David Wilk Constable, Precinct 3 Scott Hammel Chief Deputy Sheriff Deputy Sheriff Jay Franklin

Dawn Vieth Tax Assessor/Collector **Brett Hoff** Constable, Precinct 4

Public in Attendance:

Ronnie Myer – City of Archer City

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:

No items were removed from the agenda.

ORDER TO APPROVE FINAL AGENDA

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Kendall Coleman to approve the Final Agenda. Voting Yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS, MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS OR PRESENTATIONS AGENDA:

Jack Curd reported that while he was at the Sheriff's Conference, several new bills were discussed. HB 33 is called Uvalde Strong, a safety bill which will place a burden on all Sheriff's Departments, pertaining to school safety. Curd reported that he called the Lieutenant Governor during session to ask that the population bracket be change from 10,000 to 7,500 in SB 22. The bill with changes passed, which will allow counties with population 0 to 7,500 to be eligible for \$350,000.00 of SB 22 funds. The extra funds will allow the Sheriff's Departments to be able to fund HB 33.

Jack Curd discussed the security system for the Courthouse and Annex.

Jack Curd reported that there were two individuals doing a third amendment audit of the Courthouse and Annex.

D. ACTION AGENDA

1. Discuss and/or take action on Budget items for FY 2026.

Items discussed:

Elected Official salaries

Randy Jackson reported that he will receive a raise on his State Stipend in the amount of \$12,600.00. He did not request a raise to his base salary. Jackson requested a \$6,000.00 vehicle allowance.

ORDER APPROVING VEHICLE ALLOWANCE

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Kendall Coleman to add a \$6,000.00 vehicle allowance to the County Judge's budget. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

Randy Jackson reported that Karren Winter requested a 10% salary increase.

ORDER TO APPROVE COUNTY CLERK SALARY

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Wade Scarbrough to give a 7% raise to the base salary of the County Clerk. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

Randy Jackson reported that Lori Rutledge asked to be included on raises if the Court gives raises.

ORDER TO APPROVE DISTRICT CLERK SALARY

The motion was made by Kendall Coleman and seconded by Todd Herring to give a 7% raise to the base salary of the District Clerk. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

Randy Jackson reported that the County Attorney did not ask for a raise, and stated that she would receive a \$5,834.00 increase to the State Stipend.

ORDER NOT TO GIVE RAISE

The motion was made by Kendall Coleman and seconded by Todd Herring not to raise base salary of the County Attorney due to stipend increase. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR SALARY

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Kendall to give a 7% raise to the base salary of the Tax Assessor/Collector. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE TREASURER SALARY

The motion was made by Randy Jackson and seconded by Wade Scarbrough to give a 7% raise to the base salary of the Treasurer and an additional \$10,000.00 stipend as a grant administrator. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE SHERIFF'S SALARY

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Kendall Coleman to give a 7% raise to the base salary of the Sheriff. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1 SALARY

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Darin Wolf to give a 7% raise to the base salary of the JP, Precinct 1. Voting yes 1-2-3-4 No Judge

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Todd Herring to give a 7% raise to the base salary of the JP, Precinct 2. Voting yes 2-4; No 3-Judge; Abstain 1 **Motion failed, no raise given.**

ORDER TO APPROVE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3 SALARY

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Darin Wolf to give a 7% raise to the base salary of the JP, Precinct 3. Voting yes 1-2-3-4; No-Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4 SALARY

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Darin Wolf to give a 7% raise to the base salary of the JP, Precinct 4. Voting yes 1-2-3-4; No Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 1 SALARY

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Kendall Coleman to set the salary at \$2,350.00 base salary of the Constable, Precinct 1. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2 SALARY

The motion was made by Todd Herring and seconded by Darin Wolf to increase base salary from \$29,000.00 to \$33,750.00 of the Constable, Precinct 2. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3 SALARY

The motion was made by Wade Scarbrough and seconded by Todd Herring to increase the base salary to \$45,000.00 of the Constable, Precinct 3. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER TO APPROVE CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2 SALARY

The motion was made by Wade Scarbrough and seconded by Darin Wolf to increase base salary to \$45,000.00 of the Constable, Precinct 2. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER NOT TO GIVE RAISE

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Kendall Coleman not to increase the base salary of the Constable, Precinct 4. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

Motion was made by Randy Jackson to give Commissioner 1, 2, 3, & 4 a \$10,000.00 base salary raise. **Motion dies for lack of a second.**

ORDER TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER RAISES

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Wade Scarbrough to give 7% raise to all four Commissioner's base salary. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

ORDER TO INCREASE LONGEVITY

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Todd Herring to increase the longevity from \$120.00 a year to \$180.00 a year for all Elected Officials and Employees. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

The motion was made by Wade Scarbrough to give a 7% raise to all Elected Officials base salary. **Dies for lack of a 2**nd.

Dawn Vieth discussed the 2025 Tax Rate.

ORDER TO APPROVE JP 1 CLERK RAISE

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Kendall Coleman to give Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Clerk a 7% raise plus longevity. Voting yes 1-2-3-4; No Judge

ORDER TO NOT GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Kendall Coleman to leave the Volunteer Fire Departments supplement same as FY 2025. Voting yes 2-3-4-Judge; No 1

ORDER TO FUND MEDICAL INSURANCE

The motion was made by Darin Wolf and seconded by Todd Herring to fund \$500.00 monthly for medical insurance for Elected Officials and Employees that meet retirement eligibility. Requirements: Meet retirement age; retire from County; and keep County Insurance until they reach the age of 65. Voting yes 1-2-3-4-Judge

Having no further business to consider, the Court adjourned at 11:19 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