

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 12, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 12th day of August, 2013 A.D. at 10:08 a.m. the Honorable Commissioners Court of Wichita County, Texas met in regular session at the Courthouse in Wichita Falls, Texas pursuant to adjourning August 5, 2013, with the following members present:

Honorable Woodrow W. Gossom, Jr., County Judge
Commissioner Ray Gonzalez, Precinct No. 1
Commissioner Pat Norriss, Precinct No. 2
Commissioner Barry Mahler, Precinct No. 3
Commissioner Bill Presson, Precinct No. 4

Invocation by Bob Hampton, County Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge to the Texas Flag

Introduction by Miles Dabovich, District Extension Administrator, of David Graf, candidate for Agricultural Extension Agent for Wichita County

Motion made by Commissioner Presson and seconded by Commissioner Mahler to approve and authorize the following consent agenda items 13.08.472 through 13.08.478:

13.08.472 To approve and ratify the minutes for August 5, 2013 special session and public hearing.

13.08.473 To rescind Court Order 13.07.415 of July 15, 2013 to retain the \$10 optional Road & Bridge fee and add the optional Child Safety Fee of \$1.50 for 2014 and to have it read:

“To notify Texas Department of Motor Vehicles that Wichita County selects Option A to retain the \$10 optional R & B fee for 2014.” A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

13.08.474 To file Certificates of Attendance for Lori Bohannon, Penny Baxley, and Sharon Kaufhold for the Secretary of State’s 31st Annual Election Law Seminar for County Election Officials, July 29-31.

13.08.475 To adopt proclamation welcoming Zoë Burgess to Wichita County for her August, 2013 visit from Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. A copy of the proclamation is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

13.08.476 To adopt the County Clerk Records Management & Preservation Fee increase from \$5 to \$10, enacted by the 83rd Legislative Session, LGC 118.011 (b)(2), to take effect September 1, 2013.

13.08.477 To rescind Court Order 13.08.465 to adopt the district courts increased records archive fee, from \$5 to \$10, for preservation and restoration services.

13.08.478 To publish notice of Public Hearing on the Records Archival Plan for 2013-2014 for the District Clerk and County Clerk offices.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.479 Motion made by Commissioner Norriss and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve the emergency and regular bills for payment. A copy of the bills is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.480 Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner Norriss to approve the payment of outstanding aged Electra Star News invoices.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.481 Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner Mahler to approve the lease/purchase of up to seventeen (17) replacement vehicles; fifteen (15) vehicles for the Sheriff's Office, one (1) vehicle for the Criminal Defense Attorney's Office, and one (1) vehicle for Precinct #4 Constable, to be funded out of year 2014 budget, and to authorize County Judge to sign agreement from American National Leasing Company. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.482 Motion made by Commissioner Presson and seconded by Commissioner Mahler to approve quote from C & M Cleaning and Maintenance for improvements to the Juvenile Justice Center at a cost not to exceed \$1,325.00, to be funded by transfer from the Permanent Improvement Fund to budget line items as determined by County Auditor.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.483 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Norriss to approve the County Treasurer's Report for June, 2013 and authorize Commissioners and County Judge to sign affidavit(s) certifying compliance with Section 114.026(c) for June, 2013. A copy of the affidavit is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.484 Motion made by Commissioner Presson and seconded by Commissioner Norriss to approve the personnel section within the proposed 2014 Budget with modifications as presented in the public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.485 Motion made by Commissioner Norriss and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve the maintenance and operation section of the proposed 2014 Budget as presented in the public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.486 Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner Mahler to approve the capital expenditures section of the proposed 2014 Budget with modifications as presented in the public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.487 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Norriss to approve the 2014 Budget Preface and Policy Section, to include changes and additions, as presented in the public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.488 Motion made by Commissioner Presson and seconded by Commissioner Mahler to approve the overall proposed 2014 Budget with the incorporation of any approved changes.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.489 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Norriss to set the debt service (I&S) rate at zero.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.490 Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner Norriss to set the maintenance and operation (M&O) rate at the proposed rate of \$0.513590.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.08.491 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to set the tax rate with motion as follows:

“I move that the property tax rate for Wichita County be set at the calculated effective tax rate of \$0.513590.”

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE LESS REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$-122,733.00, WHICH IS A 0.37 PERCENT DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$196,013.00

With no further action to be taken, the Commissioners Court adjourned at 11:22 a.m. to meet in special session Monday, August 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Court Room.

ATTEST:

_____, Deputy
LORI BOHANNON, COUNTY CLERK
WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS

WOODROW W. GOSSOM, JR., COUNTY JUDGE
WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS