

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
SPECIAL SESSION
AUGUST 31, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 31st day of August, 2015 A.D. at 10:00 a.m., the Honorable Commissioners Court of Wichita County, Texas met in a special session at the Courthouse in Wichita Falls, Texas pursuant to adjourning August 24, 2015, with the following members present:

Honorable Woodrow W. Gossom, Jr., County Judge
Commissioner Ray Gonzalez, Precinct No. 1
Commissioner Lee Harvey, Precinct No. 2
Commissioner Barry Mahler, Precinct No. 3
Commissioner Jeff Watts, Precinct No. 4

Invocation by Commissioner Mahler

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge to the Texas Flag

Presentation by Commissioner Harvey of Certificate and Service Award to Mr. Donald Farmer, Precinct 2 Foreman, for Thirty Years of Service to Wichita County.

Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Watts to approve and authorize the following consent agenda items 15.08.516 through 15.08.523:

15.08.516 To approve and ratify the minutes for both of the August 24, 2015 special sessions.

15.08.517 To file Wichita Telephone invoice #11677 in the amount of \$2,003.20 with the County Auditor for payment processing for computer connections and wiring for County Clerk's Office remodel with payment from Permanent Improvement Fund as an expense for the remodel project.

15.08.518 To file application and certification for payment #4 in amount of \$58,615.00 for payment to Falls Construction Co. with the County Auditor for payment processing for County Clerk Office renovation project with payment from Permanent Improvement Fund.

15.08.519 To file Electra Star News advertising invoice in the amount of \$25.00 with the County Auditor for payment processing for Citation by Publication in cause #CCL-80-14-E, which has a pauper's oath on file, to be paid from 100.656.4401, Advertising Legal Notices.

15.08.520 To approve and authorize County Judge to sign the Tax Resale Deed for the resale of 617 N. Dunbar, Electra, Texas. A copy of the resale deed is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

15.08.521 To authorize County Judge to complete and sign the TAC Health and Employee Benefits Pool 2015-2016 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation. A copy of the confirmation is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

15.08.522 To file Trinity Air Conditioning, Inc. invoice #15071011 in the amount of \$4,320.00 with the County Auditor for payment processing for repair/service of heating and cooling system and components with payment from Permanent Improvement Fund for jail project.

15.08.523 To file Texoma Door & Gate invoice #1253 in the amount of \$4,030.00 with the County Auditor for payment processing for replacement of sally port door with payment from Permanent Improvement Fund for jail project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public hearing on the 2016 Budget was held with no comments heard and no action taken.

15.08.524 Motion made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve the emergency and regular bills for payment with the exclusion of the water bill from the City of Wichita Falls in the amount of \$1,430.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation by Pat Hoffman, Property Administrator, City of Wichita Falls, to explain Wichita County Maintenance Reimbursement for Trustee Properties per Interlocal Agreement.

15.08.525 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Mahler to approve payment of \$16,525.25 for the care and maintenance of trustee properties with payment from General Fund Contingencies.

Motion carried unanimously.

Received and opened one bid for overlay paving of 4.2 miles of River Road in Precinct #2 and 1 mile of Wrangler's Retreat in Precinct #1 from Bobby Bounds Paving.

15.08.526 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve quote from Breegle Abbey Carpet & Floor for Roller Screen Shades for five alert rooms in the Juvenile Detention Office at a cost not to exceed \$2,800.00 to be paid by transfer from 100.572.2106, Health Insurance, to the appropriate line as determined by the County Auditor.

Motion carried unanimously.

Court took a short recess at 10:43 a.m. to gather materials for budget items and reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

15.08.527 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Mahler to approve the personnel section within the proposed 2016 Budget with line changes and the addition of one position in Department 499 at the "12C" level, plus benefits.

Motion carried unanimously.

15.08.528 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Watts to approve the maintenance and operation section of the proposed 2016 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

15.08.529 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Watts to approve the capital expenditures section of the proposed 2016 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

15.08.530 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Watts to approve the 2016 Budget Preface and Policy Section to include changes and additions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6e was removed per Judge Gossom.

15.08.531 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Watts to set the debt service (I&S) rate at \$0.005626.

Motion carried unanimously.

15.08.532 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to set the maintenance and operation (M&O) rate at the proposed rate of \$0.547374.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 7.97% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$40.39.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.553000 which is effectively a 9.08 percent increase in the tax rate".

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further action to be taken, Commissioners Court was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. and will meet in a special session on **Tuesday**, September 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Court Room.

ATTEST:

_____, Deputy
LORI BOHANNON, COUNTY CLERK

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