

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT  
SPECIAL SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 A.D. at 8:04 a.m. the Honorable Commissioners Court of Wichita County, Texas met in special session at the Courthouse in Wichita Falls, Texas pursuant to adjourning September 25, 2017, with the following members present:

Commissioner Mark Beauchamp, Precinct No. 1  
Commissioner Lee Harvey, Precinct No. 2  
Commissioner Barry Mahler, Precinct No. 3 – joined after first vote  
Commissioner Jeff Watts, Precinct No. 4 – Judge Pro Tem

17.09.666 Motion made by Commissioner Beauchamp and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to give Commissioner Watts authority to act as Judge Pro Tem in the absence of Judge Gossom for this special session of Commissioners Court today, Monday, September 25, 2017.

Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Mahler was absent at that time.

17.09.667 Motion made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Mahler to approve direct payment of payroll and claims.

Motion carried unanimously.

17.09.668 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to enter into Closed Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Court went into a closed session at 8:10 a.m. regarding briefing and discussion with Wichita County District Attorney's Office and Robert Henneke of Texas Public Policy Foundation (via telephone) regarding status and approval of settlement of *Kenneth Aderholt, et al. v Bureau of Land Management.*, Civil Action No. 7:15-CV-00162-O. Meeting was closed pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.071. (Consultation with Attorney)

Court went reconvened into open session at 8:25 a.m. with the following action taken:

17.09.669 Motion made by Commissioner Mahler and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to approve the draft settlement of *Kenneth Aderholt, et al v Bureau of Land Management.*, Civil Action No. 7:15-CV-00162-O and authorize legal counsel and/or County Judge, if needed, to sign all necessary paperwork to finalize the settlement.

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further action to be taken, Commissioners Court was adjourned at 8:27 a.m. and will meet in a special session on Monday, October 2, 2017 in the Commissioners Courtroom.

ATTEST:

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LORI BOHANNON, COUNTY CLERK  
WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS

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