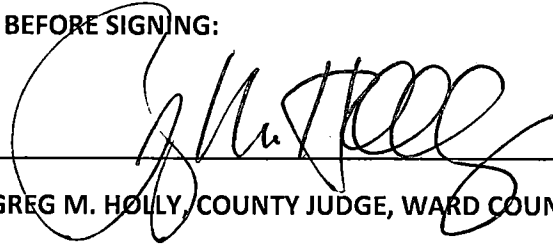


MINUTES READ AND APPROVED BEFORE SIGNING:



GREG M. HOLLY, COUNTY JUDGE, WARD COUNTY, TEXAS

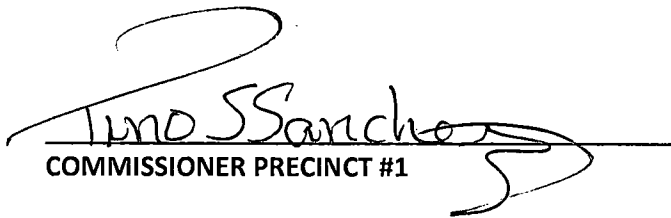


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WARD COUNTY, TEXAS

STATEMENT OF APPORVAL

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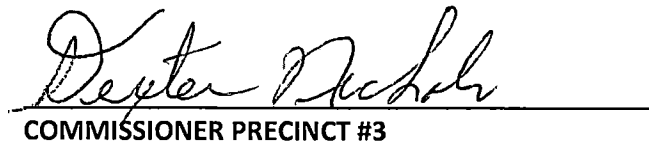
FOR COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON 08-28-2023



COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1



COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2



COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3



COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

August 28, 2023

On this the 28th day August A.D., 2023 at 9:40 o'clock A.M. came to be had a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Ward County, Texas, held in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse of said County in the Town of Monahans with the following members present:

Judge Holly	County Judge
Tino Sanchez	Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Larry Hanna	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Dexter Nichols	Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Eddie Nelms	Commissioner Precinct No. 4

- (1) Judge Holly called the meeting to order.
- (2) Determination of a Quorum – Judge Holly and Commissioners Sanchez, Hanna, Nichols and Nelms were present.
- (3) Judge Holly led the pledge and Commissioner Hanna offered the Invocation.
- (4) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the minutes for August 14, 2023.
- (5) WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen and a grave public necessity exists in the budgets of The GENERAL FUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, FARM TO MARKET ROAD FUND, COUNTY ATTORNEY CHECK FEES FUND, SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND, D.A. FORFEITURE FUND, D.A. SEIZURE FUND, COUNTY CLERK, RM&P FUND, D.A. RESTITUTION FUND, HOSPITAL MEDICAL BENEFITS FUND, WARD COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS FUND and the HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND, which could not be included in the original budget of 2023.

Motion made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve budget amendments for the county and hospital as follows:

<u>HOSPITAL:</u>		ACCOUNT	
<u>REVENUE:</u>	From General Fund (Indigent)	0000-4430	70,000.00
<u>EXPENSE:</u>	Travel	0000-0400	65,000.00
	License/Fees	0000-0487	5,000.00

The Commissioners' Court, in its meeting of August 28, 2023, will consider an amendment to the current budget as follows:

					Change in Department
GENERAL FUND 010					
Treasurer	0140	Supplies	0250	-325.00	
		Equipment < 5,000	0552	<u>325.00</u>	0.00
Courthouse	0160	Maint/Equipment	0440	-8,600.00	
		Equipment > 5,000	0550	<u>5,600.00</u>	-3,000.00
Courthouse Annex	0165	Supplies	0165	<u>3,000.00</u>	3,000.00
District Court	0200	Travel/Judges	0401	-500.00	
		Travel/Administration	0403	<u>500.00</u>	0.00
Indigent Health Care	0400	Ward Memorial	0671	10,000.00	
		Out of County Hospital	0672	<u>-10,000.00</u>	0.00
Ward County Event Center	0535	Advertising	0411	-10,000.00	
		Utility, Electric	0535	13,900.00	
		Repairs/Maint	0420	<u>-3,900.00</u>	0.00
Monahans Ball Parks	0580	Wages, Temporary	0580	-500.00	
		Repairs/Maint	0450	<u>500.00</u>	0.00
Grandfalls Pool	0660	Wages, Grandfalls Lifeguards	0181	-340.00	
		Supplies	0250	100.00	
		Repairs/Maint	0420	<u>240.00</u>	0.00
Monahans Pool	0670	Wages, Monahans Lifeguards	0181	-125.00	
		Repairs/Maint	0420	<u>125.00</u>	0.00
Pyote Pool	0680	Wages, Pyotes Lifeguards	0181	-100.00	
		Refunds	0730	<u>100.00</u>	0.00

No change to General Fund expenses.

EMS FUND 012

Expenses	0000	Repairs/Maint	0420	2,000.00	
		Advanced Data Contract	0511	<u>-2,000.00</u>	0.00

No change to EMS Fund expenses.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND 015

Precinct 1	0001	Salary, Staff	0136	-1,752.00	
		Wages, Part Time	0180	<u>1,752.00</u>	0.00
Precinct 4	0004	Wages, Part Time	0180	-1,000.00	
		Uniforms	0285	<u>1,000.00</u>	0.00

No change to Road and Bridge expenses.

DA FORFEITURE FUND 026

Expenses	0000	Salary, District Attorney Staff	0136	-1,000.00	
		Rent	0371	<u>1,000.00</u>	0.00

No change to Co Attorney Pretrial Fund.

CO ATTORNEY PRETRIAL FUND 037

Expenses	0000	Supplies	0250	-3,000.00	
		Telephone	0375	<u>3,000.00</u>	0.00

No change to Co Attorney Pretrial Fund.

PCT 1 ROADS FUND 091

Expenses	0000	Equipment > 5,000	0550	123,640.00	
		Road Repairs & Equipment	0790	<u>-123,640.00</u>	0.00

No change to Pct 1 Roads Fund.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND 150

Expenses	0000	Supplies	0250	-2,000.00	
		Travel	0400	<u>2,000.00</u>	0.00

No change to Opioid Settlement Fund.

- (6) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve payment of the county's bills.
- (7) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve officers' reports.
- (8) Review current month's financial reports for the hospital. No action.
- (9) Motion made by Commissioner Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve Treasurer's monthly report.
- (10) Motion made by Commissioner Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court acknowledging the District Court's order concerning compensation for the County Auditor and Assistant Auditors for 2024.
- (11) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept donation from Eagleclaw Midstream to sheriff's office.
- (12) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and unanimously adopted by the Court approving increase in pay for employee at the golf course.
- (13) Motion made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court to acknowledge audit for County Treasurer's general fund and TexPool fund.
- (14) Motion made by Judge Holly, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve increase in juror pay, effective September 1, 2023. Those appearing for jury service in response to a summons will be paid \$30.00. Those selected to serve on a jury will be paid \$120.00 per day for every day (or partial day) of service after the first day.
- (15) Motion made by Judge Holly, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court appointing Justin Till to fill vacancy in the office of the Ward County Attorney, effective September 1, 2023 and serving until December 31, 2024.
- (16) Hear 4-H and extension update. No action.

- (17) Public hearing on 2024 budget. No response. Hearing closed.
- (18) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court adopting the 2024 budget.
- (19) Public hearing on tax increase. No response. Hearing closed.
- (20) Motion made by Judge Holly, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2024 budget.
- (21) Motion made by Judge Holly, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court setting the tax rate for 2023 at \$0.62 per \$100 valuation, which is a 10.1% decrease from the 2022 rate. The motion was made according to Section 26.05(B), Texas Tax Code, as follows: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.62 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 3.74% increase in the tax rate."
- (23) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.