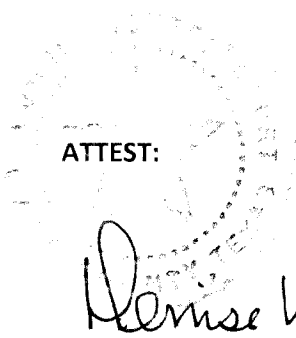


MINUTES READ AND APPROVED BEFORE SIGNING:

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

ATTEST:



*Denise Valles*

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DENISE VALLES, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT,  
WARD COUNTY, TEXAS

STATEMENT OF APPORVAL

DATE MINUTES APPROVED 12-27-2023

FOR COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON 12-11-2023

*Tino Sanchez*  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1

*Larry F. Harne*  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2

*Deuter Nichols*  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3

*Helij R. ...*  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

**December 11, 2023**

On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day December A.D., 2023 at 9:30 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:

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

- (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 Nichols offered the Invocation.
- (4) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the minutes for November 27, 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 Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve budget amendments for the county and hospital as follows:

<b><u>HOSPITAL:</u></b>		<b>ACCOUNT</b>	
<b><u>REVENUE:</u></b>	Transfer/IGT/UPL Sweep	0000-7072	75,000.00
<b><u>EXPENSE:</u></b>	New Building	0000-0575	5,000.00
	Transfer/IGT Funds	0000-7072	70,000.00

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen, and a grave public necessity exists in the budget which could not be included in the original budget of 2023.

THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court, in its meeting of December 11, 2023, will consider an amendment to the current budget as follows:

					Change in Department
<b>GENERAL FUND 010</b>					
Treasurer	0140	Supplies	0250	-300.00	
		Equipment < 5,000	0552	<u>300.00</u>	0.00
Facilities	0155	Supplies	0250	400.00	
		Equipment < 5,000	0552	<u>-400.00</u>	0.00
Courthouse	0160	Repairs/Maint	0420	1,500.00	
		Maint/Equipment	0440	4,000.00	
		Equipment/Computer	0548	<u>-5,500.00</u>	0.00
Sundry	0170	Medical/Life Insurance Payment	0243	350,000.00	
		Postage	0366	1,500.00	
		Audit	0460	-2,050.00	
		Employee Recognition	0495	450.00	
		Sundry	0735	<u>100.00</u>	350,000.00
Justice of the Peace #2	0260	Supplies	0250	200.00	
		Records Management	0270	<u>-200.00</u>	0.00
Sheriff	0330	Cell Phones	0374	1,500.00	
		Repairs/Maint	0420	5,000.00	
		CIS Equipment Maint	0441	20,000.00	
		Motorola	0442	<u>1,500.00</u>	28,000.00
Jail	0430	Repairs/Maint	0420	3,000.00	
		Inmate Housing	0704	<u>-31,000.00</u>	-28,000.00
Senior Citizens Center	0430	Utility, Water	0416	-400.00	
		Utility, Gas	0417	400.00	
		Repairs/Maint	0420	<u>4,000.00</u>	4,000.00
Golden Treasure	0435	Utility, Gas	0417	700.00	
		Repairs/Maint	0420	<u>-700.00</u>	0.00
Rehemeyer Building	0440	Utilities, Rehmeier	0415	-300.00	
		Utility, Gas	0417	<u>300.00</u>	0.00
Barstow Community Center	0510	Utilities	0415	500.00	
		Utility, Water	0416	-1,250.00	
		Utility, Gas	0417	<u>750.00</u>	0.00
Monahans Community Center	0530	Repairs/Maint	0420	<u>3,000.00</u>	3,000.00

Pyote Community Center	0540	Refund	0730	<u>-50.00</u>	-50.00
Wickett Community Center	0560	Refunds	0730	<u>50.00</u>	50.00
Recreation Department	0575	Utility, Gas Utility, Electric	0417 0418	150.00 <u>-150.00</u>	0.00
Ward County Event Center	0535	Utility, Water Utility, Gas Equipment < 5,000 Refunds	0416 0417 0550 0730	-5,500.00 5,500.00 -2,400.00 <u>-3,000.00</u>	-5,400.00
Monahans Ball Parks	0580	Wages, Temporary Ball Park Reno	0179 0565	-3,500.00 <u>3,500.00</u>	0.00
Pyote Park	0610	Utility, Gas	0417	<u>-500.00</u>	-500.00
Wickett Park	0620	Utility, Electric	0418	<u>500.00</u>	500.00
Monahans Pool	0670	Wages Repairs/Maint	0181 0420	-600.00 <u>3,000.00</u>	2,400.00
Pyote Pool	0680	Wages	0181	<u>-2,254.75</u>	-2,254.75
Wickett Pool	0690	Wages	0181	<u>-5,379.00</u>	-5,379.00
Agri-Extension Agent	0800	Supplies Equipment > 5,000	0250 0550	1,770.00 <u>-1,770.00</u>	0.00
Permanent Improvements	0850	Repairs/Bldg, Permanent Improvements	0421	<u>-4,000.00</u>	-4,000.00

Increase to the General Fund Expenses in the amount of \$ 342,366.25.

## JURY FUND 011

Jury Fund	0000	District Court Jurors Travel, Visiting Judge	0326 0400	-500.00 <u>500.00</u>	0.00
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No change to Jury Fund expenses.

## EMS 012

EMS	0000	Travel Repairs/Maint Equipment < 5,000 Refunds	0400 0420 0552 0730	6,000.00 500.00 8,000.00 <u>-14,500.00</u>	0.00
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No change to EMS Fund expenses.

SHERIFF'S STATE FORFEITURE FUND 024

Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund	0000	Equipment > 5,000	0550	-1,000.00	
		Equipment < 5,000	0552	<u>1,000.00</u>	0.00

No change to Sheriff State Forfeiture Fund Fund expenses.

WMH IGT SWEEP ACCOUNT 072

Revenues	0000	Transfer/Hospital	7070	<u>35,000.00</u>	35,000.00
Expenses	0000	IGT Sweep Account	0695	<u>35,000.00</u>	35,000.00

Increase to WMH IGT Sweep Account Fund Revenue and Expenses in the amount of \$35,000.00.

PCT 4 ROADS FUND 094

Pct 4 Roads Fund	0000	Road Repairs & Equipment	0790	7,633.00	7,633.00
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Increase to Pct 4 Roads Fund Expenses in the amount of \$ 7,633.00.

- (6) Motion made by Commissioner Sanchez seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve payment of the county's bills.
- (7) Motion made by Commissioner Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve officers' reports.
- (8) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve outdoor burn ban.
- (9) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve fireworks ban.
- (10) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court approving Tax Assessor-Collector continuing education.
- (11) Motion made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court approving Treasurer's monthly reports.
- (12) Motion made by Commissioner Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court approving Treasurer's investment policy.
- (13) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and unanimously adopted by the Court acknowledging audit for the County Clerk account, the Surety Bond Account and the Courthouse Employee's account.
- (14) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court approving Targa Pipeline request to cross CR 420, 425 and 426 for pipeline purposes.
- (15) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court granting utility easement to Oncor at Sandhills State Park.
- (16) Motion made by Commissioner Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve purchase of property at 409 South Gary for use by the hospital, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all related paperwork on behalf of the county.

(17) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nichols and unanimously adopted by the Court to hire Clay Gardner as Facilities Superintendent effective January 1, 2024.

9:55a.m. Commissioner's Court recessed to obtain hospital budget amendments.

9:57a.m. Commissioner's Court reconvened for vote on budget amendments (see Item 5 above).

(18) Motion made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.