

January 13, 2025

On this the 13th day of January A.D., 2025 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:

Greg Holly	County Judge
Guy Thames	Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Larry Hanna	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Billy Redmon	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, Commissioner Thames, Hanna, Redmon and Nelms were present.
- (3) Judge Holly led the pledge and offered the Invocation.
- (4) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the minutes for December 23, 2024.
- (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 2025.

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

<u>GENERAL FUND 010</u>					<u>CHANGE IN DEPT.</u>
Ward County Golf Course	0570	Green Repair	0566	[450,000.00]	
					[450,000.00]
Monahans Ball Parks	0580	Ball Park Reno	0565	[108,885.00]	
					[108,885.00]
Decrease to General Fund expense for \$558,885.00					
<u>BUILDING CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION FUND 063</u>					
Expense	0000	Senior Citizen Center Renovation	0563	[78,300.00]	
					[78,300.00]
Decrease to Building Construction/Renovation Fund for \$78,300.00					

- (6) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Redmon and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve payment of the county's bills.
- (7) Motion made by Commissioner Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Thames and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve officers' reports.
- (8) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Thames and unanimously adopted by the Court approving bonds and oaths of office for elected officials.
- (9) Motion made by Commissioner Hanna, seconded by Commissioner Thames and unanimously adopted by the Court approving request to modify agreement with county attorney for payment of rent. [\$1750.00 per month by county and \$250 per month by county attorney.]
- (10) Motion made by Commissioner Thames, seconded by Commissioner Hanna to approve request from county judge to continue utilizing his county office for his private practice of law, finding that doing so serves a public purpose. Judge Holly abstained, four (4) in favor, motion passed.

- (11) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Thames and unanimously adopted by the Court approving request to make improvements to Eva Avenue within the city limits of Monahans, finding that doing so serves a county purpose.
- (12) Discuss open position for Coliseum and Arena Director. No action taken.
- (13) Motion made by Judge Holly, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to set hearing for February 10, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to consider petition received to form hospital district and order election.
- (14) Motion made by Commissioner Thames, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve reactivating the originating agency identifier (ORI) for Constable Precincts 1 and 4, finding that the office is recognized by the county as a law enforcement agency.
- (15) Motion made by Commissioner Thames, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve contract with Flock Safety for law enforcement surveillance on highways and county roads, said contract to be for a term of one year, renewable annually.
- (16) Motion made by Commissioner Thames, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court approving request of sheriff to reallocate funds and positions in the sheriff's department.
- (17) Motion made by Commissioner Thames, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for cameras and tasers in the sheriff's department.

- (18) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court to award bid for jail phones and tablets to City Tele-Coin Company, Inc.
- (19) Motion made by Judge Holly, seconded by Commissioner Nelms and unanimously adopted by the Court to award proposal for county audit to Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP.
- (20) Motion made by Commissioner Nelms, seconded by Commissioner Hanna and unanimously adopted by the Court to adjourn at 11:45 a.m.