

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 A.D. at 10:00 a.m. the Honorable Commissioners Court of Wichita County, Texas met in regular session at the Courthouse in Wichita Falls, Texas pursuant to adjourning September 14, 2018, with the following members present:

Honorable Woodrow W. Gossom, Jr., County Judge  
Commissioner Mark Beauchamp, Precinct No. 1  
Commissioner Lee Harvey, Precinct No. 2  
Commissioner Jeff Watts, Precinct No. 4

Invocation by Dr. Mark Bender, Senior Pastor of First Christian Church, Wichita Falls.

Pledge of Allegiance                      Pledge to the Texas Flag

Presentation of Proclamation naming the week of September 17 – 23 Constitution Week.

Presentation by Amy Fagan and Lou Kreidler of the Wichita Falls - Wichita County Public Health District on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).

Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to approve and authorize the following consent agenda items 18.09.694 through 18.09.708:

18.09.694        To approve and ratify the minutes for the September 10, 2018 regular session and the September 12 & 14, 2018 special sessions.

18.09.695        To file Wilbourn & McCabe Plumbing Co. invoice #21899 in the amount of \$4,892.80 for plumbing repairs at the Sprague Annex with payment from 100.512.4454, Repair & Maintenance, Building Equipment.

18.09.696        To file Certification for 9.5 hours of Continuing Education from the Texas Association of Counties 2018 Legislative Conference, August 29-31, 2018 for Commissioner Barry Mahler.

18.09.697        To authorize County Judge to sign Amendment No. 3 to the Aramark Correctional Services, LLC Operating Agreement. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

18.09.698        To approve the addition of a forfeited 2011 BMW, VIN ...1459 to the Sheriff's Office fleet inventory.

18.09.699        To file the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Agents' Monthly Reports for August, 2018.

18.09.700        To authorize County Judge to sign tax deed for one property held in trust by the City of Electra:  
Parcel 111956, winning bidder Skyline Real Estate Services for the amount of \$76.00. A copy of the tax deed is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

18.09.701        To approve MagPanel for public information to be mounted in the Courthouse at a cost of \$402.60 to be paid by transfer from Department 510 Supplies & Operations budget to line determined by the County Auditor.

18.09.702        To authorize County Judge to sign Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between McLennan County and Wichita County to provide housing and care of certain inmates. A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

18.09.703        To approve payment for flu shots for full-time County employees, part-time employees to include CSCD, and any retirees that are on the County's health insurance plan, at a cost of up to \$20.00 per shot as a Wellness Benefit, to be paid from line determined by the County Auditor, funded by General Fund Contingencies.

18.09.704        To advertise for sale of a used 2000 Cat Motor Grader by Precinct #2.

18.09.705 To authorize County Judge to sign Pitney Bowes Contract for the postage machine in the Tax Collector/Assessor's Office. A copy of the contract is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

18.09.706 To approve the purchase of postage in the amount of \$60,000.00 for Pitney Bowes postage machines.

18.09.707 To amend Court Order 17.08.582 dated August 21, 2017 to include a list of items that were purchased through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Program.

18.09.708 To amend Court Order 18.06.526 dated June 25, 2018 to add the cost of \$250.00 for contract labor including stump grinding, hauling fees, and cleaning work areas.

Motion carried unanimously.

18.09.709 Motion made by Commissioner Beauchamp and seconded by Commissioner Watts to approve the regular bills for payment.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed 2019 Budget and proposed tax rate.

18.09.710 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to approve the personnel section within the proposed 2019 Budget:

- i. Salaries and allowances for elected officials as listed or changed.
- ii. Changes, if any, in maximum salaries authorized for employees.
- iii. Additions, deletions, or other changes in the position/maximum salary section of the proposed budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

18.09.711 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to approve the maintenance and operation section of the proposed 2019 Budget with:

- i. Changes in travel lines for training and other purposes.
- ii. Other changes to correct omissions, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

No changes were made to the capital expenditure listing and policy.

18.09.712 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to approve the 2019 Budget Preface and Policy Section to include changes and additions.

Motion carried unanimously.

18.09.713 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to set the 2019 Budget debt service (I&S) rate at \$0.071837.

Motion carried unanimously.

18.09.714 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to set the maintenance and operation (M&O) rate at the proposed rate of \$0.570310 for the Constitutional Funds and \$0.015000 for the Special R & B Tax for a total of \$0.585310.

- a) To set the M & O rate at:
  - (1) \$0.570310 for the Constitutional Funds
  - (2) \$0.015000 for the Special R & B Fund
  - (3) \$0.585310 for the Total M & O Budget

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

- (1) 1.375% FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL FUNDS
- (2) 2.666% FOR THE SPECIAL R & B FUND
- (3) 4.04% FOR THE TOTAL BUDGET

AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$22.74.

Motion carried unanimously.

18.09.715 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to adopt the total budget of \$64,131,986.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

18.09.716 Motion made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp 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 \$0.657147 which is effectively a 2.3% increase in the tax rate”.

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further action to be taken, Commissioners Court was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. and will meet in a special session on Friday, September 21, 2018 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