



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered that on Monday the 9th day of January, 2023 at 9:01am a meeting of the Midland County Commissioners Court was called to order in the Commissioners Courtroom, located at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas. The following members were present:

- Terry Johnson, County Judge;
- Scott Ramsey, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1;
- Jeff Somers, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2;
- Luis D. Sanchez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;
- Dianne Anderson, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Recorded by Alison Haley, County Clerk

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Invocation given by Commissioner Luis Sanchez.**
- 3. Pledges of Allegiances.**
- 4. Acknowledge I.M.P.A.C.T.S. Honoree, Candice Ligon, with Midland County Drug Court.**

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director. Judge Elizabeth Rainey read her nomination for Candice Ligon aloud.

Motion to acknowledge.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 13
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

- 5. Discuss and take action on proclamation for Crime Stoppers Month.**

Presented by Angie Valenzuela, Executive Director Crime Stoppers of Midland, Inc. Celebrating 39th year. County Judge Johnson read the proclamation aloud.

Motion to acknowledge the proclamation for Crime Stoppers Month.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Somers	Exhibit: 14-15
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

- 6. Discuss and take action on annual stipend for DeLynn Trammel, Kathy Rauda, and Patricia Robles for increased magistration duties and working weekends and holidays.**

Presented by Judge David Cobos, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2. This will come from the Justice Court Assistance and Technology fund. The fund has over \$400,000.00. Commissioner Sanchez asked about Precincts 1 and 3. Veronica Morales, Auditor joined the conversation. They are non-exempt employees so they must earn comp-time. Commissioner Sanchez stated that they did not want them to earn comp-time and a stipend. E'Lois Strong, 142nd District Court Coordinator joined the conversation to explain the increase to the job. There was some discussion about a salary increase.

Motion that we give the three JP clerks the \$4,000.00 salary increase out of the Justice Court Assistance and Technology Fund.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Somers	Exhibit: 16-17
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

Call item 22

7. Discuss and take action on the anticipated Range Fees of \$10.00 annually to Reece Albert, Inc., one time fee of \$1,000.00 to move 2 Conex, approximately \$1,500.00 to purchase a generator and supplies, and \$400.00 for signage.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion to have the Sheriff's Office pay the Range Fee of \$10.00, one time fee of \$1,000.00 to move 2 Conex, approximately \$1,500.00 to purchase a generator and supplies, and \$400.00 for signage for the shooting range.

Motion by: Ramsey
For: All (5)

Second by: Anderson
Against: None

Exhibit: 18
Abstaining:

8. Discuss and take action on donation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Occidental Petroleum Corporation for the Midland County Sheriff's Office Donation account.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion to approve the donation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Occidental Petroleum Corporation for the Midland County Sheriff's Office donation account.

Motion by: Sanchez
For: All (5)

Second by: Anderson
Against: None

Exhibit: 19-23
Abstaining:

9. Discuss and take action on budget amendment in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Sheriff's Office General Donation Revenue Account to the Law Enforcement Line Item for Sheriff's Office.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion authorizing the budget amendment for \$20,000.00.

Motion by: Ramsey
For: All (5)

Second by: Anderson
Against: None

Exhibit: 24-25
Abstaining:

10. Discuss and take action on budget amendment in the amount of \$40,000.00 from Sheriff's Office General Donation Revenue Account to the Law Enforcement Line Item for Sheriff's Office.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion authorizing the budget amendment of \$40,000.00 for the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by: Ramsey
For: All (5)

Second by: Somers
Against: None

Exhibit: 26-27
Abstaining:

11. Discuss and take action on budget amendment in the amount of \$12,026.00 from 2023 JAG Grant Revenue to the Weapons & Ammunition Line Item for Sheriff's Office.

Presented by Sheriff Criner. This is our portion. We share it with the City.

Motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$12,026.00.

Motion by: Somers
For: All (5)

Second by: Ramsey
Against: None

Exhibit: 28-29
Abstaining:

12. Discuss and take action on donation in the amount of \$56,400.00 from Chevron Products Company for the Midland County Sheriff's Office Donation account.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion to acknowledge the donation in the amount of \$56,400.00 from Chevron.

Motion by: Somers	Second by: Sanchez	Exhibit: 30-33
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

13. Discuss and take action on donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Frank G. Locklar Minerals, LTD. for the Midland County Mounted Patrol Donation account.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion acknowledging/accept the donation from Frank G. Locklar Minerals, LTD. In the amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Somers	Exhibit: 34-37
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

14. Discuss and take action on budget amendment in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Mounted Patrol General Donation Revenue Account to the Equipment and Furnishings Line Item for Mounted Patrol.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion authorizing a budget amendment for mounted patrol general donation fund of \$1,000.00.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Sanchez	Exhibit: 38-39
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

15. Discuss and take action on donations of 2 Jaws of Life, 4 - 20lb. Armenex Fire Extinguishers, 2 - 10lb. Armenex Fire Extinguishers, 2 Maxview Face Shields, 2 9490 Pelican Spot Scene Lights, 24 H2S Honeywell Monitors, 2 6-pack Power Flares, and 24 7600 Pelican LED Flashlights from The Permian Road Safety Coalition/Permian Strategic Partnership/First Responder Equipment Distribution for the Midland County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division.

Presented by Sheriff Criner. Commissioner Ramsey explained he would be abstaining from this vote because his wife is the Executive Director of the Permian Road Safety Coalition.

Motion that we approve all donations listed here from The Permian Road Safety Coalition/Permian Strategic Partnership/First Responder Equipment Distribution for the Midland County Sheriff's Office and Patrol Division.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Somers	Exhibit: 40-41
For: Somers, Johnson Sanchez, Anderson	Against: None	Abstaining: Ramsey

16. Discuss and take action on donation of 2,000 assorted color bags from the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for the Christmas Celebration.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

The motion previously made for item 16 was withdrawn. Exhibit: 42-44

17. Discuss and take action on donations of 6 toddler bikes, 6 hoverboards, 6 scooters, and 6 Kurio smart tablets from the Midland Deputy Sheriff's Association for the Christmas Celebration.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

The motion previously made for item 17 was withdrawn. Exhibit: 45-46

18. Discuss and take action on donation of (800) 1,000 toys, valued between \$1,000.00 - \$1,250.00 from Sandy Dunlap that were given out at the Christmas Celebration.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

The motion previously made for item 18 was withdrawn. Exhibit: 47-48

19. Discuss and take action on donation of 2 bikes, unknown value from Wes Gotcher Realtor that were raffled at the Christmas Celebration.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

The motion previously made for item 19 was withdrawn. Exhibit: 49-50

20. Acknowledge the Detention fees for December 2022.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion to acknowledge the report on the detention fees for the calendar month of December 2022.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Somers	Exhibit: 51-52
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

Recall item 16-19

Motion to withdraw the motions for 17 and 18.

Motion by: Anderson	Second by: Sanchez	Exhibit:
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

Motion to add 16 and 19 to that motion

Motion by: Anderson	Second by: Sanchez	Exhibit:
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

21. Acknowledge the C&W Fee Collection Report for December 2022.

Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Motion to acknowledge C&W fee collection report for December 2022.

Motion by: Somers	Second by: Sanchez	Exhibit: 53-54
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

22. Discuss and take action designating Midland County Judge as a voting member of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board.

Presented by Ken Van Dyne, Assistant Director of Permian Basin MPO.

Motion that we appoint Midland County Judge, Terry Johnson as a voting member of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Anderson	Exhibit: 55-56
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

Call item 36

23. Discuss and take action on court minutes from December 27, 2022.

Presented by Alison Haley, Midland County Clerk. Commissioner Anderson asked if she could vote since she was not at the meeting. Russell Malm County Attorney suggested it might be best for the two new Commissioners to abstain from voting.

Motion to approve the minutes from December 27, 2022.

Motion by:	Second by:	Exhibit: 57
For: Ramsey	Against:	Abstaining: Anderson,
Johnson, Sanchez		Somers

24. Discuss and take action on personnel memoranda.

Presented by Sara Gray, Treasurer.

Motion to approve the payroll change summary.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Somers	Exhibit: 58-59
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

25. Discuss and take action on line item transfers.

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor. No exceptions.

Motion to approve all line item transfers.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Anderson	Exhibit: 60-69
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

26. Discuss and take action on bills and wire transfers.

Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor. There were a few exceptions discussed. There were a few additional bills. Boon Chapman for \$120,055.52 Life insurance Company \$11,523.30. Burns Architecture wire transfer for \$311,866.50 approved by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director.

Motion to pay all bills and wire transfers.

Motion by: Sanchez	Second by: Ramsey	Exhibit: 70-78
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

27. Discuss and take action on donation of \$150.00 to Library from Leonard and Elaine Neatherlin in memory of Jesse Bowden Cox.

Presented Matt Glazer, Assistant Library Director.

Motion to accept the donation of \$150.00 from Leonard and Elaine Neatherlin in memory of Jesse Bowden Cox.

Motion by: Ramsey	Second by: Somers	Exhibit: 79-80
For: All (5)	Against: None	Abstaining:

28. Acknowledge Program-Funded State and Local Task Force Agreement between the DEA and Midland County District Attorney FY 2023-2026.

Tabled.

29. Discuss and take action on extra vehicle for Human Resources.

Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director. This would make his job easier. Commissioner Ramsey stated Mr. Segura should request milage reimbursement for using his private vehicle. Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing agent was asked if there was a surplus vehicle available. A van is available. Sara Gray, Treasurer addressed the Courts questions about the use of County vehicles. Veronica Morales, Auditor joined the conversation.

Motion to approve the extra vehicle for Human Resources out of surplus.

Motion by: Somers Second by: Ramsey Exhibit: 81-82
For: All (5) Against: None Abstaining:

30. Discuss and take action on additions to USI insurance premiums.

Presented by Ken Colston, Risk Manager. This is to add the 3 new radio towers. Invoice for \$10,278.00. Commissioner Ramsey stated that he would be abstaining due to his son’s employment with USI.

Motion to add USI insurance premiums and approve the payment of \$10,278.00 for the three Radio Towers.

Motion by: Sanchez Second by: Anderson Exhibit: 83-84
For: Somers, Johnson Against: None Abstaining: Ramsey
Sanchez, Anderson

31. Discuss and take action on award for RFP 22MCO599 ECR 120 Phase 2.

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. Recommend awarding to Reese Albert. Andrew Avis, Public Works Director informed the court this was being paid from ARPA funds.

Motion to award RFP 22MCO599 ECR 120 Phase 2 to Reese Albert.

Motion by: Ramsey Second by: Somers Exhibit: 85-88
For: All (5) Against: None Abstaining:

32. Discuss and take action on rental chiller for Detention Center.

Presented by Eddie Melendez, Facilities Director.

Motion that we approve the rental chiller for the Detention Center.

Motion by: Sanchez Second by: Anderson Exhibit: 89-95
For: All (5) Against: None Abstaining:

33. Discuss and take action on Work Authorization for Magrym to begin professional services on reconstruction of CR 130.

Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director.

Motion that we approve the work authorization for Magrym to begin the professional services on the reconstruction of CR 130 from CR 1210 to CR 1232.

Motion by: Sanchez Second by: Somers Exhibit: 96-104
For: All (5) Against: None Abstaining:

34. Discuss and take action on Work Authorization for Dunaway to begin professional services on reconstruction of CR 1180.

Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director.

Motion for the County Judge to execute the work authorization for design of CR 1180 from CR 120 to CR 140.

Motion by: Ramsey
For: All (5)

Second by: Sanchez
Against: None

Exhibit: 105-118
Abstaining:

35. Acknowledge Road Maintenance Plan.

Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director. This is for post reconstruction of roads. Very valuable tool for Road and Bridge and Public Works. Chad Thompson from West Texas Consulting presented the road maintenance plan to the Court. This is a tool to grade roads and prioritize work. Keep roads in good condition and increase safety. This is a 12-year plan. Ruben Mata, Road and Bridge Administrator agreed with this 12-year plan and the help it will provide the County.

Motion to acknowledge the Road and Bridge (Maintenance) Plan.

Motion by: Anderson
For: All (5)

Second by: Sanchez
Against: None

Exhibit: 119-155
Abstaining:

36. Acknowledge GovQA Records Request system.

Presented by Tate Owen, Public Information Officer. Expecting to go live in February 2023.

Exhibit: 156

No action taken.

Call item 7

37. Take action on submitted applications for permits to use county right-of-way for utility and line installations, driveway construction, road dedication, and mailbox construction.

Permit to Construct Driveway Facilities on County Right of way:

- 1. Blackbrush Homes and Construction on ECR 107.

Request for designation of location for crossing of a Midland County Texas road:

- 1. Chevron U.S.A. Inc. on CR 1160.
- 2. PM&A on behalf of Verizon Wireless on 2110 SCR 1083.

Motion to approve all.

Motion by: Sanchez
For: All (5)

Second by: Ramsey
Against: None

Exhibit: 157-189
Abstaining:

**ADDENDUM
MIDLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING**

The following item will also be discussed at the Midland County Commissioners Court meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023, on or after 10:15 a.m.

1. Discuss and take action on dirt installation/removal at Horseshoe Main Arena.

Presented by Eddie Melendez, Facilities Director. \$12,198.00 Silverado Oilfield Services will install and remove dirt.

Motion to award the contract to Silverado Oilfield Services for the installation and removal of dirt at the arena at the Horseshoe.

Motion by: Ramsey
For: All (5)

Second by: Somers
Against: None

Exhibit: 190-191
Abstaining:

38. Conduct Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with County Attorney regarding pending and prospective litigation and other matters.

*10:17am take a short break and go into Executive Session
11:08am back into Regular Session.*

39. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Ramsey
For: All (5)

Second by: Somers
Against: None

Exhibit:
Abstaining:

Adjourn at 11:08am.

A Meeting of the Midland County Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023 on or after 9:00a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom, located at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas.

I, Alison Haley, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court meeting on January 9, 2023.





Alison Haley, County Clerk