



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

Be it remembered that on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022 at 1:33 p.m. a special 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;  
Robin Donnelly, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2;  
Luis D. Sanchez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;  
Randy Prude, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Recorded by Alison Haley, County Clerk

*Call item 3-6*

**1. Receive presentations from Elected Officials and Department Heads regarding Midland County Budget.**

Jenny Hilton, County Court Administrator explained the provided backup to the Court.

**Facilities and Horseshoe budget** – Presented by Eddie Melendez, Facilities Director. Mr. Melendez asked the Court what they would like to discuss. Commissioner Sanchez asked about 100-30-00.7020. Commissioner Sanchez asked about the increase to line item 6215 which has been taken over by Facilities from the Sheriff's Office Detention Office. Mr. Melendez is also requesting another position for the Detention Office Facilities. David Sapp, Cemetery Director addressed the Cemetery budget. They are requesting funds for new furniture for new offices being built this year. Maintenance of Gratitude Square was discussed. Veronica Morales, Auditor noted that there are no funds allocated for Gratitude Square right now. County Judge Johnson asked about moving the line item to Facilities and not with Cemetery. There was some discussion. The Horseshoe budget was discussed. The first item was the janitorial supplies. Building Maintenance was added to separate it from the Facilities budget. Veronica Morales, Auditor asked some questions to Mr. Melendez. The additional funds in the Facilities maintenance budget are for the removal of the concrete bollards in front of the Courthouse for an amount of \$94,000.00. They discussed moving, storing, and donating. Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent mentioned the need for equipment rental for copiers. They will need to add equipment rental at Horseshoe by \$5,000.00. It was left off by mistake. Joe Kelley, President of Horseshoe Hospitality Services LLC. wanted to discuss Professional Services Line item There is a \$50,000.00 increase in this line item to increase salaries. Contract Services has been increased by \$9,000.00. They have 10 full time positions. Capital Requests. They would like to request 40 additional 72-inch round tables at \$16,000.00. They would like to replace the wheelchair ramp access. We are currently using a temporary indoor ramp designed for outside. Elizabeth Bedoy, Fleet Maintenance Director discussed the increase to the 708 Fleet Maintenance Fund. Line item 7110 was increased due to replacement of some equipment. Jerry Deady, Vector Fleet addressed the Courts questions.

**Drug Court/DWI/Trns | Trmt Court budget** – Presented by Judge Elizabeth Rainey.

**Child Protective Court budget** – Presented by Judge Ellen Griffith. There is an increase requested due to the need for a Bailiff and Court Reporter every Monday.

**Title IV-D Court budget** – Presented by Judge Karen Lewis. There is a need for a part time Bailiff.

**Juvenile Probation/Detention budget** – Presented by Chief Forest Hanna. They are asking to create a contingency fund of \$500,000.00 for outplacement service. The legislature is discussing shutting down all State-run Juvenile Facilities.

3:55pm recess until tomorrow at 8:30am.

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 8:32am back into Regular Session.

The following members were present:

Terry Johnson, County Judge;  
Scott Ramsey, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1; - arrived at 8:54am  
Robin Donnelly, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2;  
Luis D. Sanchez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;  
Randy Prude, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4 – arrived at 1:30pm

**County Courts at Law budget** - Presented by Judge Marvin Moore. They need to improve the IT ability in all Jury rooms.

**District Courts Combined budget** - Presented by Judge David Rogers, 142<sup>nd</sup> District Court. Due to Senate Bill 6 they want to ask for a contingency fund for a part time magistrate and Staff. Judge David Lindemood, 318<sup>th</sup> District Court asked for a roving bailiff.

**238<sup>th</sup> District Court and Mental Health Court budget** – Presented by Judge David Lindemood, 318<sup>th</sup> District Court.

**318<sup>th</sup> District Court budget** – Presented by Judge David Lindemood, 318<sup>th</sup> District Court.

**385<sup>th</sup> District Court budget** – Presented by Judge David Lindemood, 318<sup>th</sup> District Court.

**441<sup>st</sup> District Court budget** – Presented by Judge David Lindemood, 318<sup>th</sup> District Court.

There was a discussion about the need for a new software system. Alex Archuleta, District Clerk, Judge David Lindemood, 318<sup>th</sup> District Court and Alison Haley, County Clerk expressed the desire to move forward with purchasing Tyler Technologies Odyssey Court Management System.

**142<sup>nd</sup> District Court budget** – Presented by Judge David Rogers, 142<sup>nd</sup> District Court.

**District Clerk budget** – Presented by Alex Archuleta, District Clerk. Tyler Odyssey Court management system was discussed. There was a request to increase all the grad 11 to 12.

**County Clerk budget** – Presented by Alison Haley, County Clerk. Request for 13 level 11 positions to a level 12. 2-year archive project.

**Public Works budget** – Presented by Andrew Avis, Public Works Director. The increase in operating budget is due to moving to the 509 building. Road projects were discussed. The right of way budget was discussed at about \$2 million. Special funds were discussed.

**Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 / Justice Court Alt/ Truancy budget** – Presented by Judge David Cobos, JP2. Slight increase in equipment and furnishings. Increase in shredding. \$15,000.00 overall increase. Discussed an increase in fuel. They discussed the fuel contingency line item for use by the whole County. The combined budget was discussed. They added \$750.00 weigh scale fees. The rest remains the same. The Juvenile/Truancy budget was discussed. The Donation Teen Leadership account was discussed.

10:32am take a break

10:46am back into Regular Session

**CSCD budget** – Presented by Allen Bell, CSCD Director. \$55,870.00 request for office equipment. This can now be reduced to \$37,350.00 due to State grant funds.

**County Auditor budget** – Presented by Veronica Morales, Auditor. Equipment and Furnishing has an increase for furniture and computers. Membership and Dues increased for membership to a new association. Equipment rental staying the same.

**Purchasing Department budget** – Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent. Membership increase is due to new membership to Amazon Prime. Vehicle registration fees increase due to the letters of intent that were written.

**Treasurers budget** – Presented by Mitzi Baker, Treasurer. Salary line increase due to increase in duties for an existing position. Increase to postage. Education and Training was increased for TAC education for new Treasurers for the new incoming Treasurer.

**County Attorney budget** – Presented by Russell Malm, County Attorney. Increase due to the 2 additional staff they are getting. Replace a laptop.

**Emergency Management and Risk Management budget** – Presented by Justin Bunch, Emergency Management Coordinator. Increase for community outreach in education and demo. MRE's and pallets of water were discussed. New desktops are being requested. Online service line-item was discussed that would enable disaster notifications. Increase for fire extinguishers. 3 new 1-ton 4x4 pick-up trucks are being requested. They are not able to haul the equipment they have. There was an idea of housing the City of Midland Fire Department with them and have a facility to incorporate all of that. Emergency Operation Center was discussed. New position for a grant coordinator is being requested. Risk Management budget was discussed. The standby fleet was discussed. They are trying to make it as efficient and cost-effective as possible.

*11:48am break for lunch back at 1:30pm.*

*1:30pm back into Regular Session.*

**District Attorney budget** – Laura Nodolf, District Attorney. Requesting an additional Juvenile Prosecutor due to the large increase in case numbers. Increase in equipment and furnishing due to the need for replacement desktops and laptops. Special funds there are no increases. Caroline Thurman, Juvenile Prosecutor addressed the increase in Juvenile cases and the changes coming to TJJD. Investigator Tim Telk presented the Environmental budget. They are requesting two new Investigator positions. There is an increase in supplies for the two new investigators. Requesting to replace radios and laptops. Need to request more ticket books. Cameras that can capture license plates. Mobile scout camera system was discussed. The Court requested some date of the warrants and citations issued and the amounts collected.

**Warrants Services budget** – Presented by Chief Scott Casbeer. Asking to increase the current Investigators to a grade 19 and the Chief to a grade 21. Currently they have funds to hire a temporary staffer. They would like to use those funds for a new part time positions. They have added education and demonstration supplies line item. Equipment and furnishing for replacement scanners and desk chairs. Would like to replace two vehicles.

**Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 budget** – Presented by Judge Terry Luck, JP1. There is an increase in Education and Training since there will be a new Justice of the Peace next year. Increase in printing and fuel.

**Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 - budget** – Presented by Judge John Barton, JP4. Only major change was non-contract vehicle maintenance. The two big increases is the request for new vehicles for the Death Investigators. Vehicle fuel and ammunition increase. Asking for an increase for the 3 Death investigators to a grade 19.

**Library and Law Library budget** – Presented by Debbie Garza, Library Director. The Law library budget has a slight increase for office supplies and equipment and furnishings. Would like to have the carpet cleaned at the Law Library. Increase in Education and Training for the law librarian to attend a conference. The Public Libraries budge has a request for a new Library Marketing Coordinator. There was some discussion about the book mobile. The Data bases were discussed. Digital literacy programs were discussed. Large increase in Equipment and furnishing due to the need for replacement computers, security gates and furniture. Decrease for periodicals. Increase in postage and printing. They are requesting two additional Ricoh printers

under equipment rental. Temporary staffing increase is due to the need for extra help for exhibit installation. \$4,000.00 will need to be added to fuel. There was some discussion about the carpet at both public libraries. They would like to add carpet to some areas in the Centennial Library. The Telephone line item has increased. Circulating hotspots were purchased with a grant. They need to be maintained by the County.

*3:15pm take a 15-minute break.*

*3:29pm back into Regular Session*

**Constable Precinct 4 budget** – Presented by Constable Jamie Hall. There were some increases discussed. Requesting a new vehicle. The current vehicle is a 2018. If new vehicle is not approved, they will need an increase in vehicle maintenance.

**Constable Precinct 1 budget** – Presented by Constable Douglas Brown. Increase in weapons and ammunition. Increase in fuel and postage. The rest remained the same.

**IT budget** – Presented by Javier Chacon, Interim IT Director. Increase due to cybersecurity increase. Software maintenance increase was discussed. They would like to upgrade the IT meeting room.

**Road and Bridge budget** – Presented by Ruben Mata, Road and Bridge Administrator. Software line-item increase for Adobe renewal software. Printing increase for time books, maps, and pre-trip logs. Increase in Equipment rental and contract services. Professional services increase due to the increase in guardrails in the county. Vehicle fuel increased by 22%. Equipment Maintenance increase. Road maintenance and materials increased by \$500,000.00 due to price increase. Capital Outlay Vehicles requesting a broom, haul trailer, backhoe bucket, reflective gun, rest is difference in price for the two motor graders requested this budget year and a distributor. They discussed seal coating the Counties parking lots. 6-wheel drive Motor grader quote for \$439,000.00 to help with fires. This is not in the budget yet.

*4:20pm recess until tomorrow until 8:30am.*

*Wednesday, June 14, 2022, 8:31am back into Regular Session.*

The following members were present:

Terry Johnson, County Judge;  
Scott Ramsey, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1;  
Robin Donnelly, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2;  
Luis D. Sanchez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;  
Randy Prude, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Invocation given by Captain Rod Allee.

**Sheriff's Office budget** – Presented by Sheriff Criner.

Captain Randy Eggleston discussed Community Relations under Administration budget. Asking for an increase in education and demo supplies. Recruiting budge increase to \$10,000.00. Law Enforcement supplies increase. Increase in Administration travel for recruiting.

Lt. Tommy Davis discussed Investigation budget under Civil and Warrants. Towing line-item was discussed. Civil and Warrants Department will take care of all the evidence mail out. New line item for the forensic team. \$20,000.00 under evidence obtainment. Education and training line item has doubled. Requesting one replacement vehicle.

Sgt. Daniel Subia discussed CID budget. Explained the success they have had with Cellebrite. The only change is the request for laptops. Asking to replace five vehicles. Video enhancement software was discussed. They then discussed the SWAT budget. Only addition was for membership. They then discussed CIU budget which had no changes.

Lt. Alma Acosta discussed the Courthouse security budget. They are requesting an ID printer to replace the existing one that is 9 years old. Asking to replace the on-call vehicle. Increase in equipment maintenance by \$3,000.00. Vehicle fuel increase due to moving a van to their department.

Chief Benny Matlock discussed the Honor Guard budget. The uniforms were discussed.

Lt. Rebecca Thompson discussed the Jail budget. Detention and Community Work Program. Most of the increase is due to inflation. Largest increase was food services and medical. They are moving away from inmates working in the kitchen. Fuel increase. They would like to replace all of the mics and earpieces for the radios. Telephone line increased due to the Michael Morton act. Requesting 3 replacement vehicles.

Lt. Richard Hain discussed the Patrol budget. They discussed ammunition. Law enforcement supplies had an increase due to the need for 50 replacement gas masks. Large increase in vehicle fuel. Increase in overtime. Body cameras were discussed.

Annie Tatum, Records Supervisor discussed the Records budget. Increased due to inflation. Increase in shredding. There was an added overtime line item.

Sheriff Criner played a video and presented a PowerPoint describing all the good works the Midland County Sheriff's Office does. Requesting an additional \$2.5 million or \$3.3million to increase the salaries of all positions at the Sheriff's Office.

*10:36am take a 10-minute break*

*10:52am back into Regular Session*

**Elections budget** – Presented by Carolyn Graves, Elections Administrator. Requesting a new employee. Step increase for current ballot by mail employee. Replacement laptop for election night reporting. Would like to increase the pay for elections workers. Judges \$12.00, Alternate Judges \$11.00 and clerks to \$10.00.

**Human Resources budget** – Presented by Robert Segura, HR Director. Requesting a non-mail vehicle for HR. Recruiting for Midland County was discussed. Asking for a new full time Employee Activities Coordinator. Asking for an increase in education and training.

**Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 budget** – Presented by Judge Billy Johnson, JP3. Only increase is in fuel.

**Pretrial Bonding budget** – Presented by Jeanette Chambers, Pretrial Bonding Director. Slight increase in office supplies.

**Extension budget** – Presented Abigale Pritchett, Family and Community Health Agent. and Steve Paz, 4-H coordinator. Increase in equipment and furnishing. Postage increase. Decrease membership and dues and publications. Asking for additional funds in vehicle fuel. Travel line has increased. They are asking for increase in salary for support staff. They would like to request a replacement vehicle. Steve Paz discussed the salary requests. They would like to increase the housing allowance from \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

*11:49 break for lunch. Back at 1:30pm*

*1:32pm back into Regular Session*

**Facilities budget** - Presented by Eddie Melendez. They would like to consider making the Cemetery its own department. Asking for an Administrative Position at an 11 and a new temporary Lead Cemetery position. Request for increase for the Cemetery department head with a pay increase. Facilities would like to reclassify a position and add a secretary position when they move to 509 Loraine. A lead position as Coordinator for the Detention Center Facilities.

*1:41pm go into Executive Session*

*3:41pm back into Regular Session*

*Go to item 3*

## **2. Discuss Midland County Budget.**

Commissioner Prude stated he has a long list of topics he would like to address during the next court session.

**3. Discuss and take action on personnel items.**

Motion that we hire Javier Chacon as the new Director of IT.

Motion by: Sanchez  
For: All (5)

Second by: Donnelly  
Against: None

Exhibit:  
Abstaining:

Motion that the pay is a 33.1 effective immediately.

Motion by: Sanchez  
For: All (5)

Second by: Prude  
Against: None

Exhibit:  
Abstaining:

**4. Discuss and take action paying legal fees for District Attorney.**

Motion to table item number 4 which is discuss and take action paying legal fees for District Attorney.

Motion by: Sanchez  
For: All (5)

Second by: Donnelly  
Against: None

Exhibit:  
Abstaining:

**5. Conduct Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.**

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

*1:34pm go into Executive Session.  
2:36pm back into Regular Session*

*Call item 1*

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Sanchez  
For: All (5)

Second by: Prude  
Against: None

Exhibit:  
Abstaining:

Adjourn at 3:52p.m.

**A Meeting of the Midland County Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022 on or after 9:00 a.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 special proceedings of the Commissioners Court meeting on January 13-15, 2021.**



*Alison Haley*  
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Alison Haley, County Clerk