### STATE OF TEXAS

#### **COUNTY OF GAINES**

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE CINDY THERWHANGER PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

BRIAN ROSSON JOSH ELDER DAVID MURPHREE BIZ HOUSTON COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1 COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2 COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3 COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

### TERRI BERRY

### COUNTY CLERK

#### 2:00 PM

#### **Special Meeting:**

Call to Order - Judge Cindy Therwhanger

- a) Permian Basin Safety Coalition along with TxDot and DPS will discuss State/County roadways of concern.
  - Following much discussion with Permian Basin Safety Coalition, TxDot and Texas DPS regarding State & County intersections, roadways, right of ways and other major issues Gaines County will install suggested signage and continue finding ways to slow traffic in effected areas. TxDot will address issues as addressed in the meeting and do a speed survey and install various signs or flashing lights.
- b) Public Comment: Anyone wishing to address the Court during Public Comments is required to register your name on the registry prior to the meeting. Speakers may address items listed on the current agenda and are limited to three (3) minutes speaking time. The Court cannot deliberate or act on matters not listed on the agenda.
  - Public comments were regarding various dangerous intersections and road ways.
- c) Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37p.m.

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for April 4, 2024.

Terri Berry, County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioner's Court
Gaines County, Texas

### STATE OF TEXAS

### **COUNTY OF GAINES**

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 10, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE CINDY THERWHANGER PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

BRIAN ROSSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1
JOSH ELDER	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2
DAVID MURPHREE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3
BIZ HOUSTON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

### TERRI BERRY

### COUNTY CLERK

# 9:00 am Regular Meeting:

- i. Call to Order Judge Cindy Therwhanger
- ii. Invocation
- iii. Pledge United States and Texas
- 1. Public Comment: Anyone wishing to address the Court during Public Comments is required to register your name on the registry prior to the meeting. Speakers may only address items listed on the current agenda and are limited to three (3) minutes speaking time. The Court cannot deliberate or act on matters not listed on the agenda.

None

- 2. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on routine administrative items:
  - a. Discuss consider and/or approve the minutes from last month's meetings:
    - i. March 6, 2024
    - ii. March 11, 2024
    - iii. March 27, 2024
  - b. Discuss, consider and/or approve payroll payables.
  - c. Discuss, consider and take any action regarding accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments.
  - d. Discuss, consider and take any action on non-capital surplus or salvage
  - e. Discuss, consider and take any action on a request for changes in rental hours:
    - i. May 19, 2024 Stone; wedding shower 8:00 am

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the early rental for the Stone wedding shower at 8:00a.m. May 19<sup>th</sup> and the routine administrative items as presented. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

- 3. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on accepting a donation from the Gaines County Soil and Water Conservation District #166 in the amount of \$4,000.00 for services provided to local agriculture producers.
  - Commissioner Murphree made a motion to accept a donation from Gaines County Soil and Water Conservation District #166 In the amount of \$4,000.00 as presented. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 4. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving the Gaines County Golf Course 2024 Tournament schedule.
  - Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve changes to the 2024 Golf Course tournament schedule as presented. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 5. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request for the renewal of CodeRed services for a 3-year contract. Annual Cost: \$10,771.34

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a 3 year renewal contract for CodeRed services in the amount of \$32,314.01, which is a shared cost between Gaines County and the City of Seminole. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

6. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from Precinct 4 to purchase additional irrigation pipe and sprinklers for the South Cemetery.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the purchase of additional irrigation pipe and sprinklers for the South Cemetery in Precinct 4 at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00-\$17,000.00 to be paid with ARPA funds and work will be done in house. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. To consider, discuss and take any action on a request from Precinct 1 to have a tree removed by making a carving of an eagle at the Seagraves Cemetery. Total Cost: \$6,500.00

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve having a tree at the Seagraves Cemetery carved into an eagle by Bearly Making it Chainsaw Carving in the amount of \$6,500.00 to be paid with ARPA funds. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

8. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from the Maintenance Department to purchase a 2024 Chevrolet pickup from Mitch Hall in Lamesa. Total Cost: \$55,683.52

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet pickup from Mitch Hall Lamesa in the amount of \$55,925.52 for the Maintenance Department, moving funds from the reserve fund to Maintenance. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on next steps to proceed with roofing projects at the Gaines County Library/Museum/SPPHS and Senior Citizens.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the change order from Schmitt Roofing for the roofing project at the Library/Museum/SPPHS in the amount of \$76,793.00 with the stipulation that the performance bond will need increased. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action to replace the fence for the Precinct 3 pit area and file a report with Progressive Insurance for replacement costs.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to replace the fence for the Precinct 3 pit area with TexConnect fencing in the amount of \$23,250.00 and filing a report with Progressive Insurance. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. Open Request for Qualifications; take any necessary action.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the Request for Qualifications from BLD Architects as presented. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. Open Bids for Precinct 3 fence; take any necessary action.

The following bids were received for the Precinct 3 fence: TexConnect Fencing - \$41,266.51 and JD Fencing LLC - \$48,740.00.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the bid from TexConnect Fencing in the amount of \$41,266.51 for the fence for Precinct 3. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on subdivision application(s), take note of known subdivision exceptions, consider any requests for subdivision variances.

None

- 14. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on road crossing request(s).
  - a. ONEOK Texas Gas Storage Precinct 1

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the road crossing request in Precinct 1 from ONEOK Texas Gas Storage LLC as presented. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda,

### Judge Therwhanger:

The door controller for the administration side of the jail went out Saturday. JL3 is installing a new system at a cost of \$1,361.44. During this outage the door lock was not usable so we installed new door handles with a key lock as a backup system. The elevator was inspected and turned in late by the company causing a \$30 fine which is being taken care of. The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioner Association Conference is April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. The next commissioners court is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Commissioner Elder:

David Bergen is getting his packet together for his subdivision and will be presented to court for approval.

### Commissioner Murphree:

Metro is in the process of fixing water lines, pot holes, etc. He asked if purchasing a dump truck in 2024 and not receiving it until 2026 will the pricing change. All Commissioners stated there should be a price lock when purchasing so it wouldn't change.

### Auditor:

Esmeralda Felan, stated she will be out next week at an auditor school and would be taking one of her employees.

### EOC:

Robert Barrett stated he had an update on the tower study and it would be in to him in 2 weeks

### 16. Adjourn;

Commissioner Rosson made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45a.m.

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for April 10, 2024.

Terri Berry, County Clerk Clerk of Commissioner's Court

Gaines County, Texas

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BRIAN ROSSON JOSH ELDER DAVID MURPHREE BIZ HOUSTON COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1 COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2 COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3 COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

#### TERRI BERRY

#### COUNTY CLERK

# 9:00 am Regular Meeting:

Call to Order - Judge Cindy Therwhanger Invocation

Pledge - United States and Texas

- 1. Public Comment: Anyone wishing to address the Court during Public Comments is required to register your name on the registry prior to the meeting. Speakers may only address items listed on the current agenda and are limited to three (3) minutes speaking time. The Court cannot deliberate or act on matters not listed on the agenda.
  - None
- 2. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on routine administrative items:
  - a. Discuss, consider, and/or approve payroll payables.
  - b. Discuss, consider, and/or act on accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments.
  - c. Discuss, consider, and/or approve the officer's report reporting all fines imposed and collected for the month of March pursuant to Local Government Code 114.004 and Texas Government Code 51.042.
  - d. Discuss, consider and/or approve annual renewal contracts.
  - e. Discuss, consider and/or approve the transfer, sale or destruction of Gaines County Surplus property under Local Government Code 263.152.
    - i. Sale:
      - 3 Museum (Seminole) commercial paper cutter, in storage at Precinct 2
      - 4 Maintenance Unit B-97; 2017 Chevy C15 Pickup
    - ii. Salvage
      - 3 Precinct 1 Mosler fireproof safe
      - 4 Precinct 2 CAT Ripper attachments, light fixtures
      - 5 Maintenance exercise equipment, sinks, carpet vacuums
  - f. Discuss, consider and take any action on a request for changes in rental hours:
    - i. Ring Energy and MightyWash monthly company meetings starting before 10:00 am

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the following:

• Sale on GovDeals: Seminole Museum-Challenge commercial paper cutter Unit # 0PC2,0509, 2997-1, Maintenance- 2017 Chevrolet Pickup

- Salvage: Precinct 1-Mosler Fire Proof Safe, Precinct 2-CAT Ripper attachments and light fixtures, Maintenance: set of exercise equipment, sinks and 2 carpet vacuums
- Changes in rental hours for Ring Energy and Mighty Wash
- Routine administrative items as presented

Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

3. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a report from Perdue Brandon regarding county fees and fines.

Representatives from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP presented an updated report regarding collections on delinquent taxes from Gaines County Appraisal and Justice, JP 1, JP 2 courts. No action taken (see attached)

4. To consider, discuss and act on an interlocal agreement with the City of Seagraves.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Seagraves, when the county vacates the premises the City will have use of the old City Hall building and Seagraves City will provide water for 11 years free of charge. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

- 5. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a request from Precinct 3 to purchase a John Deere Gator. (Buyboard Purchase). Total Cost: \$23,144.90
  - Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the BuyBoard purchase of a 2024 John Deere Gator from in the amount of \$23,144.90. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. (see attached)
- 6. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on approving a "Confidential Policy" for court staff to comply with Texas Supreme Court ruling.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approved a Confidential Policy for court staff to comply with Texas Supreme Court ruling and training to be complete by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

7. Consider approving subdivision application(s), take note of known exceptions, consider any requests for variances; act as appropriate.

None

8. Consider current road crossing request(s); act as appropriate.

None

9. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda,

### Judge Therwhanger

The EOC opened on April 15<sup>th</sup>

Budget information will be handed out within the next couple of weeks

West Texas County Judges & Commissioners Conference will be held April 23-26

The elevator issues has been settled

May 2<sup>nd</sup> is Natioal Day of Prayer and will be held at the Courthouse steps at 7:45 a.m.

Fire Department will be applying for the FMH Foundation Grant to purchase a new fire truck

### Precinct 3

Metro will complete the poly line this week and has placed a permanent one and no manholes

5 Hangers are being built at the airport with 3 more in the process

# 10. Adjourn;

Commissioner Rosson made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:44a.m.

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for April 22, 2024.

Terri Berry, County/Clerk Clerk of Commissioner's Court

Gaines County, Texas