

STATE OF TEXAS )(  
COUNTY OF DONLEY )(

BE IT REMEMBERED THE  
HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in *REGULAR SESSION* open to the public  
this 11<sup>TH</sup> day of *SEPTEMBER, 2017*, at 9:00 A.M. CDT. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of  
the Courthouse. County Judge *JOHN HOWARD*, presiding, calling this session of Court  
to order with:

Commissioner Pct. #1	MARK WHITE
Commissioner Pct. #2	DANIEL FORD
Commissioner Pct. #3	ANDY WHEATLY
Commissioner Pct. #4	DAN SAWYER

LaVERNE PINION, Deputy County/District Clerk and Ex-Officio DEPUTY Clerk of the  
Commissioners' Court and WANDA SMITH, County TREASURER.

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation - LARRY CAPRANICA
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Determine if Quorum Present.  
Duly noted that the above 5 members were present.
5. Public Comment - Del Essary, Nancy Williams, Paula Lowrie
6. Approval and/or Correction of minutes of previous sessions.  
Motion by **MARK WHITE** and seconded by **DANIEL FORD** to approve the minutes for  
the regular session on August 14<sup>th</sup> and the called session on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. **ALL VOTED  
FOR; NONE AGAINST.**

THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED, OR UPON ANY  
ANY ACTION TAKEN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

7. Audit and pay bills for the month of August, 2017, County Treasurer's financial  
report, and Office Reports.  
Motion by **DAN SAWYER** and seconded by **DANIEL FORD** to order all bills paid that  
were audited and approved in open court for the month of August, 2017. Motion by  
**ANDY WHEATLY** and seconded by **MARK WHITE** to approve County Treasurer's  
report; and approve office reports for the month of August, 2017 submitted by  
the CEA, Library, County Judge, Fire Department, Justice of Peace 1&2, Justice of  
Peace 3&4, Sheriff Office, Tax Assessor-Collector and County Treasurer. **ALL  
VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
8. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2017 - 2018 BUDGET - 9:00 A.M.  
Del Essary addressed the court; Nancy Williams and Paula Lowrie were present.  
Motion by **MARK WHITE** and seconded by **DANIEL FORD** to close the Public  
Hearing at 9:25 am. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
9. OTHER BUSINESS.
  1. Adopt the 2017-2018 Budget.  
Motion by **DAN SAWYER** and seconded by **MARK WHITE** to adopt the 2017-  
2018 budget. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**

2. Ratify the property tax increase from last year's budget by \$51,175.20 which is 3.26% increase from last year's budget.  
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and seconded by **DAN SAWYER** to ratify the property tax increase from last year's budget by \$51,175.20 which is 3.26% increase from last year's budget. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
3. Set the 2017-2018 Maintenance & Operations tax rate.  
I, **DANIEL FORD** move that property taxes be increased by adoption of a tax Rate of 0.634445. **THIS RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$25.09** and seconded by **ANDY WHEATLY**. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
4. Set the 2017-2018 Debt service tax rate.  
I, **MARK WHITE** move that property taxes be increased by adoption of a tax rate of 0.064965. **THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL INCREASE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE ON A \$100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$1.21** and seconded by **DAN SAWYER**. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
5. Review of Solid Waste Grant paperwork sent by Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Lori Gunn.  
**NO ACTION TAKEN.**
6. Consider the annual IT service agreement between Donley County and Texas Panhandle Cybermedics, LLC.  
Motion by **MARK WHITE** and seconded by **DANIEL FORD** to approve the annual IT service agreement between Donley County and Texas Panhandle Cybermedics, LLC. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
7. Consider sealed bids received on Hale Gooseneck livestock trailer.  
**NO ACTION TAKEN.**
8. Consider changing the Custodian/Maintenance/Groundskeeper salary from "salaried" to "hourly."  
**NO ACTION TAKEN.**
9. Consider changing the October Commissioners Court meeting from October 9<sup>th</sup> (Columbus Day) to Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and seconded by **MARK WHITE** to change the October Commissioner's Court meeting to Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
10. Set the date and time of monthly Commissioner's Court meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom in the Courthouse, except when it falls on a holiday. The meeting will then be moved to The next day in these cases. All Commissioner Court meetings are posted at least 72 hours before the meeting.  
Motion by **MARK WHITE** and seconded by **DANIEL FORD** to approve the monthly Commissioner's Court meeting on the second Monday of each month at 9:00 am except when it falls on a holiday, it will be moved to the next day. Meetings are posted at least 72 hours before the meeting. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
11. Consider nominating up to 5 candidates for the Board of Directors of the Appraisal District.  
This was tabled until the next Commissioner's Court meeting.

12. Consider two bids from Chris and Charlotte Durham on property in Saints Roost 1 in Howardwick. The first bid of \$1,426.00 is for lots 9-12 Saints Roost 1, and the second bid of \$945.00 is for lots 38-41 Saints Roost 1. Motion by ANDY WHEATLY and seconded by DANIEL FORD to accept \$2,371.00 from Chris and Charlotte Durham for lots 9-12 and lots 38-41 in Saints Roost 1, Howardwick. ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.
13. Letters to the Court.  
NO ACTION TAKEN.

10. Adjourn, Subject to Call.  
JUDGE HOWARD adjourned this Regular Session of Commissioner's Court.

APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

STATE OF TEXAS     X  
COUNTY OF DONLEY  X

IN THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT IN AND FOR DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE ELEVENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017 REGULAR SESSION THE DEPUTY CLERK LaVERNE PINION ATTESTS THE MINUTES TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT.

LaVERNE PINION \_\_\_\_\_  
EX-OFFICIO DEPUTY CLERK OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS