

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Justin Clark, Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, Bret Heim, and Libby Cullison

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- Sedlacek moved to approve the agenda. **Stuber seconded. Motion passed.**
- Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. **Stuber seconded. Motion passed.**

Sheriff's Department – Jake Morrison

- Two dispatchers currently out on medical leave (both daytime shifts). Float shift dispatchers covering daytime shifts.
- Durango vehicle ready for pickup.
- Department coins arrived.

Solid Waste – David Waddell

- Requested purchase of a new oil tank, total cost \$4,500. Tank will be self-contained and more convenient.
 - **Clark moved** to allow purchase for \$2,500 plus shipping. **Motion passed.**
- Solid Waste Board Meeting discussions:
 - Five-year plan approved.
 - Ongoing discussions on fee adjustments:
 - \$50 per property (Solid Waste).
 - \$192 residential refuse (higher for commercial).
- **Stuber moved** to approve **Resolution 25-14** adopting the 5-year Solid Waste Plan. **Clark seconded. Motion passed.**

Road & Bridge – Gary Ward & Todd Green

- Collapsing culverts due to rust/wet conditions.
- Bridge replacement grant not received.
- Emergency bridge replacement could cost ~\$250,000 (engineered bridge).
- Winter work hours to begin **September 29**: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Old asphalt to be hauled to state park.

Treasurer – Michelle Zimmerman

- Presented July department reports.
 - **Clark moved** to accept July reports. **Stuber seconded. Motion passed.**

Rural Fire Budget Hearing

- **Opened at 10:05 a.m.**
- Chief Nick Barney:
 - Budget remains the same as last year.
 - 3% increase in personal services included, no additional tax dollars collected.
 - Trucks built in-house; may need to purchase pre-built in future.
 - Truck fleet ranges from 2014 (newest) to 1965 (oldest).
 - No borrowing since 2001. Over \$300,000 in special equipment fund.
- Recent Purchases:
 - Jaws of Life: \$37,000.
 - Water Rescue Equipment (COVID funds).
- **Clark moved** to approve 2026 Rural Fire Budget. **Stuber seconded. Motion passed.**

County Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing

- **Opened at 10:18 a.m.**
- Citizens addressed concerns on spending and mill levy increases.
- **Closed at 10:31 a.m.**
- Roll Call Vote to Exceed RNR:
 - Clark – Yea
 - Stuber – Yea
 - Sedlacek – Yea
- **Clark moved** to pass **Resolution 25-15 Exceeding the RNR rate for the 2026 Budget**. **Stuber seconded. Motion passed.**

2026 Woodson County Budget Hearing

- **Opened at 10:36 a.m.**
- Citizen asked about non-property tax revenue sources.
 - Treasurer Zimmerman: State distributions, sales tax, property tax. Investments earned ~\$250,000 in 2024.
- Ambulance Dept. struggles to meet revenue due to write-offs/unpaid bills.

- 2024 delinquent property taxes totaled **\$286,000**.
- County financial reserves: \$2.5 million in CDs, over \$5 million in checking.
- Proposed 2026 Budget:
 - Mill levy increase of 10 points (94.776 → 104.256).
 - Assessed valuation: \$51.1 million (up \$3 million).
- Employee Benefits mill levy up 5 points due to dwindling cash reserves.
- **Closed at 11:32 a.m.**
- **Clark moved** to approve 2026 Woodson County Budget. **Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.**

Other Business

- County Counselor Heim left at 11:36 a.m.
- Discussion on balancing revenue and expenditures while addressing infrastructure/service needs.

Vouchers

- **Clark moved** to sign vouchers in the amount of **\$32,139.40**. **Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.**

Adjournment

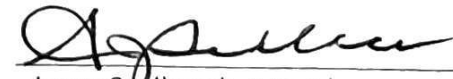
- Meeting adjourned at **11:53 a.m.**



Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman



Jerry Sedlacek, Member

Attest:



Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk