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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
YOUNG COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Young County Commissioners Court was held on Monday, April 14th, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the courtroom of the Young County Court, Young County Courthouse, 516 Fourth Street, Room 106, Graham, Texas, for the purpose of discussing and taking any necessary action on the below-identified matters.

**Agenda Topics****ITEM NO. 1. Call to order**

THEN, County Judge, Edwin "Win" S. Graham IV, called the meeting to order and made note that all Commissioners were present and that the meeting had been posted in the manner and for the time required. Commissioner's Court was streaming and will be available on YouTube.

**ITEM NO. 2. Invocation, U.S. Pledge, and Texas Pledge**

The invocation was given by Commissioner Stacey Creswell, followed by the U.S. Pledge and Texas Pledge (Honor the Texas Flag, I Pledge Allegiance to thee, Texas, One State Under God, One and Indivisible).

**ITEM NO. 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS ACTION ITEM(S):**

[Public comments, announcements, and presentations will be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes unless a member of the court requests additional time for the presenter. Any handout materials required must be reproduced and furnished by the presenter.]

**• Public Comments:**

- Tax Assessor / Collector March Activity Report: The Tax Assessor / Collector reported on the activities for March, including the total amount of taxes collected, any delinquent accounts, and updates on ongoing tax-related projects./EXHIBIT "A"/
- **Summary:** The Tax Assessor/Collector presented the March activity report, covering total tax collections, delinquent accounts, and updates on current tax-related projects.
- Young County Constable, Precinct #1 presented the monthly activity report for January through March 2025, detailing the number of incidents handled, arrests made, and other relevant law enforcement activities. , 2025: /EXHIBIT "B"/
- **Summary:** The Young County Constable, Precinct #1, reported on law enforcement activities from January to March 2025, including incidents handled, arrests made, and other related actions.
- Notice of Public Hearing - Regional Water Planning Group - Area B: Scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 6:00 PM in Wichita Falls, TX.
- Update on the Olney Annex: Tom Parker with the Olney Texas Economic Development Corporation provided an update on the Olney Annex. Engineers are scheduled to review some of the work being done on the exterior of the building. They are still working through some HVAC issues. Tom stated that they are on budget and estimate the project will be completed by the first week of May.

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- Upcoming Events: Eric Garretty provided updates on upcoming events. The Graham Regional Medical Auxiliary Annual Chalupa Luncheon will be held on the Elm Street side of City Hall. On April 26th, there will be a double header event: "Remembering Wyatt Dale Family Fun in the Sun" and the annual "Run for Kids" downtown starting on Elm Street. Additionally, the Cinco de Mayo Festival will be held on May 3rd and 4th on the downtown square. The Lions Club Carnival will also be coming soon.

**Summary:** Eric Garretty shared updates on upcoming events, including the Graham Regional Medical Auxiliary Chalupa Luncheon, two events on **April 26th**—"Remembering Wyatt Dale Family Fun in the Sun" and the "Run for Kids"—the Cinco de Mayo Festival on **May 3rd–4th**, and the upcoming Lions Club Carnival.

The 9th Annual Crawfish and Cannons event at Fort Belknap was a great success this year, with approximately 2,300 tickets sold. Here are some of the key highlights:

**Live Crawfish Boil:** Attendees enjoyed a delicious crawfish boil, which was one of the main attractions of the event.

**Cannon Firing:** Cannons were fired on the hour, providing a unique and exciting experience for visitors.

**Children's Activities:** There were various activities for children, including armadillo races, which added to the family-friendly atmosphere.

**Farmers Market Vendors:** Local vendors participated, offering a variety of goods and produce.

**Live Music:** The event featured live music throughout the day, with performances by country bands "The Wilder Blue" and "Shenandoah"

**Goodnight-Loving Run:** The event included the 5th Annual Goodnight-Loving 5K, 10K, and Half-Marathon, honoring the historic Goodnight-Loving Cattle Trail.

**Texas Forts Trail Wine Festival:** Attendees had the opportunity to sample wines from various Texas wineries and vineyards

**Historical Setting:** The event was held at the historic Fort Belknap, providing a unique backdrop and atmosphere for music lovers and history buffs alike

**Community Engagement:** The event attracted visitors from as far away as the DFW area and has become a family tradition for many.

Overall, Crawfish and Cannons successfully blended music, history, and community activities, making it a memorable experience for all who attended.

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**ITEM NO. 4. Consider County Clerk Minutes from Previous Meeting, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as presented by Tina Gilliam, County Clerk. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacy Creswell and carried 5-0. /EXHIBIT "C"/

- **Summary:** Minutes from the previous meeting held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**ITEM NO. 5. Consider Treasurer's Financial Report / Updates on Securities Pledged**

Presented by Kyle Milam. No action taken.

**Summary:** No report given.

**ITEM NO. 6. Consider Auditor's Budget Amendments / Vouchers Payable:** Presented by Cheryl Roberts:

- Draw #4 for the Reno Project from Mann Made Construction out of the ARPA Fund for the "New" Auditor's Office \$75,750.
- Information on Burgess Equipment Auction on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

NEXT, Commissioner Stacy Creswell made a motion to accept the Auditor's Budget Amendments and Vouchers Payable as presented by Cheryl Roberts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Alan Craig and carried 4-0-1. With Commissioner Jimmy Wiley Abstaining due to conflict of interest. /EXHIBIT "D"/

**Summary:** Budget amendments and vouchers payable presented by the Auditor.

- **General Fund \$97,784.24**
- **Paid out \$204,986.93**

**ITEM NO. 7. Discuss/Consider Employee Bonds**

- Tommy Dittmar-Adult Probation Officer- \$5,000.00

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to accept the Auditor's Budget Amendments and Vouchers Payable as presented by Cheryl Roberts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacy Creswell and carried 5-0. /EXHIBIT "E"/

**ITEM NO. 8. Acknowledge Statement of Officer & Oath of Office for Chase Banks, Assistant Auditor.**

Acknowledge Only /EXHIBIT "F"/

- **Summary:** Acknowledgment of employee bonds for Chase Banks, Assistant Auditor.

**ITEM NO. 9. Consider Extension Agent February Report-Request for Reimbursement:**

- Savanna Williams- \$1,295.02

- NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve the reimbursement for Savanna Williams. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacy Creswell and carried 5-0. /EXHIBIT "H"/

**ITEM NO. 10. Discuss March Activity Report for Jail/Sheriff's Office.**

- ♦ **Discussion Only:**/EXHIBIT "G"/

**ITEM NO. 11. Discuss / Consider findings of the Young County Historical Commission regarding the county-owned cemetery known as the "William P. Johnston Cemetery".**

- **Discussion only:**/EXHIBIT "H"/

- **Summary: Historical Commission Report – William P. Johnston Cemetery**  
Jim Hammond, Chairman of the Young County Historical Commission, provided a report on the history of the William P. Johnston Cemetery. The report included an overview of the cemetery's history and its significance to the local community. The report noted that the cemetery has operated without an official name and has been referred to by various names, many of which include language that is now considered racist and divisive. The Young County Historical Commission emphasized the importance of continued support for the preservation of this historically significant landmark and recommended that the cemetery be given the official name of William P. Johnston Cemetery, which is the name it has been commonly referred to for the last 55 years. He also noted that members of the Cemetery Preservation Board, who all attended the meeting, have done their independent research and came to the same conclusions.

**ITEM NO. 12. Discuss / Consider: Resolution #121 - FY2025: A resolution of the Young County Commissioners Court officially naming the County Cemetery located on the 380 bypass in Graham, Texas as "William P. Johnston Cemetery".**

- **Summary:** During the discussion, one non-county resident proposed alternative names for the cemetery. Several county residents and descendants of relatives interned in the cemetery expressed support for the name William P. Johnston Cemetery and opposed the use of names that carry racist connotations. The majority of the discussions focused on t
- The impact William P. Johnston had on the cemetery, the appropriateness of honoring his legacy, and i:
- Input from local historians and community members about the cemetery's role in county history.

NEXT, Commissioner Stacy Creswell made a motion to approve the "William P. Johnston Cemetery" as the official name, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Shook and carried 5-0. /EXHIBIT "I"/

**ITEM NO. 13. Discuss / Consider: Cemetery rules for the William P. Johnston Cemetery.**

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve the Cemetery rules for the William P. Johnston Cemetery. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacy Creswell and carried 5-0.

/EXHIBIT "J"/

- **Summary:** Judge Win Graham read aloud the proposed **rules and regulations** for the newly named cemetery.
- The rules outlined expectations for public access, maintenance guidelines, acceptable grave markers, interment procedures, and general decorum within the cemetery grounds. The intent of the regulations is to preserve the dignity of the site while ensuring clarity for future use and management.

**ITEM NO. 14. Discuss / consider the second quarter, Fiscal Year 2025 Young County Arena (YCA) Financial Report and authorize the disbursement of \$23,673.53 in support of the YCA operating deficit, per the current Lease Agreement between the Young County Commissioners' Court and the City of Graham - Presented by Eric Garretty, Graham City Manager.**

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve the disbursement of **\$23,673.53** to the City of Graham. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Shook and carried 5-0. /EXHIBIT "K"/

- **Summary:** Mr. Eric Garretty, City Manager of Graham, presented the Young County Arena (YCA) Financial Report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2025. The report outlines revenues, expenditures, and the resulting operational deficit for the reporting period.
- Per the terms of the current Lease Agreement between the Young County Commissioners' Court and the City of Graham, the County is obligated to provide financial support to cover operational shortfalls at the YCA.
- The reported operational deficit for Q2 FY2025 is **\$23,673.53**. This item seeks the Court's approval to authorize the disbursement of this amount to the City of Graham in accordance with the lease terms.

- **ITEM NO. 15. Discuss / Consider accepting the donation of two bayonets from the American Legion for display in the Veterans Service Office - Presented by Adam LaVine, Veterans Service Officer.**

NEXT, Commissioner Stacy Creswell made a motion to approve the donation of two bayonets. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Alan Craig and carried 5-0. /EXHIBIT "L"/

- **Summary:** The American Legion has offered to donate two historical bayonets to the Young County Veterans Service Office for public display. This donation aims to honor and preserve military history while providing a visual tribute to the sacrifices made by our veterans. The bayonets are believed to be from [insert war/era if known], and would be encased securely and displayed in the Veterans Service Office lobby or designated memorial area.

**ITEM NO. 16. Discuss / Consider TAPADEROS SOLAR, LLC's application for a tax abatement regarding a proposed solar farm in Young County.**

No action taken. /EXHIBIT "M"/

- **Summary:** The Commissioners Court heard from several Young County citizens who shared their thoughts—both positive and negative—regarding the proposed solar plant. The primary point of debate centered on whether the tax abatement should be approved. The Commissioners Court will continue its review of the Tapaderos Solar Project's tax abatement application, giving careful consideration to the economic benefits, community concerns, and environmental impacts. A final decision will be deferred until we have more information

**ITEM NO. 17. Discuss / Consider replacing the radio, lights, and siren on Constable Precinct #1's pickup truck - Quote for \$4,151.11 from Mobile Phone of Texas, Inc. - Presented by Bryan Little, Constable, Precinct #1.**

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve the Quote presented by Constable Bryan Little. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Shook and carried 5-0. /EXHIBIT "N"/

- **Summary:** Constable Bryan Little of Precinct #1 presented a quote of \$4,151.11 from Mobile Phone of Texas, Inc. for the replacement of the radio, lights, and siren on his department's pickup truck. After discussion, the Commissioners Court voted unanimously to fund the proposed equipment upgrade.

**ITEM NO. 18. Discuss / Consider the tax deed for a property in Olney, Texas from Zorro Investments, LLC for \$2,400.**

NEXT, Commissioner Alan Craig made a motion to approve the tax deed for property in Olney, Texas. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Wiley and carried 5-0. /EXHIBIT "O"/

**ITEM NO. 19. Discuss / Consider recommendation letters for the vacant seat on the Young County Child Welfare Board.**

The Commissioners Court postponed a decision on filling the vacant seat on the Young County Child Welfare Board, as the background check for the candidate has not yet been completed.

**ITEM NO. 20. Discuss / Consider Resolution #120 - FY2025: Rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Funding - in support of Senate Bill 1377 and House Bill 3000 to provide critical funding for Rural Emergency Medical Services.**

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve the funding for Rural Emergency Medical Services. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacy Creswell and carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 21. Discuss / Consider Application / Permit to Install Entry Culvert in County Road Right-of-Way Ditch Line for R G Loop North - Presented by Alan Craig, Commissioner, Precinct #3.**

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve the permit to install entry culvert in county road right-of-way for RG loop north. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacy Creswell and carried 5-0./EXHIBIT "P"/

**ITEM NO. 22. Discuss / Consider Application / Permit to Install Entry Culvert in County Road Right-of-Way Ditch Line for Dunagan Road - Presented by Alan Craig, Commissioner, Precinct #3.**

NEXT, Commissioner Alan Craig made a motion to approve the permit to install an entry culvert in county road right-of-way for RG loop north. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Wiley and carried 5-0./EXHIBIT "Q"/

**ITEM NO. 23. Discuss / Consider making changes to the Application / Permit to Install Entry Culvert in County Road Right-of-Way Ditch Line.**

NEXT, Commissioner Alan Craig made a motion to approve the changes made to the application for entry culverts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Wiley and carried 5-0./EXHIBIT "R"/

**ITEM NO. 24. Discuss relocating Precinct #3 material yard in Olney - Presented by Alan Craig, Commissioner, Precinct #3.**

- **Discussion Only**

**ITEM NO. 25. Discuss / Consider Permission Letter given to dump excess rock and dirt from the installation of cattle guards and drainage pipe from work on Ribble Farm Road on his land in places that have erosion problems - Presented by Stacy Creswell, Commissioner, Precinct #1.**

NEXT, Commissioner Stacy Creswell made a motion to approve the letter to dump excess rock and dirt. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Wiley and carried 5-0./EXHIBIT "S"/

**ITEM NO. 26. Discuss / Consider Permission Text given to enter his property to do some clean-up to the creek from Jim Gaskin - Presented by Jimmy Wiley, Commissioner, Precinct #4.**

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve the text to enter property for cleanup. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacy Creswell and carried 5-0./EXHIBIT "T"/

**ITEM NO. 27. Discuss / Consider body cam footage from Ribble Farm Road - Presented by Stacy Creswell, Commissioner, Precinct #1.**

NEXT, Commissioner Stacy Creswell made a motion to approve the permit to install the entry culvert. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Alan Craig and carried 5-0./EXHIBIT "U"/

**ITEM NO. 28. Discuss / Consider Burn Restrictions.**

- **No Action**

**ITEM NO. 29. "CLOSED SESSION" - T.G.C. 551.071: Consultation with attorney regarding litigation.**

**Enter 12:25p.m. Exit 12:50p.m.**

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**ITEM NO.30. Any action necessary pursuant to matters discussed in Item #29.**

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve the legal strategy recommended by TAC following discussion in Item #29. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Shook and carried 4-0-1, with Stacy Creswell abstaining.


**ITEM NO.31. Adjourn/Recess.**

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to Adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacy Creswell and carried 5-0.

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 Edwin "Win" S. Graham IV  
County Judge

 Stacy Creswell  
Commissioner, Pct. #1

 Scott Shook  
Commissioner, Pct. #2

 Alan Craig  
Commissioner, Pct. #3

Jimmy Wiley  
Commissioner, Pct. #4

  
ATTESTED BY:  
Tina Gilliam  
County Clerk