

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF FISHER:

FISHER COUNTY COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES

Be it remembered that on Thursday the 14th day of March 2024 the Commissioners' Court of Fisher County, Texas, convened in Emergency Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Fisher County Courthouse, Roby Texas

Ken Holt, County Judge

Pat Thomson, County Clerk

Gordon Pippin, Commissioner #1

Dexter Elrod, Commissioner #2

Preston Martin, Commissioner #3

Micah Evans, Commissioner #4

And the proclamation having been made the Court was in session, the following business came on to be considered:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ESTABLISH QUORUM – All Present

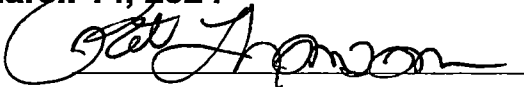
Order 1-Motion Commissioner Martin, second by Commissioner Evans to accept resignation of Sheriff Simon Wade (see attached). This motion having been put to a vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

Order 2-Motion by Commissioner Martin, second by Commissioner Evans to appoint Deputy Thomas Pohlman as Sheriff of Fisher County (see attached). This motion having been put to a vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

Order 3-Motion by Commissioner Elrod, second by Commissioner Martin to adjourn. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

County of Fisher:

I, Pat Thomson, Fisher County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioner Court's authorized proceedings for March 14, 2024



**Pat Thomson
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Member
Of Commissioners' Court, Fisher County, Texas**



**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY OPEN MEETING AND
AGENDA COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF FISHER
COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a emergency meeting of the Commissioners Court of Fisher County, Texas will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the District Courtroom, Fisher County Courthouse, 112 N. Concho, Roby, Texas, to consider, discuss, pass or adopt such items of business as identified below:

A. CALL TO ORDER

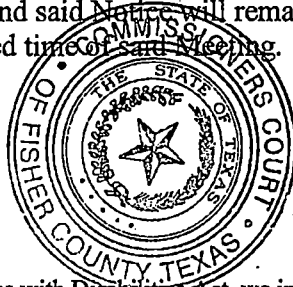
Determination of Quorum

B. DELIBERATE/CONSIDER ACTION ON EMERGENCY ITEMS:

1. Accept Resignation of Sheriff Simon Wade
2. Discuss/Appoint New Fisher County Sheriff

I, Pat Thomson, Fisher County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Open Meeting and Agenda of the Commissioners Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice and Agenda, and said Notice and Agenda was posted on the bulletin board of the Fisher County Courthouse, 112 N. Concho Roby, Texas 79543 and said Notice will remained posted continuously for at least 24 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.


Pat Thomson
Fisher County Clerk



(In accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we invite all attendees to advise us of any special accommodations due to disability. Please submit your request as far as possible in advance of the meeting you wish to attend.)

As authorized by the Texas Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Fisher County, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as they may relate to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) (Consultation with Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers);

Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2) (Consultation with Attorney when the Attorney's obligations under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code);

Texas Government code Section 551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.073(Deliberations about Gifts and Donations); Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Texas Government Code Section 551.0745 (Deliberations about a County Advisory Body); Texas Government code Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices); and Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations).

In the event that the court adjourns into Executive Session, unless otherwise specified on the agenda, the Court will announce any other parties who are authorized to be present during the deliberations in Executive Session and will announce under what section of the Texas Government code the Commissioners Court is using as its authority to enter into Executive Session.

Sheriff Simon A. Wade
504 FM 1812
Mccaulley, TX 79534
Simon.wade6@gmail.com

Judge Ken Holt
County Judge
Fisher County

Dear Judge Holt,

I am writing to tender my resignation, as the Sheriff of Fisher County, effective today, March 13, 2024, at 5pm.

It is with a heavy heart that I make this decision, as my tenure as Sheriff has been a source of immense pride and fulfillment. I vividly remember the day, July 23, 2023, when I was appointed by all the commissioners and you unanimously to serve as your Sheriff. At that time, I was the sole candidate who possessed the requisite qualifications, and I willingly emerged from retirement to lend my expertise and dedication to this esteemed position.

Regrettably, circumstances beyond my control have necessitated this resignation. As you are aware, my case and license are currently under review by the governor's office, rendering me ineligible to continue serving as Sheriff. I will remain on the ballot for the general election in November and I intend on returning in January as the elected Sheriff.

While this situation is deeply disheartening, I trust that the appropriate authorities will conduct a fair and thorough assessment of the matter.

Throughout my tenure, I have wholeheartedly dedicated myself to upholding the law, ensuring public safety, and fostering a harmonious relationship with the residents of Fisher County.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve this community, and I am profoundly grateful for the trust and support bestowed upon me. I firmly believe that Fisher County deserves a Sheriff who is fully qualified and capable of fulfilling the responsibilities and obligations of this esteemed position. It is my sincerest hope that my successor will continue to carry the torch of justice and ensure the well-being of our community.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to employees at the Law Enforcement Center, and the entire Fisher County community for the unwavering support and cooperation extended to me during my tenure as Sheriff. It has been an extraordinary journey, and I will cherish the memories and experiences forever.

Please consider this letter as my formal resignation, and kindly make the necessary arrangements for the transition of responsibilities. If there is any assistance I can provide during this period, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Former Sheriff of Fisher County

VACANCIES FILLED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT INCLUDE: County Judge, County Clerk, Joint District-County Clerk, County Attorney, County Treasurer, County Surveyor, Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector, Justice of the Peace, Constable (also County School Superintendent if still in existence).

VACANCIES FILLED BY COUNTY JUDGE: County Commissioner.

VACANCIES FILLED BY DISTRICT JUDGE: District Clerk. (Where a vacancy occurs in a county having two or more district courts, the vacancy is to be filled by the judges of such courts. If they fail to agree, the governor, upon certificate of such judges, orders a special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired terms.)

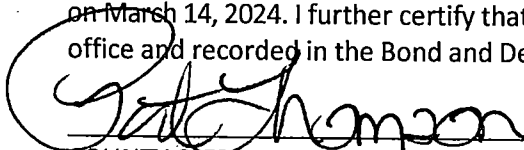
INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNTY CLERK: Mail one copy of this form to: Secretary of State, Elections Division, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711. A commission and identification card will be issued to the appointee.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE

I do hereby certify that the below mentioned person was appointed by the

- County Judge
- District Judge
- County Commissioners Court

to fill a vacancy in the office of Sheriff until the next general election or end of the term, as appropriate. This vacancy was created by resignation of Simon Wade and occurred on March 14, 2024 and effective on March 14, 2024. I further certify that the appointee's oath and bond (if bond required) were filed in my office and recorded in the Bond and Deputation records on March 14, 2024.



COUNTY CLERK



COUNTY FISHER

Thomas Pohlman

PRINTED NAME OF APPOINTEE

Sheriff

OFFICE TITLE (include precinct/place if applicable)

PO Box 370 Roby, Texas 79543

OFFICE ADDRESS (include street or P.O. Box, city and zip)

EMAIL ADDRESS

tom.pohlman@fishercounty.org

1 For election purposes, the vacancy occurs on the date the authority accepts the resignation of the person resigning or eight days after filed, whichever occurs earliest.
2 If the resignation is for a future date of the date the authority accepts the resignation, give the effective date of the resignation.