

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 14th day of October 2024, A.D., the Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session with the following members present to wit:

Cindy Irwin	County Judge
Gary Alexander	Commissioner Precinct #1
Dwight Kirksey	Commissioner Precinct #2
Ben Bentley	Commissioner Precinct #3
Chris Prock	Commissioner Precinct #4
Kelly Ratliff	County Clerk & Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER FOR REGULAR MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Judge Irwin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Dwight Kirksey led the pledge and prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT; 5 MINUTES PER PERSON (WITH SIGNED PARTICIPATION FORM)

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE COUNTY AUDITOR'S TABULATED REPORT TO COMMISSIONERS COURT PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 114.024

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE PAYROLL

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE OFFICE EQUIPMENT AS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENTS

Additional request for disposal was made by Juvenile Probation for disposal of 2 Canon color printers MF743Cdw. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve disposal of obsolete office equipment including the additional request to dispose of the Canon printers, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Requests have been made part of the minutes.

ACCEPT CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FROM ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE REPORTS FROM ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS REQUIRED BY STATE LGC 114.044

Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items excluding item 5, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Reports have been made part of the minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE 2024 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK PROCLAMATION

Moved this agenda item to the next Commissioners' Court Agenda.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE 2025 SAVNS GRANT CONTRACT

Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Contract has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE FY 25 VINE SERVICE RENEWAL

Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE CELLPHONE ALLOWANCE FOR SHERIFF'S CAPTAIN

Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Authorization Request has been made part of the minutes.

REVIEW SALARY ORDER FOR COUNTY AUDITOR AND ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR

REVIEW SALARY ORDER FOR 316TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT REPORTER

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE AIRPORT HOUSE LEASE AGREEMENT

Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Agreement has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND OR APPROVE 2 PIPELINE CROSSINGS FOR JAKE FROESE

Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Permits have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE SALE OF FIREWORKS DURING THE 2024 DIWALI FIREWORKS SEASON, OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 3

Becky Gross asked to withdraw this request.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BAY BRIDGE ADMINISTRATORS' RENEWAL COST FOR GROUP RETIREE MEDICAL PLAN, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

Amy Back, Treasurer presented the Bay Bridge Administrators Renewal for retiree's over 65. This is a Medicare Supplemental Plan offered. The plan increased \$30.00 per month for 8 retirees and is within the budget. Ms. Back is suggesting 60/40 split County/Retiree, the County's part would be \$138.38 per employee. After discussion Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item with a 60/40 split, seconded by Gary Alexander. Voting in Favor: Chris Prock, Judge Irwin, Ben Bentley and Gary Alexander. Opposed: Dwight Kirksey. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

Chief Andy Trehan presented 3 bids for the Sheriff's vehicle. He suggested the TIPS CO-OP bid from Silsbee Ford for a Ford F150 Responder for \$69,992.95. Chief Trahan has 4 vehicles going in Purple Wave Auction. After discussion, Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the F150 Responder through Silsbee Ford for \$69,992.95, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Bids have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROJECT RESOLUTION

Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Resolution has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ARP GRANT PROJECTS

Julie Winters, Aspire A Mindful Place: \$25,000.00 – Julie Winters presented her ARP Project Application to continue to pay salaries for three Peer Support Specialists. Her application is very detailed and made part of the minutes. Judge Mosley did stand as a huge supporter of the Peer Support Specialist Program working with Drug Court. After discussion a new contract would need to be drawn up with Aspire to approve. Tabling this item.

Julie Winters, Aspire A Mindful Place: \$75,000.00 – Julie Winters presented her ARP Project Application to help with developing a Behavioral Health Center. Her application is very detailed and made part of the minutes. This funding would start Phase 1 of the project - renovation of the church building. Aspire A Mindful Place is a 501 (c)(3) and has received other donations. Judge Mosey did stand as a supporter of this project as money well spent. Commissioner Kirksey has legal questions if this project is going to make a profit in the future. The County will discuss this with Craig Jones, County Attorney. Tabling this item.

Ben Bentley, Commissioner Pct. 3: \$68,750.00 – Ben Bentley presented his ARP Project Application for the maintenance and repair to Courthouse and Stinnett Annex parking lots including paving, sealcoating and striping. Ben Bentley made the motion to approve payment out of ARP funds to Bryers Paving for \$68,750.00, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. ARP Project Application has been made part of the minutes.

Ben Bentley, Commissioner Pct. 3: \$61,935.00 including change order – Judge Irwin explained the change order to the 1% for thicker material which will cut more light coming into offices. This is an additional \$1,985.00. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the shades from Commercial Blinds for \$61,935.00, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. ARP Project Application has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Judge Irwin reported that the drought index is 505. No action taken at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE REQUESTS FOR USE OF CLUBROOMS AT BORGER LIBRARY OR FRITCH

Chris Prock had no requests for the Borger Library Clubroom.
Dwight Kirksey had no requests for the Fritch Library Clubroom.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE LINE ITEM CHANGES, TRANSFERS, AND/OR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Order has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ADVERTISING, OPENING, ACCEPTING OR AWARDING BIDS

Commissioner Kirksey presented a Request for Sealed Bid to invite proposals for the hauling and disposal of 4,525 Cubic Yards of Concrete from the wildfires that occurred in February 2024. He is suggesting that the Request for Proposal that will go in the paper to be updated to say, proposals for the hauling and/or disposal of 4,525 Cubic Yards of Concrete and have the Request for Proposal Packet to say the same in the Project Title. It was also suggested the wording be updated to say, proposals submitted may be all inclusive or for only a certain type of work. Lesha Krieg, Auditor will update and put in the paper for Friday. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the Request for Proposal for hauling and disposal of concrete from the wildfires with the suggested changes, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Request for Proposal has been made part of the minutes.

Judge Irwin presented a Request for Sealed Bid to invite bids for the purchase of new 4WD 1500 Regular Cap Long Bed Truck for Road & Bridge department. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the Request for Bid for the purchase of the new 4WD 1500 Regular Cab Long Bed Truck,

seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Request for Bid has been made part of the minutes.

Commissioner Alexander presented the Bid Tabulation Sheet for Updating Annex Hallways and Select Rooms with Flooring and Texture/Paint. Gary Alexander made a motion to accept the 22 mil. layer flooring from Anthony’s Floor Care LLC for \$39,926.00 and Texture/Paint from Adolfo Resendiz for \$30,000.00, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Bid Tabulation Sheet has been made part of the minutes.

Commissioner Bentley presented the Bid Tabulation Sheet for Paving Courthouse and Stinnett Annex Parking Lots. These bids include all paving and seal coating but does not include the blocks for parking spots due to an Interlocal Agreement being drawn up for the City of Stinnett as this parking lot does cross a city right of way. Craig Jones, County Attorney is working on the Interlocal Agreement, it should be completed by the next Commissioners Court Meeting. Ben Bentley made a motion to accept the bid from Bryers Paving for \$68,750.00 for paving at the Courthouse and Stinnett Annex subject to Interlocal Agreement approval, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Bid Tabulation Sheet has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE DONATIONS TO HUTCHINSON COUNTY

None at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES’ AND COMMISSIONERS’ PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Gary Alexander, Commissioner Pct. 1 reported Boomtober Fest and Air Fly In were a success. The house at the airport is hooked up and ready to go. Airport Manager has moved in.

Judge Irwin reported hats off to the City of Borger for the successful Boomtober Fest.

Chris Prock, Commissioner Pct. 4 reported about the decking repair project that was budgeted for at the Borger Museum. They found a lot of rotten wood that will need to be replaced and fixed correctly that could have to come from contingency. The Quilt Show is going on at the Museum and the Book Sale at the Borger Library this weekend.

Ben Bentley, Commissioner Pct. 3 reported they should start on the roof at the Stinnett Annex this week. There will also be some repair needed for the trim.

Kelly Ratliff, County Clerk reported that Early Voting for the General Election begins October 21st.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE SALE OF STRUCK OFF TAX PROPERTIES AND TAX DEEDS

None at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE MOTION TO ADJOURN

Gary Alexander made the motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Adjourn 10:41 a.m.




CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK