

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 28th 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

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

Judge Irwin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Gary Alexander 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

ACCEPT CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FROM ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

Chris Prock made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Reports have been made part of the minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT TO ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SERVED AT THE CONNER'S AIRPORT HANGER

Fritzi Cates-Butler, Executive Director of the Borger Chamber of Commerce presented a letter for this event requesting approval to allow alcohol to be served at the Conner's Airport Hangar. The Chamber also provided Liability Insurance including Liquor Liability. The bartenders are TABC certified. Commissioner Kirksey asked if there was an agreement made between the Chamber and Hutchinson County. Judge Irwin presented an agreement titled Hutchinson County Dome Fees and Procedures that could be modified for events such as this. This is a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Letter, insurance and agreement has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE INDIGENT DEFENSE RESOLUTION

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE 2025 RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT 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 CHANGE ORDER REQUEST FOR STINNETT ANNEX ROOF.

Commissioner Bentley presented the Change Order Request for Stinnett Annex roof. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Change Order Request has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE CHANGE ORDER REQUEST FOR SHADES FOR THE COURTHOUSE WINDOWS

Commissioner Bentley presented the Change Order Request for shades for the Courthouse windows also with the 50% down and 50% after completion. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Change Order Request has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE CARSON COUNTY INMATE HOUSING CONTRACT

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF STINNETT FOR CITY'S PERMISSION FOR COUNTY TO IMPROVE PARKING LOT RIGHT-OF-WAY

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ARP GRANT PROJECTS

Ben Bentley; Commissioner Pct. 3: \$4,325.00 - Change Order with PMR Roofing for the Stinnett Annex. Additional work to be completed to replace rotted lumber around outside edge of roof and repair area where compressors and equipment for coolers had been. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the Change Order for \$4,325.00 to PMR Roofing, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. ARP Application has been made part of the minutes.

Lesha Krieg, Auditor, reported there is roughly \$264,000.00 left in ARP Funds. She suggested a priority list of projects and get a PO or contract on these projects to allocate the funds, so the Federal Government knows that it is spoken for. Suggested to present the list at the next Commissioner Court Meeting.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Judge Irwin suggested no action. Commissioner Prock reported that the drought index is 528. 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

Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. 3 Orders have been made part of the minutes.

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

Lesha Krieg, Auditor reported the Concrete Hauling/Removal Project and R&B Truck bids will be opened November 4, 2024. Commissioner Bentley wanted to discuss going out for bids for covered parking for employees at the Courthouse and other County Buildings. After discussion of multiple ARP projects by the Commissioners they decided to go out for bids to get an approximate cost for covered parking at the Courthouse and go from there just to get a starting point as an ARP project. Everyone was encouraged to get in their ARP Fund Requests in as soon as possible so they can decide what takes priority and be allotted for in the next 2 months. Lesha Krieg, Auditor also made a request that after we decide to go out for bids on a project that she present the advertisement to the Commissioners Court for approval of wording, specs etc. prior to publishing in the paper and all agreed.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE DONATIONS TO HUTCHINSON COUNTY

None at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Ben Bentley, Commissioner Pct. 3 reported the paving will start at the Stinnett Annex Tuesday after the Stinnett City Council approves the Interlocal Agreement for permission to County to improve parking lot Rights-of-Way. The Courthouse parking lot paving will start Wed and all employees will need to park in the church overflow parking lot. An email/text will go out to the employees. Commissioner Bentley also wanted to discuss Purple Wave and Maintenance Department responsibilities with this process.

Chris Prock, Commissioner Pct. 4 wanted to discuss the custodial position at the Annex. He suggested having one full time employee stationed at the Borger Annex but can rover to the Borger Library and Museum he believes this was done in the past. It was suggested to move the part time custodial line items to the 1 Annex Custodial line item if we hired 1 full time employee to clean the 3 locations. Commissioners will work on a solution for that together. He also wanted to discuss the addition repairs needed when completing the decking project. It was discussed previously being an additional \$4,000.00 that was budgeted for but after further investigation the repair will be closer to \$7,000.00. Commissioner Prock wants to know if he should request this from Contingency or put in an ARP request. It was suggested to put in an ARP request for this project. Cameras will also be done at the museum soon.

Dwight Kirksey, Commissioner Pct. 2 wanted to discuss starting in January to bring his certified Nuisance Abatement Letters to the court to make it public record for the court to approve prior to sending them out. Judge Irwin agreed.

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

Terry A and Lisa Kelly Homan submitted a counteroffer of \$250.00 for Lot 60, Double Diamond Estates Unit 8, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value of the property is \$840.00. Dwight Kirksey made the motion to approve the counteroffer of \$250.00, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

Dalbert and Tiffany Phelan Jr, submitted an offer of \$3,150.00 for Lot 2, Block 3, Unit 1, Harbour Heights Addition to the City of Stinnett, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value of the property is \$128,300.00. Ben Bentley made a counteroffer for \$5,000.00, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

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 10:35 a.m.




CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK