

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 12th day of November 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 - ZOOM
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. Ben Bentley 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

Ben Bentley 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

HEAR PRESENTATION FROM 4-H AND EXTENSION AGENTS

Rachelle Oeleis presented 4-H members that introduced themselves and what clubs they participate in. Commissioners signed the previously approved 2024 National 4-H Week Proclamation.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE DONATIONS TO HUTCHINSON COUNTY

Karla Florer and Jean Rose (unable to attend) presented a family donation to the Hutchinson County Library for \$7,000.00 for elementary books and a second donation of \$500.00 in memory of Marie Falcon avid book lover. Marie Falcon's son Jake Falcon wrote a book titled Retiring Right and has donated one to each of the 3 branches in Hutchinson County. Ms. Florer also thanked Ashley Keeney for designing the book plates put in all the books. She also thanked Commissioner Prock for keeping up with the Borger Library facility. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD FOR HUTCHINSON COUNTY PUBLICATIONS

Tara Huff with the Eagle Press presented a handout of information on Circulation History etc. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the Eagle Press as Newspaper of Record, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Handout has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE HUTCHINSON COUNTY FACILITIES USE FEES

Commissioner Kirksey presented the Hutchinson County Facility Use Fees and Procedures/Agreement. He went off the previous Dome Rental Agreement. This has been sent to Criag Jones, County Attorney for review. It was discussed to add that Clubroom fees/deposits are different and can be notated on the agreement. It was also discussed to change the name of the agreement. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to table for further review, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Agreement has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE TRANE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Ben Bentley made a motion to table 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 SB 22 PROSECUTOR 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 ENROLLMENT IN TAC CYBERSECURITY TRAINING FOR 2025

Gary Alexnader made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE JERRY LANGWELL ATTENDING THE NEW SHERIFFS' LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN SAN MARCOS DECEMBER 8TH-12TH

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 LODGING FOR MEMBERS OF THE DRUG COURT TEAM TO ATTEND RISE 25 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA ON MAY 27-30, 2025

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ARP GRANT PROJECTS

Gary Alexander, Commissioner Pct. 1: \$69,926.00: Commissioner Alexander presented ARP Project Application for previously discussed floor and wall work at the Borger Annex. Bids approved on 10/14/2024 for work to be completed by Anthony's Floor Care LLC for \$39,926.00 and Adolfo Resendiz for \$30,000.00. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the ARP Application for \$69,926.00, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Ben Bentley, Commissioner Pct. 3: \$69,015.00: Commissioner Bentley presented ARP Application for Courthouse Chiller for A/C; Trane. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the ARP Application for \$69,015.00, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Ben Bentley, Commissioner Pct. 3: \$40,128.00: Commissioner Bentley presented ARP Application for Stinnett Annex: Replace 2 A/C & Heat units and duct work; West Texas Heat & Air Inc. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the ARP Application for \$40,128.00, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Chris Prock, Commissioner Pct. 2: \$10,788.40: Commissioner Prock presented ARP Application for continued repair to front entryway of the Museum. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the ARP Application for \$10,788.40, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

All ARP Applications have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Judge Irwin presented the Order Rescinding Burn Ban signed on November 5, 2024, due to all of the moisture. Jerry Langwell, EMC/County Fire Marshall, reported that the drought index is 126. Gary Alexander made a motion to Ratify Order Rescinding the Burn Ban, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Order has been made part of the minutes.

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

Chris Prock submitted schedule through January 18, 2025, for the Borger Library Clubroom. Dwight Kirksey submitted schedule through November 24, 2024, for the Fritch Library Clubroom. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Duane Chisholm, Road & Bridge Supervisor presented the bid for R&B pickup received from County Chevrolet for \$46,427.03 this could take up to a year to receive. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the bid from County Chevrolet for \$46,427.03, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Bid has been made part of the minutes.

Commissioner Kirksey presented that no bids were received for the haul and removal of concrete from the wildfires. He and Commissioner Bentley are working on a plan.

Commissioner Bentley presented a Buy Board CO-OP Quote for Stinnett Annex to replace 2 A/C & Heat units and duct work for \$40,128.00 from West Texas Heat & Air Inc. Ben Bentley made

a motion to approve the quote from West Texas Heat & Air Inc. for \$40,128.00, Seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Quote has been made part of the minutes with the ARP Application.

Commissioner Bentley presented a Trane Single Source Bid for Courthouse Chiller for A/C, Trane. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve renewal contract to Refurbish Chiller for \$69,015.00 with Trane, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Contract with Trane has been made part of the minutes with the ARP Application.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Commissioner Alexander reported the Tax Office Project at the Borger Annex is complete and looks good.

Commissioner Bentley reported on the Courthouse and Stinnett Annex painting, parking lot seal coating and repair is going well and almost complete.

Commissioner Kirksey reported on 3 nuisance property letters in various precincts. He would like to add the letter to the next Commissioners Court meeting that will be presented to Craig Jones, County Attorney and Jerry Langwell, EMC for approval. This letter will be sent out on behalf of the Commissioner Court.

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

Dwight Kirksey made the motion to approve Chad and Trisha Burris Tax Deed (R8879) in the amount of \$825.00, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. The Tax Deed has been made part of the minutes.

Dwight Kirksey made the motion to approve Chad and Trisha Burris Tax Deed (R8880) in the amount of \$825.00, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. The Tax Deed has been made part of the minutes.

Dwight Kirksey made the motion to approve Chad and Trisha Burris Tax Deed (R8882) in the amount of \$825.00, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. The Tax Deed has been made part of the minutes.

Dwight Kirksey made the motion to approve Chad and Trisha Burris Tax Deed (R8885) in the amount of \$250.00, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. The Tax Deed has been made part of the minutes.

Dwight Kirksey made the motion to approve Harold White Tax Deed (R9422) in the amount of \$2,500.00, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. The Tax Deed has been made part of the minutes.

Dwight Kirksey made the motion to approve Jose and Laura Gonzalez Tax Deed (R9479) in the amount of \$37,100.00, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. The Tax Deed has been made part of the minutes.

William Simpson submitted a counteroffer of \$6,000.00 for Lots 15-20, Block 115, Original Town Stinnett, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value of the property is \$66,320.00. Customer is submitting amount requested by another entity. Ben Bentley made a motion to accept the offer of \$6,000.00 with no removal of car, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried. 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 10:27 a.m.



Cindy Irwin
CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

Kelly Ratliff
KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK

