

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 9th day of December 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. Chris Prock 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

Dwight Kirksey 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 APPOINTING HUTCHINSON COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL AND ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL

Judge Irwin presented this resolution. Alan Wells is our appointed EMC but must be a certified peace officer to assume the County Fire Marshall role and to keep our TCOLE licensing. Until Mr. Wells gets licensed this appoints the City of Borger Fire Marshall, Jason Pender as the acting Hutchinson County Fire Marshall and Alan Wells as the Assistant Fire Marshal. Chris Prock made a motion to approve appointing Jason Pender as Hutchinson County Fire Marshal and Alan Wells as Assistant Fire Marshal, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Resolution has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE \$100,000.00 BOND FOR CARRIE KIMMELL, TAX COLLECTOR UNTO GOVERNOR OF TEXAS AND \$100,000.00 BOND FOR CARRIE KIMMELL, TAX COLLECTOR UNTO COMMISSIONER COURT, \$3,000.00 BOND FOR BENJAMIN BENTLEY; COUNTY COMMISSIONER, \$1,000.00 CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE BOND FOR JENNIFER HOGUE; JUVENILE PROBATION, \$1,000.00 BOND FOR JEREMY SHARP; JUVENILE PROBATION, \$3,000.00 CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE BOND FOR ROBERT DUANE CHISHOLM; ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM NANCY CRISWELL FOR SPLIT WORK HOURS FOR ASHLEY KEENEY

Nancy Criswell, Library Director wanted everyone to be on the same page as Clay Renick's last day is December 31st at the Museum and she would like for Ashley Keeney to train with him this month before he leaves. Ms. Keeney will be splitting time at the Museum and the Borger Library until Ms. Criswell get someone hired for the library position. No motion needed.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE AN AMENDED INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HUTCHINSON COUNTY UNITED WAY.

Dwight Kirksey 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

Updated Balance of ARP Funds Summary Available \$107,470.50.

Gary Alexander, Commissioner Pct. 1: \$7,500.00 – Change Order from previously approved Annex ARP Project for additional flooring that was missed at the Borger Annex. Approved.

Gary Alexander, Commissioner Pct. 1: \$2,000.00 – Change Order from previously approved Annex ARP Project for additional painting that was missed at the Borger Annex. Approved.

Chris Prock, Commissioner Pct. 4: \$19,000.00 – Borger Library has exposed cracking in the adobe part of the construction that needs to be replaced. Several vigas are becoming unattached and need to be repaired and reattached to the building. When the new construction was done around 6 years ago, the paint in the clubroom area is not matching. Repainting the entire building will give the opportunity to match the entire facility as one. Approved.

Gary Alexander, Commissioner Pct. 1: \$9,610.00 – Hutchinson County Airport replace neon lighting with LED lighting including 2x2 flat panel LED fixtures. Approved.

Laura Chisholm, Sheriff's Office: \$16,390.00 – Jerry Langwell has been working with the Sheriff's Department about this project and presented quotes for Enhancing Security and Efficiency at the Sheriff's Office. Objective is the installation of a secure access door to restrict the public access to the main office areas of the Sheriff's Department. Details of the plan has been made part of the minutes. Discussion was had on each quote for different work and pricing. Jerry Langwell suggested Mesneak Construction, LLC for \$16,390.00 as it fits the objective of restricting access and adds the bullet proof door with speaker thru & tray. This is not requiring an engineer adding 30% to the cost for bullet proofing the wall as well. This request was tabled on 11/25/2024. Approved.

Dwight Kirksey, Commissioner Pct. 2: \$722.44 – Baby Changing Stations for both the Men's and Women's Restroom at the Fritch Library/Tag Office and Clubroom. Approved.

Ben Bentley, Commissioner Pct. 3: \$12,000.00 + \$2,248.06 = \$14,248.06 – Lighting for the Stinnett Annex parking lot for employee parking. Remaining ARP Fund balance of \$2,248.06 added into this request. Approved.

Ben Bentley, Commissioner Pct. 3: \$38,000.00 – Flooring project for the Stinnett Annex. Approved.

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. This request was tabled on 11/25/2024. Denied.

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. This request was tabled on 11/25/2024. Denied.

Dwight Kirksey, Commissioner Pct. 2: \$21,650.00 – Radar/Message Trailer to provide traffic control/monitoring/messaging for rural area roads. Retracted.

Chris Prock made a motion to approve ARP Project Applications for \$7,500.00 flooring at the Borger Annex, \$2,000.00 painting at the Borger Annex, \$19,000.00 Borger Library repair, \$9,610.00 Airport lighting, \$16,390.00 Sheriff's Dept. entry way, \$722.44 Fritch Library changing tables, \$14,248.06 Stinnett Annex lighting, \$38,000.00 Stinnett Annex flooring, totaling \$107,470.50, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. ARP Project Applications have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Alan Wells, EMC suggested to take no action at this time.

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

Chris Prock submitted schedule through February 1, 2025, for the Borger Library Clubroom. Dwight Kirksey submitted schedule through December 14, 2024, for the Fritch Library Clubroom. Dwight Kirksey 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 LINE ITEM CHANGES, TRANSFERS, AND/OR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE DONATIONS TO HUTCHINSON COUNTY

Judge Irwin presented an anonymous donation of \$250.00 for prizes at the County Appreciation Dinner tomorrow. Gary Alexander made a motion to accept the \$250.00 donation, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Gary Alexander, Commissioner Pct. 1 reported on the repairs to the Borger Annex. He helped with some plumbing and electrical work removing a water cooler. The floors and walls are looking good.

Ben Bentley, Commissioner Pct. 3 reported the Courthouse blinds are being installed, it will take some time for completion.

Dwight Kirksey, Commissioner Pct. 2 reported working with IT on a website link to assist with directions to Nuisance Complaint locations. Commissioner Kirksey will be presenting Nuisance Complaint process and procedures at an upcoming meeting.

Judge Irwin reminded everyone about the County Appreciation Dinner tomorrow December 10th at 6:30pm at The Dome in Borger.

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

Dalbert and Tiffany Phelan Jr. submitted a counteroffer of \$5,000.00 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 motion to accept the counteroffer of \$5,000.00, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Tax Deed has been made part of the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)

Convened into Executive Session at 10:23 a.m.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvened into Regular Session 10:41 a.m.

Gary Alexander made a motion to approve hiring of outside counsel for up to \$2,500.00 to assist the County, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

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 10:42 a.m.




CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK