

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 31st day of August 2026, A.D., the Commissioners’ Court met in a Special 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 - ABSENT
Chris Prock	Commissioner Precinct #4
Kelly Ratliff	Clerk & Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER FOR SPECIAL SESSION

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

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

Angelica Hartranft, Constable Pct. 2, signed a participation form. Constable Hartranft presented the Texas Local Government Code 152.014 – Salary Grievance Committee can be compiled of the county judge as chairman, sheriff, tax assessor, treasurer, county clerk, district clerk and county attorney or criminal district attorney and public members bringing the total to nine voting members OR nine public members if the Commissioners Court votes for that structure. Commissioner Hartranft is requesting the committee be made up of 9 Public Members for a fairer and more unbiased opinion.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Judge Irwin also explained the Salary Grievance Committee is made up of the county judge as chairman, sheriff, tax assessor, treasurer, county clerk, district clerk and county attorney and 3 public members bringing the total to nine voting members or nine public members if the Commissioners Court votes for that structure. She also explained that this committee should be set up in January in the event a salary grievance arises, but we have not had one. We are setting up the Salary Grievance Committee today. The public members are pulled from last year’s Grand Jury list from the District Clerk. These names have been placed in a bowl for drawing.

Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the 6 mentioned elected officials and 3 public members, seconded by Judge Irwin. Dwight Kirksey voted aye, Judge Irwin voted aye, Chris Prock voted nay, Gary Alexander voted nay, motion did not carry.

Chris Prock made a motion to approve the 9 public members, no second, motion died.

Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the 6 elected officials and 3 public members, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. Dwight Kirksey voted aye, Judge Irwin voted aye, Chris Prock voted nay and Gary Alexander voted aye, motion carries.

Commissioner Prock drew 9 names: Lance Breshears, Jake Whatley, Jamie Hall, Johnny Doak, Silver Welch, Bennie G. Tice Jr., Angelica Ward, Jerry Elliot and Tiffani Henry

Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the 9 public members (3 with 6 alternants) that were drawn, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

The County Clerk’s Office will contact the public members in the order drawn for 3 acceptances. The Salary Grievance Committee Hearing will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2026, it is a public meeting.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE MOTION TO ADJORN

Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



Cindy Irwin
CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

Kelly Ratliff
KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK