

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 13th day of January 2025, 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

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 Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Reports have been made part of the minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR AT THE LIBRARY

Nancy Criswell, Library Director introduced new Children's Coordinator, Lyndsey Bryan.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE TERMINAL USE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF BORGER AND CONSTABLE ANGELICA HARTRANFT

Dwight Kirksey 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 \$2,000.00 CONTINUATION BOND FOR ANGELICA HARTRANFT; CONSTABLE PCT. 2, \$2,000.00 CONTINUATION BOND FOR JESSICA KAY; RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE, \$10,000.00 BOND FOR MONICA WAGNER; ASSISTANT COUNTY TREASURER, \$2,000.00 BOND FOR ROMAN ALEJANDRO; CONSTABLE PCT. 1

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE STOPPING VEHICLE ALLOWANCE FOR RACHEAL OELEIS SINCE EXTENSION PICKUP IS AVAILABLE FOR HER TO DRIVE

Ben Bentley made a motion to approve temporarily stopping vehicle allowance for Racheal Oeleis as of February 2025 until an Ag Agent is hired, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE FACILITIES USE FEES AND PROCEDURES/AGREEMENT

Judge Irwin presented the agreement and reported two corrections to #5. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item with corrections, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Corrected agreement has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF DEPOSITORY CONTRACT FOR INTERBANK

Chris Prock 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 2025 HUTCHINSON COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE MOU BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND HUTCHINSON COUNTY

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE TRAVEL TO WEATHERFORD, OK FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING FOR AIRPORT MANAGER AND WORKERS

Gary Alexander 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 CHANGE ORDER FOR ANNEX PAINTING AND TEXTURING

Gary Alexander, Commissioner Pct. 1 reported on the change order for Annex Painting and Texturing. There were additional hallways, rooms and Juvenile Probation hallways that were not included in the original approved bid and Commissioner Alexander thought they were and/or was not asked prior to the work being completed. He takes the blame for the mistake. He is requesting \$32,000.00 from Contingency as he doesn't have enough in his budget for the additional work completed by Adolfo Resendiz Painting. Commissioner Bentley mentioned there being a limit on the amount for a change order. After looking up Local Government Code it looks to be 25%. After discussion Dwight Kirksey made a motion to convene into Executive Session, Section

551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) with Craig Jones, County Attorney (by phone), seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried

Convened into Executive Session at 10:04 a.m.

Reconvened into Regular Session at 10:35 a.m. Gary Alexander made a motion to table this item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Letter from Adolfo Resendiz Painting has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE SHERIFF DEPT. VEHICLES TO GO TO PURPLE WAVE FOR AUCTION

Jerry Langwell, Sheriff reported on this with a list provided of 4 Chevy Tahoe's listed to go to the Purple Wave Auction but after a brief discussion with Baltazar Madrano, Airport Manager, Baltazar may want to upgrade the airport van to one of these Tahoe's and send the van to Purple Wave. The airport currently has the early 2000's van and a Tahoe. Commissioner Bentley also asked that the list show milage of these vehicles. He also asked where the vehicles will be held that are going to auction. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to table for the possible transfer of one of the vehicles to another department, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Purple Wave list has been made part of the minutes.

ARP GRANT PROJECT UPDATES

Sheriff Langwell gave an update on the ARP project for the entry way at the Sheriff's Office. This project is going well and should be finished this week.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Alan Wells, EMC reported that the drought index is under 200. No action taken at this time.

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

Chris Prock presented the calendar for the Borger Library Clubroom through February 15, 2025. Dwight Kirksey presented the calendar for Fritch Library Clubroom through January 19, 2025. 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 Gary Alexander. 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

None at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE DONATIONS TO HUTCHINSON COUNTY

None at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Judge Irwin reported a successful Hutchinson County Livestock Show.

Judge Irwin would like to schedule a Special Meeting to discuss salaries before next budget, suggested Monday, February 3, 2025, 9:30 a.m. all agreed.

Judge Irwin mentioned Commissioner Kirksey would like to have a Department Head meeting for the Library, Museum, Airport, IT and Road & Bridge Departments. Meeting will take place Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 1:30 p.m. at the Borger Library.

Alan Wells, EMC reported the North Tower losing communication. It was a Motorola Router that needed to be replaced. Communication was down for around 20 hours but repaired late Saturday night.

Sheriff Langwell reported attending the New Sheriff Academy prior to taking office. He was able to hang out with 70 new sheriffs in the state of Texas. After listening to many stories about working relationships between Sheriffs, Commissioners, Judges and Auditors he is lucky to have such a good working relationship with all here in Hutchinson County. He looks forward to working with everyone and to have a good working relationship between Commissioners and other departments within the county. He has already started to implement changes and reviewing policies. Sheriff Langwell plans to have new policies in place and implemented within the next 6 months.

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 10:56 a.m.

CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK