

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 27th 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 – left the meeting at 10 a.m. and attended via ZOOM.
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. 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 LAST COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

**CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE PAYROLL
NEW AND SEPARATED EMPLOYEES JAN 2025**

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

REGULAR AGENDA

REPORT FROM 4-H MEMBERS WHO SHOWED ANIMALS AT THE HUTCHINSON COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

Tyler Kossey, President of the Hutchinson County 4-H gave a report on the Hutchinson County Jr. Livestock Show. A few members were present and explained how they participate in 4-H. The livestock show was a success. Racheal Oeleis, Extension Agent thanked the parents for helping with the livestock show and the dedication of the kids.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)

Convened into Executive Session at 9:39 a.m.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvened into Regular Session at 10:28 a.m.

No action taken at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE A WATER LINE CROSSING FOR CHRIS BOGNER

Duane Chisholm, R&B Superintendent presented the permit requesting no fee. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item with no fee, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Permit has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE RENEWAL OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE AIRPORT AND PAYMENT OF INVOICE TOTALING \$7,023.37

Baltazar Madrano presented the renewal of liability insurance for the airport. Commissioner Bentley asked if we have ever gotten quotes from other companies. Lesha Krieg, Auditor said she believes they checked with TAC and they do not offer the same coverage we have for aviation. There was an increase of roughly \$200.00 with this renewal. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Insurance Proposal has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE RENEWAL OF SPARKLIGHT SERVICE AGREEMENT

Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item pending County Attorney's review, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Agreement has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE LAND USE AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS FOREST SERVICE

Chase Herriman, Incident Aviation Specialist with Texas A&M Forest Service and Baltazar Madrano, Airport Manager presented this Emergency Facilities & Land Use Agreement. Mr. Herriman is requesting to hold 2 mixing trailers and 4 to 6 single engine air tankers at the Hutchinson County Airport to assist in fighting wildfires in the Texas Panhandle. Borger has the capacity to hold these trailers and tankers. Fuel would be purchased from the airport. The Airport Board has seen this agreement and approves. A water tank, retardant tank and trailer would remain on the premises permanently and the air tankers etc. would be ordered to preposition by TDEM and then released by TDEM during an event. Everything will fit outside on the Northside of the Piper Hanger. Borger will be the HUB for the Panhandle. County Attorney has looked over the draft and will review the final agreement for approval. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item upon County Attorney's review, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Agreement has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE FIRE MARSHALL BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR JASON PENDER

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE PUTTING 4 SHERIFF DEPT TAHOE’S AND AIRPORT VAN IN PURPLE WAVE AUCTION AND TRANSFERRING IT TAHOE TO THE AIRPORT

Sheriff Langwell presented the list provided for putting 4 Chevy Tahoe’s from the Sheriff’s Department in the Purple Wave Auction. It was also discussed in the meeting on January 13th that the Airport would like to upgrade the Airport Van to one of the used Tahoe’s. After discussion the IT department has a Tahoe, they are not putting to use, and it can be transferred to the Airport and put the Airport Van in the Purple Wave Auction. Commissioner Bentley asked who is responsible for putting these vehicles in the auction. Sheriff Langwell stated he didn’t mind handling his vehicles from the Sheriff’s Department if needed. Lesha Krieg, Auditor has created a transfer form, and she can give it to who is going to handle Purple Wave. A process will be discussed for Purple Wave in the next Policy Meeting. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. List of the 4 Tahoe’s has been made part of the minutes.

UPDATE ON ARP GRANT PROJECTS

None at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

No action taken at this time.

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

Chris Prock presented the calendar for the Broger Library Clubroom through March 8, 2025. Dwight Kirksey had no requests 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 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

Commissioner Bentley reported there are thermostat issues at the Courthouse. Trane is here to work on this issue.

Commissioner Kirksey reported on the concrete removal project from the wildfires. After communication the citizens may be taking care of the need, and it could be resolved in the next couple of weeks.

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 10:54 a.m.

CHRIS PROCK – COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:

KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK