

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 24th day of February 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-VIA 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. Judge Irwin 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 PAYMENT OF BILLS

**CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE PAYROLL
NEW & SEPARATED EMPLOYEES FEBRUARY 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

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 REPORTS FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT AND AIRPORT

Duane Chisholm, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the weather has limited dirt work, but they have been working on equipment maintenance, push mowing, barn repair work and putting salt out. With the weather warming back up they can start cleaning bar ditches from fire, dirt work, putting some fire breaks in, culvert work and many caliche projects.

Baltazar Madrano, Airport Director, reported broken pipes and some flooding at the airport due to cold weather. This past month he went to training in Weatherford, Ok learning Phillips 66 requirements and quality control. He is talking to someone in Amarillo about the Airport Lighting Project. Airport has sold over 6,000 gallons of jet fuel and 4,000 gallons of lab gas. Fuel sales are slower in the winter and will start picking up in the summer. He has been working with Texas

Forest Service on the logistics of the approved land use agreement for items to assist in fighting wild fires and potentially building on this in the future.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE NORTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO CONSTRUCT OH ELECTRIC LINE

After discussion the Commissioners would like Duane Chisholm, Road and Bridge Superintendent to look at this area prior to approving. Ben Bentley made a motion to table this item until someone looks at this area, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Notification made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MONTHLY AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2024, NOVEMBER 30, 2024, DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND JANUARY 31, 2025

Lesha Krieg, Auditor, presented these reports. An overview of the information is also on our website under Financial Transparency. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Reports are made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE \$1,000.00 BOND FOR AMBER WELLS, PROBATION OFFICER

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE CHANGE OF A PRIVATE ROAD NAME FROM #10 SNIDER LN TO PAYTON PL

After discussion it was understood Snider Ln. will remain but the private drive #10 Snider Ln. will change to Payton Pl. This is not changing the name of a county road only the private drive. Panhandle Regional 911 wants approval from the County to make this change. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Map is made part of the minutes.

PROGRESS UPDATE ON ANY ARP GRANT PROJECTS

None at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

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

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

Chris Prock had no requests for the Borger Library Clubroom.
Dwight Kirksey had no requests for the Fritch Library Clubroom.

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

Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Order is 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 we received the Excellence in Safety Award this year from the TAC Risk Management Pool Workers Compensation Program. We have been honored with the award many years in a row. This award will be received at the Risk Management Conference.

Commissioner Bentley reported he is in the process of hiring someone for the Maintenance Position starting March 10th.

Alan Wells, EMC suggested the Commissioners sign up to receive a PIV-I Card (Personal Identification Verification Interoperable Card). Provides a standard ID card for all Texas Disaster & Emergency Services personnel. He will send out an email to sign up, it will be next Tues and Wed at the Dome. The applicant must present 2 identifying documents, at least one document must be a valid State or Federal Government-issued picture ID. A list will be provided.

Judge Irwin wanted to remind everyone about the Multi Agency Coordination Meeting at the Dome on March 3rd. Please send Judge Irwin an email if you will be attending.

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

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.076 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT SECURITY DEVICES)

Convened into Executive Session at 9:52 a.m.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvened into Regular Session at 10:10 a.m. No action taken 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 10:12 a.m.




CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK

