

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 12th day of May 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 – Came in at 9:35 a.m.
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 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 Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Documents have been made part of the minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY AS TREATMENT COURT MONTH

Judge Irwin presented The Hutchinson County Commissioners Court declares that Treatment Court Month be established during the month of May in support of the life-saving and life-changing work of the Hutchinson County Adult Drug Court on this 12th Day of May, 2025. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Resolution has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE TRANSFERRING CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO 100-503-5710 TO PAY FOR CROWDSTRIKE

Judge Irwin reported after speaking with Richard Hein, IT Director and Lesha Krieg, Auditor, the phones were not budgeted for and then paid for with funds allocated for CrowdStrike. They are asking for approval to transfer Contingency Funds to 100-503-5710 to pay for CrowdStrike. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPERTY INSURANCE PROPOSAL FROM THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Lesha Krieg, Auditor presented the proposal from TAC and pointed out All Other Perils, deductible per occurrence went from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. The appraisers are supposed to come look at the buildings and newly acquired buildings sometime this summer and it is believed they appraised equipment over 3 years ago. Last year our insurance broker got us in touch with someone to look into our insurance options and no one came close to what TAC offers the county. Ben Bentley made a motion to table above stated agenda item for further review of the values, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Proposal has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE RESOLUTION AMENDING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR TEXPOOL ACCOUNT

Judge Irwin and Amy Back, Treasurer presented this resolution updating authorized representatives for Tex Pool Account. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Resolution has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE UP TO \$50.00 FOR ALAN WELLS, EMC. CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE UP TO \$100.00 FOR FELIX SANDOVAL, ASSISTANT IT.

Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT OH ELECTRIC LINE

Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Notification has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE LIBRARY AMNESTY PERIOD, MAY 19-JUNE 3, 2025

Nancy Criswell, Library Director, presented this period to get kids and families to come in and pay overdue fees. There is a processing fee of \$2.50 on a book that is lost. If they return the book, we will return that fee. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Criswell also let everyone know that June 3rd is sign-up day to get library cards or pay off outstanding balances.

Update on the Library Fiber Optic Grant. The panel is meeting currently to review applications, and she will get recommendations with rank/score by email. The respective applications will be taken to the TSLAC Board meeting June 6th.

Also, reminder June 10th author of the Hank the Cowdog books John R. Erickson will be at the Dome in Borger.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ARP GRANT PROJECTS

ARP Updates:

Commissioner Bentley updated us on the Stinnett Annex heating and air is complete and has an engineer coming to look at the lighting. Also still working on getting the new generator set up.

Commissioner Prock updated us on the work being done to the exterior of the Borger Library. The rain has complicated things but they should be able to work on this soon.

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

Nancy Criswell, Library Director, presented a reoccurring request for the Borger Library Clubroom. It was pointed out in policy that any exceptions may be granted by the county commissioner assigned to the Club Room. She will discuss this with Commissioner Prock.

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 Ben Bentley. 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

Lesha Krieg, Auditor, presented the Request for Sealed Bid from Road and Bridge for asphalt for seal coat projects. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Request and supporting documentation have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE DONATIONS TO HUTCHINSON COUNTY

Commissioner Kirksey asked about a drawing held as part of an incentive to attend safety meetings and the department would win lunch. He was advised to submit a proposed monetary donation to be approved.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Judge Irwin reported if anyone watched the Texas Legislature Online that Commissioner Kirksey gave the prayer on May 5th to open the Senate in Austin, Tx.

Judge Irwin and Commissioner Alexander reported that the 4-H Banquet had many attendees and was a big success. Big thanks for Racheal Oeleis and Gracey Durham with the Extension Office.

Lesha Kreig, Auditor reported on a vehicle damaged by hitting a deer. Richard Hein, IT Director will be getting quotes to present.

Judge Irwin reported a Safety Fair is being held at the Dome on Friday May 16th. Nancy said the library will have a booth there.

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

John O’Gorman and Lynda O’Gorman submitted an offer of \$5,000.00 for Lots 12-15, Block 18, Original Town of Stinnett, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is \$16,560.00. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

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 9:58 a.m.



Cindy Irwin
CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

Kelly Ratliff
KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK