

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 23rd day of June 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 - ABSENT
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

MINUTES 06-09-2025 had an error. The acronym for Texas Panhandle Centers (TPC), was recorded as TCP. This agenda item as well as the content within the agenda item has been corrected to TPC.

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

Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items including the correction to the MINUTES 06/09/2025, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Reports have been made part of the minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

INTRODUCTION BY COUNTY ATTORNEY, CRAIG JONES, OF SUMMER LAW CLERK, DEVIN KIRCHER

Craig Jones, County Attorney, introduced the new Summer Law Clerk, Devin Kircher.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FRITCH FOR OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2025

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT PREPARED BY DOSHIER, PICKENS & FRANCIS LLC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Chris Prock made a motion to table this agenda item, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2025-2026

After discussion it was decided to accept the 2025-2026 Health Insurance Renewal from TAC with the 6.20 increase to be absorbed by the county for all employees and family. It was also discussed to keep the 60/40 split for the under 65 retirees. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the TAC Insurance Renewal for 2025-2026 across the board with a 6.20 increase paid by the county as well as the increase to the dental, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. 2025-2026 Renewal Notice has been made part of the minutes.

UPDATE ON ARP GRANT PROJECTS

Commissioner Prock reported the final touches are being done to the exterior of the Borger Library.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Judge Irwin and Commissioner Prock reported that the drought index is at an average of 136. 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.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ADVERTISING, OPENING, ACCEPTING OR AWARDING BIDS

None at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE DONATIONS TO HUTCHINSON COUNTY

Judge Irwin presented 2 donations to the Hutchinson County Museum from Crown Supply in the amount of \$100.00 and Jack E Jordan and Tonie S Jordan in the amount of \$25.00. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve both donations, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Thank you to all for the donations.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Commissioner Kirksey reported on some mesquites that have grown up when you are coming out of Bugbee onto 687, causing some driver safety concerns. Commissioner Kirksey talked to TxDOT and NPS. The National Park Service is going to take care of the mesquite trees this week. It could possibly be the County and TxDOT's responsibility going forward.

Commissioner Alexander reported trucks hauling dirt for new construction tore up Cimarron St. in Meadowlark. This could be a problem going forward as there is land for sale out there. He talked about No Thru Truck Traffic signs as a possibility. Commissioner Kirksey mentioned talking with the trucking company on splitting the cost of the repairs to the roadway. Commissioner Prock suggested including Craig Jones, County Attorney, on how to proceed. We can also investigate how they were able to put load limit signs on Eagle Blvd. in Fritch.

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

Jackie Weaver submitted an offer of \$250.00 for Lots 52, Unit 1, Retreta Del Plano, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is \$630.00. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

Jackie Weaver submitted an offer of \$250.00 for Lots 53, Unit 1, Retreta Del Plano, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is \$380.00. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

Jackie Weaver submitted an offer of \$250.00 for Lots 55, Unit 1, Retreta Del Plano, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is \$380.00. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

Jackie Weaver submitted an offer of \$250.00 for Lot 1, Tract 38, Bugbee Heights, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is \$830.00. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2025-2026

Amy Back, Treasurer reported Open Enrollment will be Aug 1-30, she will be scheduling employee meetings.

Lesha Krieg, Auditor, is working on the Budget Worksheet.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE MOTION TO ADJOURN

Gary Alexander made the motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. 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