

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 22nd day of September 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 9:32 a.m. Ben Bentley 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

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE 2026 TERM OF COURT

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MONTHS ENDING JULY 31, 2025 AND AUGUST 31, 2025

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE BOND FOR JOHN HOWETH, PEACE OFFICER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE AMENDED BOND FOR JUDGE CINDY IRWIN, PUBLIC OFFICIAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00

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

REVIEW SALARY ORDERS FOR 84TH AND 316TH COURT REPORTERS, COURT COORDINATORS, BAILIFFS, ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR AND CSCD DIRECTOR

No questions. Orders have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF CARRIE KIMMELL AND BEN BENTLEY TO THE HUTCHINSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOIDS SECONDARY MANUFACTURERS SETTLEMENTS

Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Participation form has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE PANHANDLE AUTO BURGLARY THEFT UNIT

Dwight Kirksey 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 SHERIFF AND CONSTABLE FEES FOR 2026

Angelica Hartranft, Constable Pct. 2 presented the Sheriff and Constable Fees for 2026 with County Attorney approval. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Fees have been made part of the minutes.

UPDATE ON ARP GRANT PROJECTS

ARP financial update has been made part of the minutes.

Commissioner Bentley reported the switches are in for the courthouse generator and will be installed on Friday.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Allan Wells, EMC, reported that the drought index is at 10 and has dropped 130 in a week's time. No action taken at this time.

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

Chris Prock submitted a schedule through November 22, 2025, for the Borger Library Clubroom. 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

Dwight Kirksey 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

Lesha Krieg, Auditor along with Richard Hein, IT Director, reported they will need to redo the Multi Site Fiber Optic bid advertisement. This needed to have a date and time included to come look at the facilities to be able to bid on the project.

Nancy Criswell, Library Director, reported on the expansion application for the Library Fiber Optic grant, she stated she should know this week if it was approved. Ms. Krieg did say the grant contracts must be signed prior to awarding bids. Ms. Criswell did request one grant number so that is the reason we are waiting to see if the expansion grant application is approved. We will add this to the next Commissioners Court Agenda.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE DONATIONS TO HUTCHINSON COUNTY

None at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Commissioner Kirksey reported that he is still working on permitting requirements to present to the court. He received a call from a land owner that someone built a fence on part of her property. Commissioner Kirksey wanted to make sure this was a civil issue between the landowners.

Commissioner Alexander reported that the vacuum at the Borger Annex is under full warranty and will be replaced.

Commissioner Bentley reported the seal coating on the courthouse parking lot has been delayed due to rain.

Allan Wells, EMC reported he and Judge Irwin attended the PREP (Panhandle Regional Emergency Preparedness) Conference last week in Amarillo. They had some very informative breakout sessions. He was also awarded a PRPC Scholarship to attend the Police Academy.

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

Adrian Montes Cruz submitted an offer of \$500.00 for South Half (S/2), Lots 5 & 6-7, Block 78, Original Town of Stinnett, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is \$2,230.00. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the offer of \$500.00, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.076 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT SECURITY DEVICES)

Court convened into Executive Session at 9:54 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Court reconvened into Regular session at 10:23 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 10:25 a.m.



Cindy Irwin

CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

Kelly Ratliff

KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK