

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 12th day of January 2026, 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 9:33 a.m. Chris Prock 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

Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Reports have been made part of the minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MONTHLY AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE AMENDED RULES OF PROCEDURE, CONDUCT AND DECORUM AT MEETINGS OF THE HUTCHINSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Judge Irwin presented this item and noted on page 1 at the end of the 3rd paragraph she updated from Thursday to Monday immediately preceding the next Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court. She asked if anyone had any changes or updates, they would like to make and everyone said it looked good. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Rules have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE COMBINED PRECINCTS FOR THE MARCH 3, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Kelly Ratliff, County Clerk, presented the combined precincts recommended by the County Election Board with explanation of new law SB985 in preparation of HB2753 in 2027. Along with the combined precincts going forward we will be using 3 of our Early Voting locations for Election Day. Precinct 21 will be in the Fritch Library Community Room, Precinct 31&41 will be in the Hutchinson County Courthouse in Stinnett and Precinct 33&42 will be in the Hutchinson County Annex Building Room 116 in Borger. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Notice of Combined Precincts along with EV & ED Polling Locations have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR THE MARCH 3, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Kelly Ratliff, County Clerk, presented the Democratic and Republican Notice of Primary Election that have been approved by the County Election Board. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Notices have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ELECTION JUDGES AND EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD FOR THE MARCH 3, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Kelly Ratliff, County Clerk, presented the Election Judges and Early Voting Ballot Board that have been approved by the County Election Board. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Judges and EVBB have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE SAMSARA CONTRACT

Judge Irwin presented the new Samsara Contract with the changes Craig Jones, County Attorney requested. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Contract has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO EXEMPT TEXAS COUNTIES FROM THE STATE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Judge Irwin presented this Resolution as the Judge from Cass County was requesting this be signed and returned to him and Jim Allison the General Counsel for the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas to have for the next legislative session. Dwight Kirksey 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 DEPOSITING TDCJ REIMBURSEMENT CHECKS INTO NEW JAIL FUND

Sheriff Langwell requested the TDCJ transport reimbursement checks go into the New Jail Fund. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON ARP GRANT PROJECTS

None at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Judge Irwin reported after receiving an email from Alan Wells, EMC, we are still under the drought index but after a few fires in the area recently if there had been any wind it would have been worse. He does recommend enacting the Burn Ban. Chris Prock made a motion to enact the Burn Ban to take effect today, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Order has been made part of the minutes.

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

Chris Prock submitted a schedule through December 24, 2025 for the Borger Library Clubroom. Dwight Kirksey submitted a schedule through January 31, 2026 for the Fritch Library Clubroom. 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 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

Judge Irwin presented Hutchinson County Museum Monthly Box Donations of .55 cents. Sheriff Langwell presented a donation from the Stinnett Fire Department for lockers to hold evidence at the Sheriffs Office. They will work great. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated donations, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Museum Box Donation sheet has been made part of the minutes.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Commissioner Bentley reported the server room a/c went out, this unit is not tied to the Trane system. This unit had to be replaced costing over \$10,000.00. There was also a small water leak in the same room from a Trane unit.

Commissioner Alexander reported a couple of issues at the Annex with a soap dispenser and a plumbing leak that he will address.

Commissioner Kirksey reported that the Emergency Management of Hutchinson County will be out this Saturday in Sage Mesa and Arroya Verde passing out brochures about fire hazards and to mitigate. The Celebration Church will be set up with 15 volunteers to assist with this. He also reported on February 7th Team Rubicon, partnering with our local agencies and the Red Cross will be here to complete some weed eating and brush removal for fire mitigation.

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

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)

Convened into Executive Session at 9:57 a.m.
Reconvened into Regular Session at 10:15 a.m.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

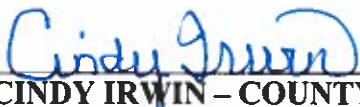
No action at this time.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

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 10:16 a.m.


CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:




KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK