

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 26th 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 - ABSENT
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. Gary Alexander 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 Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Reports have been made part of the minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE HUTCHINSON COUNTY JR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Racheal Oeleis, Extension Agent reported there were 59 exhibitors total including FFA and 4-H. 16 exhibitors were from 4-H and 2 are here today to introduce themselves and how they were involved in the livestock show. Corbyn Shields introduced himself, he has been in 4-H for 3 years and got Reserve Breed at the county show, he will be attending 3 major stock shows this year, San Antonio, Houston and Austin. Kyla Tyree introduced herself she has been showing since she was 9 years old, she got 2nd place with her lamb at the county show. Racheal thanked everyone that had a hand in putting on the show including the kids, they put in a lot of hard work, and it was a great success. Judge Irwin thanked them for a well-run county show.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ACTION FOR HAIL DAMAGE TO EXTENSION DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

Racheal Oeleis, Extension Agent, presented that the hood of the extension truck has hail damage and needs a replacement hood. She got bids from Refinishing System LLC for \$5,208.25 and Customs by Steve LLC for \$5,393.19. She also spoke with the paintless hail repair and they would also have to replace the hood it can't be repaired. There is \$1,000.00 deductible in their budget if we submit to TAC. It was discussed to avoid an insurance claim and just pay for the repair out of pocket. Racheal stated she has funds in the Ag Agent's travel budget as that position has been vacant, but the job is posted and they could need this for training if the position is filled. They could also take it from Contingency. Chris Prock made a motion to award the job to Refinishing Systems for \$5,208.25 and take it from the Ag Agent's Travel Line Item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Quotes have been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE \$1,000.00 BOND FOR JEREMY SHARP CHIEF JUVENILE 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 has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE UPSHAW PROPOSAL FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE AT THE AIRPORT

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

UPDATE ON ARP GRANT PROJECTS

Commissioner Alexander reported they are still working on the doors at the Borger Annex.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Alan Wells, EMC, reported that the drought index is 431. No action taken at this time, keeping the burn ban in place.

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

Chris Prock submitted a schedule for the Borger Library Clubroom through Feb 28, 2026.

Dwight Kirksey had no requests for the Fritch Library Clubroom.

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 LINE ITEM CHANGES, TRANSFERS, AND/OR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Prock asked about the Juvenile Line item transfer abbreviations being Post Adjudication and Pre Adjudication Detention. These funds come from the state. 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 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

None at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Commissioner Alexander reported no pipes froze at the Borger Annex over the weekend. He talked to the deputies at the Sheriff's Department working this weekend about closing the bathroom door and to please open it after leaving for air flow to keep the pipes from freezing. Commissioner Bentley reported all was fine at the Courthouse. Commissioner Prock reported that the library and museum were fine during the cold weather as well.

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)
SECTION 551.076 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT SECURITY DEVICES)**

551.076 Only

Convened into Executive Session at 9:49 a.m.

Reconvened into Regular Session at 10:18 a.m.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE CONTRACT FOR SALE OF OLD STINNETT HIGHWAY PROPERTY TO PPCO

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken

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 10:20 a.m.



Cindy Irwin
CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

Kelly Ratliff
KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK

