

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 9th day of February 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 – Arrived at 9:33 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. 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 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. Reports have been made part of the minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE 2026 INVESTMENT POLICY

Amy Back, Treasurer, presented the Investment Policy with no changes. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Investment Policy has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE \$10,000.00 BOND FOR MONICA WAGNER ASSISTANT COUNTY TREASURER

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 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE COUNTY ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY

Judge Irwin presented this resolution. Chris Prock 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 RENEWAL OF TRANE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Bentley presented this agreement with an upgrade that Trane can log in remotely trouble shoot our system without having to make a service call. The agreement is roughly less than \$1,000.00 cost for remote access. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the \$22,008.00 service agreement, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Trane Agreement has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR CONSTABLE PCT. 2

Judge Irwin presented this report for Constable Hartranft. This report is due every year, Constable Hartranft submitted this with full exception as she does not make traffic stops on a regular basis. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Report has been made part of the minutes.

UPDATE ON ARP GRANT PROJECTS

None at this time.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE BURN BAN OR RESCIND BURN BAN

Alan Wells, EMC, reported that the drought index is 440 on average. 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 for the Borger Library Clubroom through January 31, 2026. Dwight Kirksey submitted a schedule for the Fritch Library Clubroom through March 3, 2026. 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 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 the Hutchinson County Museum Monthly Box Donations for January 2026 in the amount of \$10.00. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the \$10.00 donation, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Report has been made part of the minutes.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Commissioner Alexander has been working on getting vending machines at the Borger Annex for drinks and snacks.

Judge Irwin reported Leadership Borger will be at the Courthouse February 18, 2026.

Sheriff Langwell reported that the Hospital District is not paying out for indigent prescription care for jail inmates at this time. He and Captain Sepulveda expressed concern that over the last 6 months they have had to pay out of their jail county budget roughly \$1,000.00 a month. The budget will be depleted quickly at this rate. The county has not had to pay for this in the past. The inmate must file indigent paperwork, and the Hospital District is still paying as of right now for ER visits or Dr's office visits but not covering medications at all. In the past they covered up to 3 medications per month for inmates. If there were additional medications it came out of the jail's county budget. United will no longer fill the prescriptions for the inmates as the Hospital District has not made payment to them in about a year. Sheriff Langwell wanted to bring this to the court's attention and try to get ahead of it if possible as this could deplete the budget quickly.

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

Clinton Bohn submitted an offer of \$250.00 for Lot 37, Blk 14, Unit B, Sage Mesa, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is \$2,200.00. Dwight Kirkse made a motion to accept the \$250.00 counteroffer, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

Darrell Ray Harvill submitted an offer of \$1,000.00 for Lots 1-2, Blk 102, Original Town of Stinnett, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is \$1,800.00. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the \$1,000.00 offer, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Offer has been made part of the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)

Convened into Executive Session at 9:48 a.m.
Reconvened into Regular Session at 9:55 a.m.

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 9:58 a.m.


CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK



