

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 26th day of May 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 - ABSENT
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. 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

Judge Irwin requested to add an item to Consent Agenda item 5, 84th District Court would like to dispose of a broken printer. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items including the added disposal of broken printer, 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 THE SALE OF FIREWORKS FOR THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

Alan Wells, EMC/County Fire Marshall, recommends that we do not approve the sale of fireworks due to the extreme drought conditions and high drought index, all agreed. This agenda item dies for lack of a motion.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE NEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AW BROADBAND

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE RENTAL RATES FOR AIRPORT HANGARS

Judge Irwin reported the Airport Board will meet on June 2nd to discuss hangar rental rates and bring suggestions back to the court. Ben Bentley made a motion to table the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFER FROM THE ELECTIONS OPERATING ACCOUNT 100-490-1081 ELECTION WORKERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500.00

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 \$10,000.00 CONTINUATION BOND FOR NANCY CRISWELL, LIBRARIAN

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A US BANK CREDIT CARD TO JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE REFURBISHING THE MEMORIAL ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN

Judge Irwin presented a quote from Legacy Monument Company for \$1,200.00 to refurbish the memorial on the courthouse lawn. Ben Bentley made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Invoice 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/County Fire Marshall, reported that the drought index is still high. 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 September 5, 2026, 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 Ben Bentley. 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 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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Judge Irwin and Amy Back, Treasurer, presented the 2026-2027 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation as well as scenarios. If you have any questions or additional scenarios for Amy or for Charla, please email Amy. The deadline for approval to TAC is June 26, 2026.

Reminder to department heads to send in your budget worksheet to Lesha by June 8, 2026.

Judge Irwin said she will get with the Tax Assessor for a schedule to approve the tax rate.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ben Bentley made the motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Adjourn 9:51 a.m.



ATTEST:


CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE


KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK

