THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 22nd day of June 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 9:30 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 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 RENEWAL OF AUTO AND GENERAL LIABLILITY INSURANCE WITH THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE POLICY PERIOD OF 10/1/2026-10/01/2027

Tiffany Phelan, Assistant Auditor asked if there were any vehicles that needed to be removed from full coverage, all said no. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Proposal has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR 2026-2027

Judge Irwin asked if anyone had any questions about Charla with TAC or Amy's presentations from the last meeting. Amy Back, Treasurer asked if they wanted to keep the retiree's insurance at the 60%/40% split 60% on the retiree. Also, if they wanted to cover the increase for the employee only dental insurance it was a 1.5% increase. The health insurance increase was 4%. It was suggested to keep the retiree's insurance at the 60%/40% split, cover the 1.5% increase for the employee only dental plan and cover the 4% increase for the health insurance (HSA and 80/20) plans. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the 60%/40% split for retiree insurance, Hutchinson County covering the 1.5% increase for the employee only dental insurance and Hutchinson County covering the 4% increase for the HSA and 80%/20% health insurance as presented, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation has been made part of the minutes

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE CHANGES TO VACTION AND SICK LEAVE POLICY

Judge Irwin presented the Vacation Policy changes that were discussed in the Policy Meeting. Elected Officials as of January 1, 2027, will not be awarded vacation benefits. For new county employees 40 hours of vacation shall be earned after completing 6 months of continuous employment and another 40 hours of vacation shall be earned after the next 6 months of that first year. Vacation will be accrued each year on December 31st. Gary Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Personnel Policy Manual has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE UPDATED AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT

This agreement was approved on 5/11/2026.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE HAVING PURPLE WAVE AUCTION FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HUTCHINSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION

Sheriff Langwell presented School Resource Officer Funding Options. Option 1 an 80%/20% split for compensation, Option 2 a 70%/30% Slit for compensation and Option 3 a 60%/40% Split for compensation. The Interlocal Agreement presented by the school in Section 8 – Compensation SFISD is requesting a 60%/40% split for salary and benefits. Commissioner Prock asked why they are requesting a 60%/40% split and Ms. Surles, SFISD Superintendent, said they are what's known as a property-poor district, and they don't have any resources or grants that help fund them. They want to keep the cost down but provide security for their students. They are looking into some grants that could possibly help fund an SRO. Commissioner Kirksey said it is an annual agreement, and it could change next year. After discussion the Commissioners agreed on SFISD paying 70%, and Hutchinson County paying 30% of salary and benefits. Sheriff Langwell is comfortable with the operational side of this as they work closely on equipment drills with SFISD. Craig Jones, County Attorney, has approved this agreement. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item with a 70% SFISD/30% County salary and benefits split, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. SRO Funding Options and Interlocal Agreement has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT APPLYING FOR TAPEIT GRANT TO PURCHASE 2 LOCKABLE MINI-REFRIGERATORS FOR COLD EVIDENCE STORAGE

Sheriff Langwell presented the TAPEIT Grant max amount $500.00 and can apply each year. Can be used for drawn blood, DNA evidence, etc. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Grant Application has been made part of the minutes.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR HID SERVICES (LIVESCAN FINGERPRINT MACHINE)

Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the above stated agenda item pending Criag Jones, County Attorney approval, seconded by Gary Alexander. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Service Contract 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 average 468. The Burn Ban was rescinded last week. 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 19, 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 Dwight Kirksey. 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

Judge Irwin presented the Hutchinson County Museum Monthly Box Donations totaling $51.00. Chris Prock made a motion to approve the Museum Monthly Box Donations of $51.00, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Donation sheet has been made part of the minutes.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS DAILY OPERATIONS

Commissioner Alexander reported a tree was cut down at the Airport that the FAA requested to be cut down as it was in a flight path.

Commissioner Kirksey reported he had the standard speed limit signs replaced in the Bugbee Area,

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

Chris Prock made a motion to approve Wayne Elliott Rhodes Tax Deed (R16949) in the amount of $1,000.00, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Tax Deed has been made part of the minutes.

Tammy McBrayer submitted an offer of $250.00 for Lot 8, Tract 23, Bugbee Heights, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is $690.00. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the offer of $250.00, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. All offers and Tax Deeds are made part of the minutes.

Tammy McBrayer submitted an offer of $250.00 for Lot 6, Tract 23, Bugbee Heights, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is $690.00. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the offer of $250.00, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. All offers and Tax Deeds are made part of the minutes.

Tammy McBrayer submitted an offer of $250.00 for Lot 10, Tract 23, Bugbee Heights, Hutchinson County, Texas. The appraised value is $690.00. Dwight Kirksey made a motion to approve the offer of $250.00, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. All offers and Tax Deeds are made part of the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) SECTION 551.076 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT SECURITY DEVICES)

Convened into Executive Session at 9:58 a.m.
Reconvened into Regular Session at 10:47 a.m.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action at this time.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Judge Irwin reported she has the updated Budget Worksheet from Lesha Krieg, Auditor, for review.

Commissioner Kirksey reported he added some to the Nuisance Abatement budget, Amy Back, Treasurer mentioned adding a line item for a stiped for Alan Wells.

Commissioner Bentley reported on the Stinnett Annex, Parkhill Architecture/Engineering have not responded back and he is looking elsewhere. He needs to get with Lesha Krieg, Auditor on other approved architects to use. He doesn't have a number to budget currently. Flooring installation is an ARP project that must be completed by the end of year.

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 10:58 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ★ HUTCHINSON COUNTY TEXAS ★

Cindy Irwin

CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

Kelly Ratliff

KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK