

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON

On this 29th day of July 2024, A.D., the Commissioners Court met in a Special Session with the following members present to wit:

Cindy Irwin	County Judge
Gary Alexander	Commissioner Precinct #1 - ABSENT
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

CALL TO ORDER FOR SPECIAL SESSION

Judge Irwin called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT; 5 MINUTES PER PERSON (WITH SIGNED PARTICIPATION FORM)

None at this time.

DUE TO THE “LAME DUCK” POLICY, CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FLEX/MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS MAINTENANCE

Chris Prock made the motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Ben Bentley. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Dwight Kirksey made the motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE ANY LINE ITEM CHANGES, TRANSFERS AND/OR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Chris Prock made the motion to approve the above stated agenda item, seconded by Dwight Kirksey. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2024-25 BUDGET

County Attorney budget. Craig Jones, County Attorney – Not present.

District Attorney budget. Mark Snider, District Attorney, requested an increase of \$1,000.00 to his Computer Support & Maint. line item as TechShare is starting to charge for data storage. No further questions.

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 budget. Leslie Ford, JP 1, requested no change. No further questions.

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 budget. Amanda Wysong, JP 2, requested an increase to her Bond line item after discussion it was decided on \$200.00. The Autopsies line item was discussed to possibly increase but will leave as is and pull from Contingency if needed or transfer between the 2 Autopsy/JP line items. No further questions.

Constable, Pct. 1 budget. Roman Alejandro, Constable, Pct. 1, requested to remove his Office Supply line item or move the \$100.00 that is in it to MISC. It was decided to leave Office Supplies and MISC. as is. No further questions.

Constable, Pct. 2 budget. Angelica Hartranft, Constable, Pct. 2, is attending via ZOOM and requested to keep her Bond line item at \$150.00. She is requesting to increase her association Dues line item by \$530.00 for a lifetime membership since she will take office 2025 for a 4-year term. Computer Support and Maint. line item increased \$400.00 and decreased Equipment line

item \$1,000.00 since it was increased for her car equipment that was purchased. Constable Hartranft provided her activity report as she is requesting an increase in salary. She also provided some other constable salaries in other counties/populations, citations served, etc. The report has been made part of the minutes. Lesha Krieg, Auditor suggested adding something in policy on lifetime memberships to associations that if it doesn't average out with the time in the position the employee or ex-employee reimburses the county. No further questions.

316th District Court budget. Judge Mosley, District Judge – Not present.

Judge Irwin and Lesha Krieg mentioned that Judge Mosely didn't have many changes other than the recommended changes to remove the Court Reporter Certificate line item as it was never used, and 9th Administrative Dues line item updated from letter received from 9th Admin Judicial Region.

They discussed the Special Judges line item for if the Judge recuses themselves and calls in another Judge this line item has been used but not reflecting the \$5,000.00 amount requested/recommended. Mrs. Krieg will look into it.

84th District Court budget. Judge Brancheau, District Judge – Not present.

Emergency Management/Fire budget. Jerry Langwell, EMC/Fire Marshall, requested an increase of \$500.00 for Everbridge Notification System/EOC Expense line item. Sirens/Equip. & Maint. line item increase of \$3,500.00 for Commander 1 outdoor siren software. Tower Exp. line item increase of \$1,000.00 due to the Stinnett Emergency Tower A/C going down, and he has had to go over this line item in the past. He had a couple of decreases as well.

Lesha Krieg, Auditor, suggested reducing the fuel budgets back down. Fuel has gone down and with projections on Federal site. She did a \$3.25 per gallon estimate.

Judge Irwin put in a request for a Salary line item change for the new Emergency Management Coordinator. After Jerry Langwell gets sworn in as Sheriff, she will appoint a new Emergency Management Coordinator. She is requesting the Salary be \$51,912.00 which is a \$5,000.00 reduction. The Fire Marshall Stipend is \$10,000.00. She would like to move that down to \$7,000.00 if the person is certified or gets certified to receive the stipend. Judge Irwin would also like to bring the appointed EMC in for 2 weeks of training with Jerry prior to him being sworn in as Sheriff. Amy Back, Treasurer came up with 80hrs prorated salary would be \$1,996.80 for EMC Training. Mrs. Krieg suggested adding that to the Salary line item to cover the actual salary and the 2 weeks of training. No further questions.

Road & Bridge budget. Duane Chisholm, R&B Superintendent, requested an increase in Repairs, Parts & Supplies line item of \$20,000.00, Judge and Auditor recommended a \$5,000.00 increase due to not hitting current budget. Duane mentioned this doesn't reflect correctly as he has been using what is in reserve, mower blades, filters, drive shafts, tarps etc. he was waiting until the new budget year to restock all these items. He has struggled replacing these items for the last 2 years. He needs to have items in stock so he can repair things without waiting on parts. Commissioner Bentley agrees with Duane's requested increase. The increase is to restock what is depleted and not have to wait months for parts to come in to repair equipment. Equipment warranties are going to expire, and we will have to pay for repairs as well. He has not gone over budget but has not been able to restock items so he will have them available when a repair needs to happen. Commissioner Prock asked if he could provide a list with cost of items, he would like to have stocked on the shelf. He could do that but would still not know the cost if something were to completely break down. Duane felt like \$10,000.00 would be sufficient. Commissioner Kirksey is more comfortable with the \$10,000.00 increase. No further questions.

Lesha Krieg, Auditor, did have a question about uniforms for Duane. He is getting 11 uniforms per employee from when we worked a 5-day work week. He is checking about reducing that to 9 but is not sure since we are in a contract.

Judge Irwin mentioned she sent out the certified values to look at. Carrie Kimmel will have more numbers to look at this week.

Lesha Krieg, Auditor, will work on the Special Revenue items this week. They did discuss SB22 Funds, how they are received and how they can be used. She will update the Recommended Budget Spreadsheet with the changes discussed to have ready for the next meeting August 5, 2024.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ben Bentley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Prock. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Cindy Irwin
CINDY IRWIN – COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

Kelly Ratliff
KELLY RATLIFF – COUNTY CLERK

