

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court  
January 12, 2026**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Those present and presiding were:

Lisa Johnson	-	Hemphill County Judge
Tim Alexander	-	Commissioner Precinct #2
Dale Schafer	-	Commissioner Precinct #3
Nicholas Thomas	-	Commissioner Precinct #4
Sylvia Guerrero	-	Clerk and Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court

Others present were: Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, County Attorney, Kyle Miller, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson, Jennifer Ford, John Merriss, Kelsey Haley and Rich Henkle

**Call to Order.**

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She noted that all members of the Court with the exception of Dawn Webb were present.

**Approve Minutes from December 29, 2025 meeting.**

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2025 commissioners court meeting. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Burn Ban.**

No action was taken.

**Public Comments.**

No public comments were made.

**Received/Approve audit report from Doshier, Pickens and Francis LLC from the year ending September 30, 2025.**

John Merriss with Doshier, Pickens and Francis LLC presented to the court the audit report ending in September 30, 2025. Tim moved to approve the audit report from Doshier, Pickens and Francis as presented. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve Resolution in support of HOT Exemptions for Counties.**

Judge Johnson said with resolution would exempt the county from hotel occupancy tax. Dale moved to approve the resolution in support of HOT Exemptions for Counties. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider /Approve 2026-2027 Hemphill County Airport Premises Liability Insurance.**

Nicholas moved to approve the 2026-2027 Hemphill County Airport Premises Liability Insurance with Old Republican Insurance Company in the amount \$ 5445.00. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between DPS, the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office and the Active Shooter for Complex Emergency Response and Investigation Planning Related to active attack incidents at primary and secondary school facilities in Hemphill County.**

Dale moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between DPS, the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office and the Active Shooter for Complex Emergency Response and Investigation Planning Related to active attack incidents at primary and secondary school facilities in Hemphill County. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/Approve Agreement with Hemphill County Hospital as required by HB3000.**

Judge Johnson said that an agreement between Hemphill County and the Hospital is required in order to apply for the Rural Ambulance Service Grant. The Hospital requires an agreement indicating that they serve Hemphill County. Nicholas moved to approve the Agreement with Hemphill County Hospital as required by HB3000. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Consider/ Approve a request from Chris Jackson for an additional full- time employee in the Tax Office.**

Chris Jackson spoke about the need of an additional full- time employee in the Tax Office. Nicholas moved to approve the request from Chris Jackson for an additional full-time employee in the Tax Office. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed. Nicholas moved to amend the motion to take effect on February 1, 2026. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Announcements**

Judge Johnson has been appointed by TAC Executive Director, Susan Redford, to the TAC Risk Management Pool Board of Directors.

Judge Johnson said she sent the sealcoat proposal to High Plains Engineering. They will begin the process of contracts and bidding the job.

Judge said Jeff with Southwest Architects is setting up a pre-construction meeting with sub-contractor for one day next week.

The County Stock Show is on Saturday 17, 2026

**Future Agenda Items**

None were presented

**Approve Bills, Budget Amendments**

Dale moved to approve the December 31, 2025 Budget and Financial Report as presented. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Tim moved to approve the computer generated bills. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Tim moved to approve the hand stamped bills. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

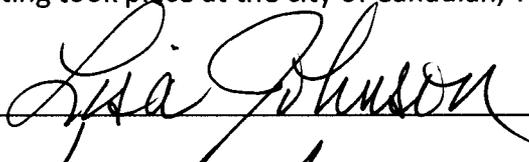
Tim moved to approve a \$200.00 invoice from Schafer Services for contract labor at the Sheriff's Office. Nicholas seconded the motion. The motion carried, with Dale abstaining.

Nicholas moved to approve two invoices from Alexander's Grocery and Deli. The first invoice is in the amount of \$449.75 for the Stock Show set up crew lunch, and the second invoice is in the amount of \$206.66 for coffee for the Sheriff's Office. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed. The motion carried, with Tim abstaining

**Adjourn**

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on January 12, 2026.

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