

Regular Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court
May 12, 2025

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners’ Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 12th day of May, 2025.

Those present and presiding were:

Lisa Johnson	-	Hemphill County Judge
Dawn Webb	-	Commissioner Precinct #1
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, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson, Hemphill County Library Director, Juana Garcia, Travis Macias, Travis Francis, Chaz Rutledge and Grayson Craft.

Call to Order.

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

Approve Minutes from April 14 and April 29, 2025 meetings.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the April 14 and April 29, 2025 Commissioners Court meeting. Dale seconded the meeting which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

Judge Johnson said that the burn ban was rescinded on April 29, 2025. There was a discussion of how much rainfall we had received and how green the area looked. No action was taken.

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Receive report from Jerri Glover regarding services offered by the Dispute Resolution Center and our Interlocal Agreement.

Judge Johnson said Jerri Glover was unable to make it to this meeting.

Consider/Approve 2025-2026 Insurance Property Renewal from TAC.

Nicholas moved to approve the 2025-2026 Insurance Property Renewal from TAC. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider /Approve TCDRS rates for 2026 for Employees Retirement.

Dawn moved to approve the TCDRS rates for 2026 for Employees Retirement. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve request from Locust Grove VFD.

Travis Francis, Chaz Rutledge, and Grayson Craft presented a request from the Locust Grove Volunteer Fire Department for funding toward the cost of constructing a new fire truck.

Nicholas moved to approve the request from Locust Grove Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$70,000.00 to construct a new fire truck. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve request from Gem City VFD

Travis Macias presented a request from Gem City Volunteer Fire Department to fund a water well and generator upgrade project.

Nicholas moved to approve the facilities and generator upgrade project for Gem City Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$30,000.00 as presented. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve a Resolution Authorizing Advance Funding Agreement for Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Approaches.

Dale moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Advance Funding Agreement for Local Government Maintenance Railroad crossings. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Discussion and recommendation regarding goals and objectives for the 2025 - 2026 Budget.

Judge Johnson said the estimates of tax value has increased by about 13 million, which will translate to about \$70,000.00 in additional revenue which will help with the budget. Judge Johnson asked the commissioners if there are any projects or raises that need to be considered for the budget. Commissioners indicated that would like to see the cost of raises for employees.

Announcements

Judge Johnson said she received a two quote from Oklahoma Timber to remove about three trees at the walking bridge, which are at risk of falling and could damage the bridge. The first quote in the amount of \$6,500, to cut down three trees and hauling them off. Second quote for \$1,300, to clear a walking path under the bridge.

Future Agenda Items

None were presented

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

Tim moved to approve the April 30, 2025 Budget and Financial Report as presented. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

Judge Johnson presented two budget amendments as follows:

SB Grant Expenditures - County Attorney	005-5-25500-0160	Increase	\$39,288.76
Capital Outlay	005-5-7001-0510	Decrease	\$39,288.76

Judge Johnson said this amendment is necessary in order to put the entire amount of the SB22 Grant in Kyles Miller’s budget. Dawn moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Dawn moved to approve two invoices from Schafer Services as follows:

- 1. \$65.00 – For battery replacement the fire department.
- 2. \$200.00 – For contract labor at the Sheriff's Office.

Tim seconded the motion. The motion carried, with Dale abstaining.

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

Meeting will be resumed at 1:00 pm

Consider/Approve bids for modification partial roof replacement to the River Valley Pioneer Museum.

Jeffrey Hefflefinger spoke to the court about his recommendation for the bids submitted for partial roof replacement to the River Valley Pioneer.

Tim moved to approve the bid from Crawford Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$77,519.50. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

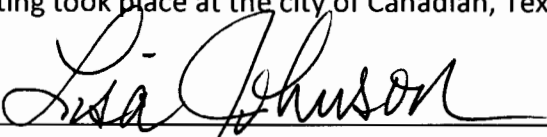
Judge Johnson moved to approve the budget for the project, which including \$17,500 for architecture fees and expenses and \$ 12,500 for contingency.

Adjourn

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 P.m. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on May 12, 2025.

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COUNTY JUDGE

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COUNTY CLERK

