

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
August 11, 2025**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 11th day of August, 2025.

Those present and presiding were:

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| 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 |
| Rosa Gandara | - | Ex Officio |
| | | Member of Commissioners' Court |

Others present were: Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson, Matt Mann, Remelle Farrar, Lacy Hanes and John Schanmburg.

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 July 14, 2025 meeting.

Dawn moved to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2025 commissioners court meeting. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

No action was taken.

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Consider /Approve Commissioners Court Meeting Dates for October 2025 through September 2026 and Holidays for 2026.

Tim moved to approve the Commissioners Court Meeting Dates for October 2025 through September 2026 and Holidays for 2026 as presented. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Sheriff's Fees for 2026

Dale moved to approve the Sheriff's Fees for 2026 as presented. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider /Approve 9-1-1 Equipment & Services Interlocal Agreement and Resolution.

John Schanmburg with PRPC spoke to the court regarding the agreement. Nicholas moved to approve the 9-1-1 Equipment & Services Interlocal Agreement and Resolution. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider /Approve taking over maintenance of Big Timber Rest Area on Highway 83 North.

Dawn moved to approve taking over maintenance of Big Timber Rest Area on Highway 83 North. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Interlocal Agreement with Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation for Capital Cases.

Tim moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation for Capital Cases. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve request from EDC for Frank Phillips College Rodeo.

Judge Johnson moved to approve the \$10,000.00 funding request of the Frank Philips College Rodeo through the Hemphill County Industrial Commission. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Remelle Farrar presented some other requests that she had to the Commissioners which were all taken into consideration and approved.

Consider/Approve Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as required by Senate Bill 8.

Dale moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as required by Senate Bill 8. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve reappointment of Judge Willis Smith to the Texas Panhandle Centers Board of Trustees.

Judge Johnson moved to approve the reappointment of Judge Willis Smith to the Texas Panhandle Centers Board of Trustees. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Budget Workshop.

Judge Johnson explained to the Commissioners that our certified values came back a little over \$26,000,000 higher than the estimated values so she was able to decrease Interest on Revenue side by \$50,000 from what she had from the last meeting which was \$400,000, now it will be \$350,000.

She also added a line item on the Extension Service Budget for FCH Programs which was funded by a federal grant that was cut leaving this line with \$500 in it.

Judge Johnson increased the Court Interpreter Budget by \$500 to cover the cost of the pay that was approved for employees who interpret for court related activities.

She also notified the Court that District Judge, Steven Emmert raised his Court Coordinator and Court Reporter's salaries by 10% so those adjustments were made.

Set Salaries for Elected Officials for 2025-2026.

Tim moved to approve the proposed Salaries for Elected Officials for 2025-2026 as presented. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Vote to propose a tax rate for 2025 to support the 2025-2026 Budget (the proposed consideration will increase the tax revenue.)

Dawn moved to adopt the proposed 2025-2026 tax rate at \$.53 which will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year in the amount of \$150, 091 which is a 2.5% increase above last year's income. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll of this year is \$10,959.45. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Schedule the Public Hearing on Tax Increase for 2025 for September 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Dale moved to approve to schedule the Public Hearing on Tax Increase for 2025 for September 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Schedule the Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget for September 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Nick moved to approve to schedule the Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget for September 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Schedule the vote on the tax rate for 2025 for September 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Dawn moved to schedule the vote on the tax rate for 2025 for September 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Order Constitutional Amendment Special Election.

Judge Johnson moved to order the Constitutional Amendment Special Election for November 4, 2025. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Announcements

Judge Johnson said that SB 1062 will allow us to publish notices on an online newspaper. This can be done through the Canadian Record and it takes effect immediately.

She also stated the we got a quote from Goddard Enterprises to do repairs to all of our sirens. The cost will be \$16,059.87

Judge Johnson stated that Dawn and her investigated more on the condition of the chutes and it's their opinion that this can wait a while.

Judge Johnson said that she got quotes in on replacing all of the metal on the Pavillion and all are over \$100,000 so we will have to bid it out.

She stated that she does not have the numbers yet for the update on the men's restroom at the Pavillion.

Future Agenda Items

Possible Road Closure for Precinct 3.

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments / Treasurer's Report

Tim moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Judge Johnson presented the following budget amendments as follows:

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| Transfer In | 005-4-0000-0217 | Increase | \$128,000.00 |
| Gem Fire Department | 005-5-1002-0117 | Increase | \$30,000.00 |
| Locust Grove Fire Department | 005-5-1002-0126 | Increase | \$70,000.00 |
| Bonds & Insurances | 005-5-1002-0134 | Increase | \$28,000.00 |
| County Tax Collector/Part Time | 005-5-1540-0094 | Increase | \$4,500.00 |
| County Tax Collector/SS/Med | 005-5-1540-0101 | Increase | \$400.00 |
| County Tax Collector/Inventory | 005-5-1540-0189 | Decrease | \$4,900.00 |

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| Library Memorials & Donation | 005-4-0000-0240 | Increase | \$4,200.00 |
| Library Memorials & Donation | 005-5-7041-0169 | Increase | \$4,200.00 |
| Other Complexes Part Time | 005-5-7018-0298 | Increase | \$5,000.00 |
| Public Facilities CO | 005-5-7001-0510 | Decrease | \$5,000.00 |

Dawn moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

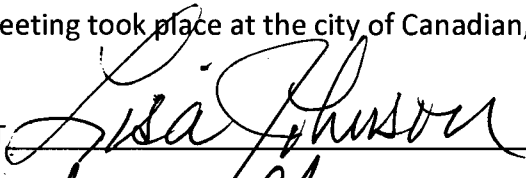
Dale moved to approve the hand stamped bills. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

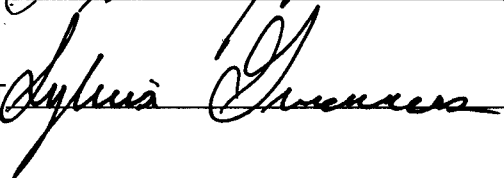
Tim moved to approve two invoices from Schafer Services, one for the amount of \$60.00 and one in the amount of \$200.00 for contract labor at she sheriff’s office. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried with Dale abstaining.

Adjourn

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on August 11, 2025.

ATTEST  COUNTY JUDGE

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