

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court  
July 14, 2025**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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
Rosa Gandara	-	Ex Officio Member of Commissioners' Court

Others present were: Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, Tax Assessor-Collector, Chris Jackson, Mayor, Terryll Bartlett, City Manager, Joe Jarosek, Spence Lynch, Lori Brown, Rob Talley, Tanya Holloway, Andy Holloway, Tamara Reinhardt and Jeffrey Heffelfinger.

**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 June 30, 2025 meeting.**

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2025 commissioners court meeting. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Burn Ban.**

No action was taken.

**Public Comments.**

No public comments were made.

**Receive Report from City Manager on City Hall renovation/relocation project.**

City Manager, Joe Jarosek spoke to the commissioners regarding the renovation. Spence Lynch, the architect, went into further detail explaining everything that they are planning to renovate, he stated that they want to make the building look like it used to look back in the day. They also went over how much it would cost to complete this project.

**Consider /Approve funding assistance for City Hall project.**

No action was taken.

**Receive report from Extension Agents Andy and Tonya Holloway.**

Andy and Tonya presented their report to the Commissioners Court. They are very excited and motivated about future projects they are working on. Andy explained that the Beef Conference has been a success and he expressed how proud he feels about it. They stated that other counties have been calling them about information regarding emergency plans.

**Consider/Approve funding for new chutes at Rodeo Arena.**

Judge Johnson moved to table this item until the September 2025 meeting. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

Judge Johnson moved to table this item until the September 2025 meeting. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Budget Workshop.**

Judge Johnson explained that she raised interest on the General Fund Revenue line item from \$200,000 to \$400,000. There will be a reduction in the Road Repair line item by \$100,000 due to no TXDOT Road Grant funds from legislature. Judge Johnson told the commissioners that she added a \$2,400 salary increase to employees and elected officials (excluding commissioners) at a cost of \$145,770, she explained that adding the commissioners would cost approximately \$12,000 more. She is still waiting on the District Court Budget. Judge Johnson stated that she has increased our Ad Valorem tax levy by \$60,007 and that this would leave our tax rate the same. The increases in tax levy and interest, along with the decrease in the Road Repair line item will pay for the \$2,400 salary increase as well as the increase to our medical premiums. This would leave approximately \$4,500 which could cover any District Court increase.

**Consider/Approve salary increases for Employees and Elected Officials.**

Tim moved to approve salary increases for Employees and Elected Officials in an annual flat rate of \$2,400. Commissioners are excluded from the raise. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

**Announcements**

Lisa told the commissioners that there are green ribbons around the trees in the front of the courthouse. She stated that she made a personal donation to a local fundraiser for the Hill Country flood victims.

Andy Holloway stated that Congressman, Ronnie Jackson's personnel reserved the Sand Sage room for a mobile office, not a town hall, just to visit in case anybody has questions.

**Future Agenda Items**

Funding for new chutes at Rodeo Arena.

Taking over maintenance of Big Timber Rest Area on Highway 83 north.

**Approve Bills, Budget Amendments, Treasurer's Report.**

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

Dawn moved to approve an invoice from Schafer Services in the amount of \$200.00 for contract labor at sheriff's office. Tim seconded the motion which carried with Dale abstaining.

**Adjourn**

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on July 14, 2025.

ATTEST Lisa Johnson COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST Sylvia Cuernero By Rosa Candan COUNTY CLERK