

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
January 13, 2025**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 13th day of January, 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, City Manager Joe Jarosek and River Valley Museum Executive Director, Tamera Julian, Wendie Cook, Salem Abraham, Beth Ramp, Ed Purcell, John McIntyre, Travis Francis, Tessa Francis and Grayson Craft.

Call to Order.

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. She noted that all members of the Court were present.

Approve Minutes from December 30, 2024 meeting.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the December 30, 2024 commissioners court meeting. Dale seconded the meeting which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

Judge Johnson said she rescinded the burn on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. due to the snow Canadian had received. Dale moved to enact the burn ban. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Public Comments.

Beth Ramp, John McIntyre and Ed Purcell spoke to the court in support of Salem Abraham litigation against Excel Energy.

Consider/Approve Smokehouse Creek Fire Disaster Declaration Extension.

Nicholas moved to approve the Smokehouse Creek Fire Disaster Declaration extension to February 10, 2025. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve 2025-2026 Hemphill County Airport Premises Liability Insurance.

Tim moved to approve the 2025-2026 Hemphill County Airport Premises Liability Insurance quote form Old Republic Insurance Company. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve purchase of a generator for the water tank on Exhibition Road.

Dawn moved to approve the purchase of a generator for the water tank on Exhibition Road at a cost of \$ 16,465.58 and the switch at a cost of \$2,485.23. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve agreement with Southwest Architects for repair on the museum roof.

Tim moved to approve the agreement with Southwest Architects for repairs on museum's roof. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/ take action on request form Locust Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

Travis Francis and Grayson Craft spoke to the court about their request for financial assistance to build a fire truck for the Locust Grove Fire Department. Dale moved to table the request to the next meeting to figure out how much the county would be able to assist with, if any. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Announcements.

The county will receive \$3,896.06 from TAC Pool Insurance for the damages to the inside of the museum due to the leaking roof.

Judge Johnson has applied to the V. G. Young Commissioners Court Leadership Academy. There are four sessions over a two-year period. The first session is in April 2025. If the Judge is accepted, the tuition will be covered with her budget travel/training line item. There will be one \$1,600.00 payment due on March 1, 2025 and one \$1,600 payment due on April 1, 2026. She said she will cover some of the expenses personally.

Judge Johnson said she spoke to Joe Jarosek about the city providing Precinct truck inspection. He will get back with her when they know if this is possible.

Future Agenda Items

None were presented

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

Dale moved to approve the December 31, 2024 Budget and Financial Report as presented. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Judge Johnson presented two budget amendments as follows:

American Rescue Plan Revenue	005-4-0000-0610	Decrease	\$196,009.00
American Rescue Plan Expenditures	005-5-7041-0097	Decrease	\$196,009.00

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

Nicholas moved to approve two invoices from Schafer Services, first in the amount of \$100.00 for reprogramming the phone system at the County Judges office and second in the amount of \$200.00 for contract labor at the sheriff's office. Dawn 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 January 13, 2025

ATTEST *Lisa Johnson* COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST *Alyssa Thomas* COUNTY CLERK