

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
March 10, 2025**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 10th day of March, 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: Sheriff, Brent Clapp, Treasurer, Kay Smallwood, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson, Shannon Woodrum, Beth Sturgeon, Joe Jarosek, Jim Bill Anderson, Brad Warren, Bill Kendall, Terryll Bartlett, Jim Haley, John McIntyre, Joel Rokow, Donnie Anderson, Tommy Wyatt, Cassi Warren, John Julian, Christa Perry, Ebbie Snyder, Kaycee Long and Joni McMordie.

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 February 10, 2025 meeting.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2025 commissioners court meeting. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

Dale moved to re-instate the burn ban for 45 days. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Public Comments.

Brad Warren, Cassi Warren, Beth Sturgeon and Jim Bill Anderson shared their testimonies and requests regarding the Smokehouse Creek Fire.

Presentation of a Hydrological Study of potential water sources for City of Canadian Water Acquisition by Michelle Sutherland, Hydrologist, P.E.

Michelle Sutherland did her presentation. City Manager, Joe Jarosek explained a little more in depth. No action was taken.

Consider/Approve expenditures for equipment and lighting at Hemphill County Airport.

Nicholas moved to approve expenditures for up to \$100,000 for equipment and lighting repairs at the Hemphill County Airport as requested. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider /Approve 2025 Sealcoat Bids.

Dawn moved to approve Bryer's Paving, LLC's bid noting that Bryer's bid was \$2,320 more than the lowest bid but will take 45 days to complete as opposed to 90 days. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider /Approve Jail Inspection Report from Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Tim moved to approve the Jail Inspection Report from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Racial Profiling Report from Sheriff Brent Clapp.

Nicholas moved to approve the Racial Profiling Report from Sheriff Brent Clapp. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Cooperative Working Agreement with Tralee Crisis Center.

Tim moved to approve the Cooperative Working Agreement with Tralee Crisis Center. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Announcements

Judge Johnson spoke about the Legislative Update given to them at the Panhandle CJCAT meeting.

Judge Johnson informed the Court that work started on Thursday on a project to replace the clerk's vault ceiling. She told them that the ceiling was severely damaged by the leaking roof, which has now been fixed. Denman Building Products, Inc. will tear out the sheetrock and install a suspended ceiling at a cost of \$9,870. After that, Glen Woodside will put in new flush mount light fixtures once the suspended ceiling is in.

Judge Johnson told the court that we received notice from TAC Risk Management Pool that our deductible on our property insurance other than vehicles and equipment will be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the upcoming year.

Judge Johnson visited with our new Risk Management Consultant, Nick Agorichas about the safety training for road hands. He suggested mandatory DOT Drug & Alcohol and Reasonable Suspicion (for foremen) as well as one other topic.

Judge Johnson informed the Court that she will meet with Jeff Heffelfinger this week regarding plans for the museum roof repair.

Tax assessor/collector, Chris Jackson informed the court that county truck inspections are not required, only necessary for school buses that take students out of town.

Future Agenda Items

Judge Johnson is waiting on a written request from Travis Macias with the Gem City Fire Department regarding funds to put a pump in a tank.

Judge Johnson also said that the Locust Grove request is still pending.

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

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

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

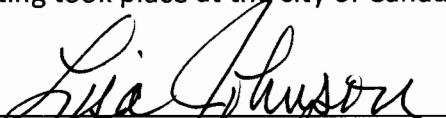
Nicholas moved to approve the hand stamped bills. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed.


Nicholas moved to approve two invoices from Schafer Services, one for the amount of \$150.00 for checking and repairing sound system at exhibition barn and one in the amount of \$200.00 for contract labor at the sheriff's office. Tim seconded the motion which carried with Dale abstaining.

Adjourn

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on March 10, 2025.

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