

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court
September 8, 2025**

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas met in a regular meeting on this the 8th day of September, 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 and County Attorney, Kyle Miller, Tax Assessor/Collector, Chris Jackson, Clint Allred, Delaney Pruett, Emergency Management Coordinator, Bill Kendall.

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 August 11, 2025 meeting.

Dawn moved to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2025 commissioners court meeting. Dale seconded the meeting which carried unopposed.

Burn Ban.

No action was taken.

Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Consider /Approve Mutual Aid Agreement with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Tim moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission as presented by Delaney Pruett. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Budget Workshop

Judge Johnson said that she made a correction to the Ad Valorem Tax revenue from the last meeting because the Certified Values were used to calculate the revenue instead of the Adjusted Values that Chris had calculated on the worksheet. She said this gives the county \$184,873, which is \$34,4782 more than the previous calculation of \$150,091. The increase of

Adopt 2025- 2026 Fiscal Year Operating Budget.

Tim moved to adopt the proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget which will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year by an amount of \$184,873 which is a 3.06% increase from last year's income. The property tax revenue to be raised from the new property added to the tax roll this year is \$10,959.45. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed with all commissioners and judge voting "For".

Hold Public Hearing on Proposed 2025 Tax Rate.

Judge Johnson opened the public hearing on Hemphill County Proposed 2025 Tax Rate at 9:13 a.m. No public comments were made. Judge Johnson closed the public hearing at 9:14 a.m.

Adopt 2025 Tax Rate that exceeds the No New Revenue Rate but not exceed the Voter Approval Rate.

Dawn moved to adopt the Proposed 2025 Fiscal Year Tax Rate of .53, with .38 for General and .15 for Road and Bridge. This rate will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year by an amount of \$184,873 a 3.06% increase above last year's income. This rate will support the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from the new property added to the tax rolls this year is \$10,959.45. Tim seconded the motion which carried unopposed with all commissioners and judge voting "For".

Consider/Renew Interlocal Agreement with the City of Canadian authorizing County Contribute \$250,000 toward bonded debt toward Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Tim moved to renew the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Canadian authorizing the county to contribute \$250,000 toward bonded debt toward Waste Water Treatment Facility. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider/Approve Contract for Inmate Housing Services with Childress County.

Dale moved to approve the Contract for Inmate Housing Services with Childress County. Nicholas seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Consider /Approve Renewal of Health Insurance plan and rates with TAC Health and Employee Benefits Pool for 2026.

Clint Allred presented the 2026 health insurance plans and Employee Benefits Pool rates to the court. He said this year, there will a 5.9% increase in health insurance premiums, but all benefits will be the same. The dental insurance will also increase by 14.08%, life insurance will decrease by 1.50% and vision insurance rate will increase 4%. Judge Johnson moved to renew the Health Insurance plan rate with TAC Health and Employee Benefits Pool for 2026. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

Legislative Updates.

Judge Johnson said the special session ended on Wednesday night. She mentioned that the revenue cap remained the same and that they didn't take any action with the lobbyist bills. She

She received a quote from Manuel Diaz for \$8,000 to rebuild the light post in front of the courthouse.

She met with Jeff with Southwest Architects to inspect the Pavilion. He will get numbers together for replacing the metal and bring a proposal to the court at the September 29 meeting.

Judge Johnson met with Jeff and Manuel Flores to go over repairs needed to the museum now that the roof is repaired. There is some sheetrock, framing and subflooring that needs to be replaced. A section of the carpet in the storage area will be replaced with vinyl flooring.

She received the Washita Watershed Plan of Action for 2025 regarding the dams. Some gate posts were burned in the fire and needed to be replaced.

Future Agenda Items

None were presented

Approve Bills, Budget Amendments

Dawn moved to approve the August, 2025 Budget and Financial Report as presented. Dale seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

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

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

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

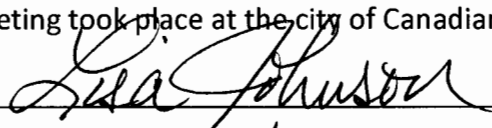
1. \$169.96 – Cobra radio for precinct 1.
2. \$475.00 – used digital radio for precinct 4
3. \$209.95 – speaker for the Fire Department.
4. \$60.00 - programing Judge's portable radio.
5. \$118.00 - checked and repaired repeater.
6. \$200.00 - for contract labor at the Sheriff's Office.

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

Adjourn

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. Dawn seconded the motion which carried unopposed.

The meeting took place at the city of Canadian, Texas on September 8, 2025.

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