

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY APRIL TERM
REGULAR SESSION APRIL 15, 2025**

Be it remembered that a Regular Meeting of the Legislative Body for the County of Hardeman, State of Tennessee was conducted in the Hardeman County Courthouse in the City of Bolivar, on the 15th day of April, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Hon. Todd Pulse, County Mayor, was present and presiding, and a quorum of Commissioners, namely, Hon. Cory Bufford, Hon. Russell Deberry, Hon. Michion Gatlin, Hon. Mark Gilliam, Hon. Brad Grantham, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Johnny Lanier, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Johnny Weems, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, and Hon. Bobby Wright were present. Hon. David Bell and Hon. Jeff Kennamore were absent. County Clerk, Tonet Griggs was present and County Attorney, Dale Conder Jr. was absent and the meeting was opened in due form of the law and had to wit:

14 PRESENT 2 ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the minutes of regular session held April 15, 2025. Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to approve the notaries for March 15, 2025. Hon. John Vickers seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers.

**EMA – EMA DIRECTOR DON TAYLOR & ASST DIRECTOR
DARREN GRANTHAM**

Director Don gave the Commission an update on the recent storm and damages. There were 172 structures that were damaged. Seventeen buildings were completely destroyed, 25 structures had major damage, 50 structures had minor damage, and 80 structures were affected by the storm.

There must be a total of \$125,184.64 to be considered complete disaster. The state must reach 19 million in damages before being considered for emergency funds. West Tennessee has turned in 26 million in damages. Hardeman County has 2.8 million worth of damages currently.

A lot of overtime was worked during this crisis. FEMA will reimburse the county for the overtime and gas for what was used for that time period.

BEA – DIRECTOR TONY KIRK

Director Kirk stated that on April 2, 2025, at 5 p.m., 4,400 customers were without electricity. Restoration began on April 3rd, and total restoration was done by April 7th. There were 80 poles down and 21 transformers were replaced.

TSU EXTENSION NEW HIRE – GARY RODGERS

Mr. Rodgers introduced the new hire for the TSU Extension, Rachel Howell.

REGONITION OF TOP 10 OF BCHS & MHS – MAYOR TODD PULSE

Hon. Mayor Pulse presented awards to the top 10 students from BCHS & MHS.

B.O.E – SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTY SMITH

Superintendent Christy informed the Commission that Grand Junction school suffered no damages. The only thing they had to do was to throw away the food that had gone bad in the refrigerator.

There were also two budget amendments that Superintendent Smith brought before the Commission. The first was a budget amendment for instructional supplies for BMS and BES. This amount will be reimbursed through a grant. The second was for the purchase of school transportation (3 buses). Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the budget amendments. Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE
14 AYE 0 NAY**

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT

Superintendent Casey only had a couple of things to bring before the Commission. The bid specifications for work were presented and Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion to accept the bid specs and Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion to accept.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

The paving project bid will go to Arrow Paving for \$191,250.00. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the bid and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

PUBLIC HEARING (ZONING)

Hon. Bethany Miller made a motion to move into a public hearing. Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 4-15-2025-01 -- Resolution to amend Chapter 3. (See Attached)
2. Resolution 4-15-2025-02 -- Resolution to amend the official zoning map of Hardeman County, Tennessee. To rezone tax parcel 016.01. (See Attached)

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to move back to regular session. Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion to accept Resolution 4-15-2025-01. Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept Resolution 4-15-2025-02.
Hon. John Vickers seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – SHERIFF DOOLEN

See Attached

BEER BOARD – COMMISSIONER CHANDRA LAKE

Hon. Chandra Lake brought forth a recommendation to bring the distance of stores that sale beer from 2000 feet to 500 feet for churches and schools. They also want to take the distance from schools to 100 feet.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT—COMMISSIONER BETHANY MILLER

Hon. Bethany Miller announced that they sent out an employee manual to all of the commissioners to look over. There is nothing to be changed currently. Hon. Bethany Miller also informed the commission that she has taken her certification IS-908. She encouraged everyone who has not taken it to do so as soon as possible.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COMMISSIONER JOHNNY LANIER

Hon. Johnny Lanier brought forth the budget amendments for the month of April. Budget amendments 12-18 were approved by the budget committee. Budget amendments 1-11 & 19 were approved by the Commission. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept budget amendments and Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

14 AYE 0 NAY

1. Sheriff's Department (See Attached) Ma
2. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (See Attached)
3. Other Public Safety (See Attached)
4. Ambulance Department (See Attached)
5. Land Purchased (See Attached)
6. Other Economic & Development (See Attached)
7. Sheriff's Department (See Attached)
8. Juvenile Services (See Attached)
9. General Sessions (See Attached)
10. Circuit Court (See Attached)
11. Airport (See Attached)
12. Airport (See Attached)
13. Sanitization (See Attached)
14. Election Commission (See Attached)
15. County Buildings (See Attached)
16. Courtroom Security (See Attached)
17. Juvenile Services (See Attached)
18. County Clerk (See Attached)
19. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (See Attached)

LAWSUIT UPDATE – MAYOR TODD PULSE

See attachment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvey Vandiver retirement celebration will be held Thursday, April 17, 2025, from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the agricultural building.

ADJOURN

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to adjourn and Hon. John Vickers seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting is to be held on May 20, 2025.

COUNTY MAYOR 

COUNTY CLERK _____