

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE BODY MARCH TERM  
REGULAR SESSION AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Hon. Todd Pulse, County Mayor, was present and presiding, and a quorum of Commissioners, namely, Hon. David Bell, Hon. Cory Bufford, Hon. Russell Deberry, Hon. Mark Gilliam, Hon. Brad Grantham, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Jeff Kennamore, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Johnny M. Lanier, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Johnny Weems, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, and Hon. Bobby Wright were present and Hon. Thomas Polk was absent. County Clerk, Tonet Griggs and County Attorney, Dale Conder Jr. was present and the meeting was opened in due form of the law and had to wit:

15 PRESENT 1 ABSENT

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion to accept the minutes with the amendment of changing Hon. Bobby Weems to Hon. Johnny Weems and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES**

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to approve the notaries for this month and Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded to approve the list of notaries.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTY SMITH**

No report

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT**

Casey only had a few things to bring forth. The first was a budget amendment to buy a John Deere road grater. The piece of equipment cost \$345,000 and he is asking that this amount be pulled from fund balance and applied to highway equipment. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to accept the budget amendment and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

**15 AYE 0 NAY**

The second order of business was to present the work proposal for April – June 2023 and July – September 2023. Hon. Mark Gilliam made the motion to accept the Highway department work proposal and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

The third order of business was the county road listings. After going over the listing Hon. Russell Deberry made a motion to approve the road listing with the removal of Big Bend Lane. Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion. Casey confirmed that Big Bend Lane needs to be on the list.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

The final order of business was the approval of the equipment list (inventory). Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to approve the equipment list and Hon. Russell Deberry seconded the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**CIRCUIT COURT – EUNICE GUDGER**

No Report

**LITTER GRANT -- SHERIFF DOOLEN**

Sheriff Doolen informed the County Commissioners that from July to current date they have picked up 23,400 lbs of garbage. **(SEE ATTACHED)** Also, when they are picking up at illegal dumpsites they are prosecuting if they have proof of the person responsible for the illegal activity.

**ELECTION COMMITTEE – AMBER MOORE**

Amber said that she doesn't really have anything to report. She is just waiting for a decision on the building. She will have 60 booths across the County and 15 booths at early voting. There is also a \$25,000 grant set a side for security.

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE – COMMISSONER JOHNNY WEEMS**

Hon. Johnny Weems stated that the library is funded by both the County and the City. The County is responsible for 52% and the City is responsible for 48%. He said that there are over 1,000 people that use the library.

**AMBULANCE COMMITTEE – COMMISSONER BETHANY MILLER**

Hon. Bethany Miller came forth with a positive recommendation to allow Director Jamie Burnette to drive his EMS vehicle out of county to be able to respond to emergency calls quicker. Hon. Cory Bufford made a motion to allow Director Burnette to drive his EMS vehicle out of county and Hon. Jeff Kennamore seconded the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER CORY BUFFORD**

No Report

**BICENTINIAL COMMITTEE -- COMMISSIONER BRAD GRANTHAM**

Hon. Grantham informed the commissioners that there will be a meeting next Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 5pm.

**LANDFILL – COMMISSIONER JEFF KENNAMORE**

Hon. Kennamore said that the landfill is doing well. Cell four was open to allow some to pack, the sand bank need to be complete and vegetation added.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS:** This resolution is amending the appropriations for the various funds, departments, institutions, offices and agencies. Hon. Bethany Miller made the motion to accept this resolution and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded the motion. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**ON ROLL CALL VOTE 15 Aye 0 Nay**

**RESOLUTION FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS/AIR BnB:** This is a resolution to amend the zoning resolution of Hardeman County, Tennessee to provide regulations regarding Air BnB/ Short term rental property. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

**RESOLUTION FOR SET BACK:** This resolution is to amend the zoning resolution of Hardeman County, Tennessee, to amend chapter 2 definitions to provide a new term setback and a definition for such. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to table and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion. (SEE ATTACHED)

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

- 1-4. Hardeman County Sheriff's Office – Cheri Baker (SEE ATTACHED)
- 5. Rabies and Animal Control (HCSO) – Cheri Baker (SEE ATTACHED)

**BUILDING COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER DAVID BELL**

Hon. Bell stated that the county put out bids for a new building at the Fairgrounds for the Election Commission as well as bids for renovations to the back of the Ambulance Committee. Hon. Lanier stated that if we need a building for the Election Commission why not build it so it will be fixed for the future. Director Moore stated she has concerns about being at the Ambulance department. The Building Committee said they will meet after numbers.

**LAWSUITE UPDATE – ROB BINKLEY (SEE ATTACHED)**

- 1. Perry v. Hardeman County
- 2. Carnell v. Hardeman County
- 3. Mobius, et al. v. Hardeman County
- 4. Wilson v. Hardeman County
- 5. Jonathan Joy v. Sain, et al No. 22-v-1186
- 6. Reginald Moore v. Hardeman County Sheriff
- 7. Estate of Lawler v. Hardeman County

On the Carnell v. Hardeman County they have agreed to settle for \$145,000 which will resolve everything except attorney fees. Recommendation was made to settle for by Mr. Smith and Attorney Dale Conder. Hon. Brad Grantham made the motion to settle for \$145,000 and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. On Friday, September 8, 2023 there will be a rodeo at the Fairgrounds and the Demolition Derby will be Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**ADJOURN**

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion and Hon. David Bell seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

COUNTY MAYOR Todd Fulmer

COUNTY CLERK Janet Hugg