

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY JUNE TERM
REGULAR SESSION AUGUST 19, 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 20th day of May, 2025 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. Michion Gatlin, Hon. Mark Gilliam, Hon. Brad Grantham, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Jeff Kennamore, Hon. Johnny Lanier, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Johnny Weems, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, and Hon. Bobby Wright were present. Hon. Chandra Y. Lake was absent. County Clerk, Tonet Griggs, and County Attorney, Dale Conder Jr., were present, and the meeting was opened in due form of the law and had to wit:

15 PRESENT 1 ABSENT

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A proclamation was issued in honor of the late Sandra K. Kelly, recognizing her dedicated volunteer service as the Hardeman County Archivist from 2008 to 2025. Her family was present to accept the proclamation and expressed their gratitude.

PUBLIC FORUM

See attached

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Hon. Bobby Hensley and seconded by Hon. Johnny Lanier to approve the previous meeting's minutes.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

A motion was made by Hon. Mark Gilliam and seconded by Hon. Jackie Sain to approve the list of notaries.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICIALS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Approval for new fuel tanks, vehicle accident expenses, and other operational needs. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to approve, and Hon. Michion Gatlin seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE
15 AYE 0 NAY**

ELECTION COMMISSION: Announced reimbursement from the state for the May primary and a polling location change from the armory to the election commission building for elections.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Provided a report on recent arrests, criminal incidents, and an update on the litter program. (See attached)

APPOINTMENTS

A new member, Carla Wilhite, was appointed to the library board. Hon. Johnny Weems made a motion to approve, and Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Budget Amendments 1 through 11, excluding Amendment 2, were approved by the commission. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to approve, and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

15 AYE 0 NAY

- 1. (See Attached)
- 2. (Voided)
- 3. (See Attached)
- 4. (See Attached)
- 5. (See Attached)
- 6. (See Attached)
- 7. (See Attached)
- 8. (See Attached)
- 9. (See Attached)
- 10. (See Attached)
- 11. (See Attached)

OTHER BUSINESS

MAYOR’S OFFICE/ADMINISTRATION: A request to dispose of the old chairs in the conference room and replace them with new ones. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to approve, and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded. (See attached)

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

A resolution to join an opioid settlement, Purdue Pharma, which will give the county about \$8,000 each year for 16 years, was accepted. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to approve, and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

15 AYE 0 NAY

A resolution was approved to increase the threshold for public advertisement and sealed competitive bids from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to approve, and Hon. Cory Bufford seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

15 AYE 0 NAY

LAWSUIT UPDATE – ATTORNEY DALE CONDER

The county attorney provided updates on ongoing legal cases, including a property dispute and an FLSA case involving a former employee, Jonathan Lutrell. (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A town hall meeting was announced for September 9th to discuss the new hospital and community services.
- A free public screening of the movie "**Sound of Hope**" was announced for the following Sunday at 3 p.m.
- The meeting concluded with a call for commissioners to attend school board meetings to address community concerns.

ADJOURN

Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion, and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held September 16, 2025.

COUNTY MAYOR Todd Pulse

COUNTY CLERK Janet Huggs