

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY JULY TERM
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 20, 2024**

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 August, 2024 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. Johnny Lanier, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Mamie Polk, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, Hon. Johnny Weems and Hon. Bobby Wright were present and Hon. Chandra Y. Lake 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 and Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 20, 2024.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

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

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

PUBLIC FORUM

See attached

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT

Mr. Lee Marek gave the report for the Highway department. He brought forth a bid to spray right of ways (**SEE ATTACHED**). Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion to accept the bid and Hon. Cory Bufford seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

The second order of business that Mr. Lee needed to discuss was for the approval to sell the crane on govdeals.com. Mark Gilliam made the motion to accept the surplus crane to be sold on govdeals.com. Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

Third order of business was a budget amendment (**SEE ATTACHEMENT**) Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the budget amendment. Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

15 AYE 0 NAY

The final order of business was the quarterly report and work proposal. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to approve the quarterly report and work proposal. Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

EMS/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE – HON. BETHANY MILLER

Hon. Bethany Sain informed the Commission that we need another ambulance. We have several units and few of them are down at this time. The transmission has been replaced on two units. The last time an ambulance was purchased was in 2020. They have found a brand-new ambulance that is available now with no wait time. This ambulance is government approved and they will buy it through

Sourcewell. There is also a grant that will become available March 2025 but it will have to be approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution Amending Private Act for Property Tax Collection (**SEE ATTACHED**) Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the resolution and Hon. Cory Bufford seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
15 AYE 0 NAY

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

1. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (**SEE ATTACHED**)
2. Miscellaneous (**SEE ATTACHED**)
3. Workhouse (**SEE ATTACHED**)
4. Miscellaneous (**SEE ATTACHED**)
5. County Buildings (**SEE ATTACHED**)
6. Ambulance (**SEE ATTACHED**)

Hon. Cory Bufford made a motion to accept the budget amendments and Hon. Mamie Polk seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
15 AYE 0 NAY

LAWSUIT UPDATE - DALE CONDER

Attorney Conder stated that William Sessions sent an email to settle for 3.3 million. Hon. Joe Jenkins made a motion to settle for 3.3 million with terms laid as is. Hon Cory Bufford seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
5 AYE 10 NAY

Hon. Jeff Kennamore made a motion to give a counter offer of 3 million excluding attorney fees. We will pay 1 million every year (our fiscal year) for the next three years. Hon. David Bell seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
6 AYE 9 NAY

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion to settle everything for 1.5 million payable immediately (within 30 days of agreement). Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
12 AYE 3 NAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The newly elected officials will be sworn in Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 10 o'clock.
- 911 Committee appointments will be held next County Commission meeting.
- The next meeting is to be held September 17, 2024.

ADJOURN

Hon. Johnny Lanier made motion to adjourn and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded to the motion.

COUNTY MAYOR _____

Todd Pulse

COUNTY CLERK _____