

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY MAY TERM
SPECIAL SESSION AUGUST 24, 2024**

Be it remembered that a Special 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 24th day of August, 2024 at 10:00 a.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. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Jeff Kennamore, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake via phone, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Mamie Polk, Hon. Johnny Weems, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, and Hon. Bobby Wright were present and Hon. Bobby Hensley and Hon. Johnny M. Lanier 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:

14 PRESENT 2 ABSENT

PUBLIC FORUM

No sign-ups

DEVELOPMENTS ON LAWSUITS – ATTORNEY DALE CONNER

Attorney Dale Conder said that the court date for the dispatchers is now set for Tuesday, August 27, 2024. The Plaintiffs and their attorney wanted to settle for \$250,000 with attorney's fees and cost to be negotiated or resolved by the Court.

Hon. Mike Kennamore made a motion to accept the proposal from Attorney Sessions (**SEE ATTACHED**). Hon. Cory Bufford seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

10 AYE 4 NAY

Hon. Jackie Sain discussed his proposal to allow anyone that gets a release from their lawyer will be compensated for 50% of what their attorney says is owed. This 50% will be payable within 30 days.

Hon. Bobby Wright presented a proposal that of \$3.6 including lawyer fees minus the \$250,000 for the 13 dispatchers which brings the amount to \$3.35 million. They have 15 days from 8/24/2024 to accept. After the 14 days if they did not accept his proposal, it will automatically roll into 50% individual settlement with release from lawyer. They will have 14 days to respond to this proposal. If accepted they will be paid out within 30 days from the judge's approval. After deliberation Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion from the above proposal and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

14 AYE 0 NAY

COUNTY MAYOR _____

Todd Pulse

COUNTY CLERK _____

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