

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE BODY NOVEMBER TERM  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 21<sup>st</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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 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. Mark Gilliam, Hon. Cory Bufford, Hon. Russell Deberry, Hon. Brad Grantham, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Jeff Kennamore, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Johnny M. Lanier, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon., Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, Hon. Johnny Weems 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. Bobby Wright made a motion and Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**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**

**APPOINTMENTS – NONE**

**BICENTENNIAL**

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the Bicentennial committee and the Hon. Russell Deberry seconded the motioned and The Bicentennial committee was accepted. The committee consist of six members; Commissioner Brad Grantham, Ken Savage, Cissy Pierce, Pat Plunk, Heather Teubner, and Kenny Adkins.

Vanessa Lambert and Greg Howell were working on the bicentennial book for the county. Greg Howell passed and they were afraid they would have to push the book back. She was coming forward to ask the commissioners to give \$20,000 to assist with funds to get the book published. Hon. Brad Grantham requested that the Bicentennial Committee be allowed to evaluate to see what all can be done to help with funding. Hon. David Bell asked if they have tried to help themselves first by offering ads to be sold in the book. Vanessa stated that they are offering businesses an ad page price for \$250 and schools & churches an ad page for \$150.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTY SMITH**

No report to be given

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT**

Superintendent Casey Swift gave quarterly report. Each commissioner received their own copy. He had nothing else to report. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the quarterly report and Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion. Casey had a budget amendment to buy a piece of equipment. He said they would like to

purchase the CAT track loader/skid-steer. Hon. Russell Deberry made motion and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

#### **ELECTION COMMITTEE – AMBER MOORE**

Amber Moore stated that there are five vendors coming to show their equipment before bidding will begin. There are still some issues with the building that she is currently occupying such as moisture, security and space. With the new equipment coming there will need to be more security and space. The equipment will have more components and a paper trail to keep secure. Amber also stated that Blue Oval is coming and we should under consideration the growth that it is going to create and therefore we will need more space, because we can not house the people that we already have.

Just to give an estimate on a size, she said Chester County is getting a 4800 square foot building built and they have around 11,000 people coming through to vote. She said that early voting this last go round there were 14,500 people to come through. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to explore options to design and price a new place for the Election Commission through a building and engineering firm (Building Committee meeting will be Mon February 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6pm.). Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

#### **LANDFILL- STEVEN GRAVES**

Steven let us know that the landfill will be open February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. They will be returning to the regular scheduled hours of 7am – 12 pm and 1pm – 4 pm. The tipping fee has increased from \$22 dollars to \$28 dollars.

#### **EMS - DIRECTOR JAMIE BURNETT**

Jamie stated that call volume remains the same and are steady at around 180 monthly.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING - JIM PIERCE**

Jim Pierce gave an update for the animal control office. They had twelve office calls, thirty three cell phone calls, twenty eight 911 calls and fourteen calls for dogs pickup totaling seventy-three calls. One major transport out of the shelter for the month of January. There were twenty-four adult dogs, twenty of the adult dogs were sheltered and four were fostered. There were thirty-nine puppies, twenty-three were sheltered and sixteen fostered totaling sixty-three total dogs shipped out of Hardeman County in the month of January.

There were ten building permits issued in the month of January. There were no appearances before the board of appeals.

#### **SHERIFF DEPARTMENT - DOOLEN**

Sheriff Doolen gave an updated report on the progress of the litter grant. To date there has been 68,700 pounds of litter picked up since the litter grant was started. There has been 7,500 pounds of litter picked up so far for the month of February alone. They have picked up litter on Ermon Rd, Vildo Rd, Old Hwy 64, Old Hwy 125, Summit Dr, Lake Hardeman Rd, Van Buren Rd, Smith Rd (4 days), Indian Creek Rd (4 days), Parks Swain Rd, Gentry Chapel Rd, Winwood Farm Lp, Mecklinburg Rd, Middleton Lp, Hannis Rd, and three illegal dumpsites (Cedar Grove loop, New Castle Rd, and one Chapleau Rd).

Sheriff would like to have two vehicles removed from inventory and added to surplus. One vehicle is a 2004 Chrysler Town & Country with VIN 2C4GP4R45R450225 and the other is a 2011 Ford Crown Vic with VIN

2FABP7BV5BX108470. Hon Mark Gilliam made the motion to approve the move and Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded the motion.

## **AMBULANCE COMMITTEE – BETHANY MILLER**

Nothing to report

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **Hardeman County Highway Department, Casey Swift had several amendments.**

#### Equipment Amendment

- \$47,427.40 be debited from miscellaneous refund and \$47,427.40 credited to crushed stone to put money back in their rock account where they put the road in at the Land Fill.
- \$116,810 to be debited from sale of equipment \$116,810 credited to highway equipment to purchase a skid-steer.

#### Employment Account Amendments

- \$ 1,005.95 to be debited from ARPA Grant and \$ 1,005.95 to be credited to social security to increase social security.
- \$ 235.27 to be debited from ARPA Grant and \$235.27 to be credited to employer Medicare.
- \$1,792.56 to be debited from ARPA Grant and \$1,792.56 credited to state retirement (TCRS).
- \$660 to be debited from ARPA Grant and \$660 credited to County Official/Administrative officer.
- \$660 to be debited from ARPA Grant and \$660 credited to Secretary(s)
- \$5,940 to be debited from ARPA Grant and \$5,940 credited to Foremen
- \$8965 to be debited from ARPA Grant and \$8965 credited to Laborers

### **Hardeman County Sheriff's Office, Chief Greg Moore had several amendments.**

#### Postage/DNA kits

- \$1,250 to be debited from other supplies & materials and \$1,250 credited to postage

#### Inmate Medical Expenses

- \$4,000 to be debited from legal services, \$2,300 to be debited from Communication & Equipment and \$6,300 to be credited to Medical & Dental services

#### Office Supplies

- \$1,000 to be debited from other supplies & materials and \$1,000 to be credited to office supplies

#### Travel Expenses

- \$1,175 to be debited from other charges and \$1,175 to be credited to travel

#### TLETA payment

- \$770 to be debited from other supplies & materials and \$770 to be credited to in-service/staff development

#### Psych evaluations & required training

- \$2,090 to be debited from other charges and \$2,090 credited to training

#### Bookkeeper Insurance & Medical – Ashley Gibson

- \$452.11 to be debited from Social Security (fund 101), \$132.02 to be debited from Employer Medicare (fund 101) and \$584.13 credited to Accountants/Bookkeepers (fund 101)

- \$292.59 to be debited from Social Security (fund 207) and \$292.59 credited to Accountants/ Bookkeepers (fund 207)

For all of the above amendments Hon. Johnny Lanier made the motion to approve and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**MUTUAL AID/COOPERATIVE: RESOLUTION 23-02**

This Resolution gives the Mayor authority to sign Police, Fire and Public works mutual aid interlocal cooperation agreements. SEE ATTACHMENT.

**DELINQUENT RESOLUTION:**

Property that has delinquent taxes and has been held in the Chancery Court's office for more than one year can be sold for the debt that has incurred debt.

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the resolutions and the Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion and the resolutions were accepted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Commissioner Bethany Miller had recognition for the Ambulance Dept. Employees for over 30 years of service: Kim Hines, Tommy Parchman, Matt Ernest, and Harvey Vandiver.
- Tony Kirk from BEA gave an update on the fiber optic. They started partnering with Aeneas in July of 2022. The Bolivar, Whiteville and Hornsby areas are completed. They are in the process of working on Toone and should start in about a week in a half. At this time there are 576 active customers since opening up 3 months ago and 316 waiting to be connected. Backlog is getting kind of large so he is looking at adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> contractor. 30 new customers were added just today. As soon as an area opens they are getting calls.
- Next meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**ADJOURN**

Hon. Mark Gilliam made motion to adjourn the meeting and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

COUNTY MAYOR



COUNTY CLERK

