

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE BODY JANUARY TERM  
SPECIAL SESSION JANUARY 21, 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 21<sup>ST</sup> day of January, 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. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Jeff Kennamore, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Johnny Lanier Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Johnny Weems, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, and Hon. Bobby Wright were present and Hon. Brad Grantham was absent. County Clerk, Tonet Griggs was present and County Attorney, Dale Conder Jr. was not 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 to accept the Regular meeting minutes November 12, 2024 and Special Meeting Minutes November 14, 2024. Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES**

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

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTY SMITH**

Director Christy Smith brought forth a resolution to amend the B.O.E. budget timeline. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the Resolution and Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

15 AYE 0 NAY

Director Smith also brought forth several budget amendments for B.O.E. Hon. Johnny Lanier made the motion to accept the budget amendments from the B.O.A. and Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

15 AYE 0 NAY

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -- SHERIFF DOOLEN**

SEE ATTACHED

**AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT –  
PARAMEDIC/OPERATIONS MANAGER MATT ERNEST**

The ambulance department is fully staffed. They are running four trucks from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE – COM. MARK GILLIAM**

Hon. Gilliam stated that there were five findings this fiscal year and there were several the previous fiscal year.

**SOLID WASTE – COM. JEFF KENNAMORE**

Hon. Kennamore said they have one positive recommendation to boost part-time employees' pay up to \$12. Hon. Kennamore made a motion for the part-time solid waste employees to receive a pay raise to \$12 an hour because they are the only ones who are not making that amount. Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion.

Hon. Wright rescinded his motion to move the solid waste pay up to \$12 an hour. Hon. Kennamore rescinded his motion also.

**AIRPORT – DIRECTOR SHELBY ISHAM**

Director Isham updated the Commission on the projects they are continuing and those that have been completed. The seal and micro surfacing for the taxiway apron as well as the concrete apron around the fueling station have been completed. Site prep for the new terminal building is in way around early summer.

A new Operational Counter has been put in and this will make operations easier. The drone survey is set and it is necessary to see how the runways are situated so that it is efficient for troop maneuvers.

**9-1-1 UPDATE – COM. BOBBY WRIGHT**

Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion to agree for the percentage pay for the 9-1-1 dispatch services to be dispersed as follows: The county pays 67% and 9-1-1 Board will pay 33%. The municipalities will pay nothing. This contract will be revisited at the end of every fiscal year. Hon. Michion Gatlin seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**11 AYE 3 NAY 1 PASS**

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COM. JOHNNY LANIER**

1. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office Drug Fund – See attached
2. Ambulance Depart – OMIT (See attached)
3. Election Commission – See Attached
4. Workhouse – (See Attached)
5. Mayor's Office -- (See Attached)
6. Sheriff's Department – (See Attached)
7. Mayor's Office – (See Attached)
8. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office – WORKHOUSE – (See Attached)

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept all budget amendments (1, 3-8). Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**15 AYE 0 NAY**

**BZA/PLANNING TERMS & APPOINTMENTS – MAYOR PULSE**

Mayor Pulse brought forth his nominee Jimmy Simpson for Vernon Henderson’s vacancy. Hon. Bobby Wright made the motion to table all appointments until next meeting. Hon. Chandra Lake seconded the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

Hon. Russell Deberry made a motion and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting will be February 18, 2025.

**COUNTY MAYOR** 

**COUNTY CLERK** \_\_\_\_\_