

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY JULY TERM
REGULAR SESSION
July 18th, 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 18th day of July, 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. Cory Bufford, Hon. Russell Deberry, Hon. Mark Gilliam, Hon. Brad Grantham, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Jeff Kennamore, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, Hon. Johnny Weems and Hon. Bobby Wright were present and Hon. Johnny Lanier 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:

14 PRESENT 2 ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 20th, 2023.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

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

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT

Mr. Lee Marek gave the report for the Highway department. He brought forth one budget amendment for the highway department (**SEE ATTACHED**). Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to accept the amendment and Hon. Russell Deberry seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL 14 AYE 0 NAY

The second order of business that Mr. Lee needed to discuss was for the approval to scrap or auction off old inventory. Hon. Mark Gilliam made the motion to dispose of the surplus per their discretion. Hon. Russell Deberry seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL 14 AYE 0 NAY

ELECTION COMMISSION – AMBER MOORE

Amber more said that come March she will be unable to hold elections in the building she is currently renting. There is not enough space right now for two voters let alone a whole election. She also has not received the privacy booths for the voting machines yet.

BUILDING COMMITTEE – HON. DAVID BELL

The building committee looked at three options. The first option was to look at a brand new facility. The second option was to use an existing building (the current ambulance building). The third option is to stay at the current location and remodel. Hon. David Bell says he would like to meet with the election commission to see exactly what their needs are. Hon. Bell said that a stable

number will help determine if the budget will allow for a new renovation or other building sight.

Mayor Mctizic desires to be in the ambulance building especially since West TN will be officially leaving at the end of July 2023. He is willing to pay \$25,000 rent every year for 10 year period if the building is up to code. Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion to find out how much financing and then bring it back to the county commission meeting. Hon Brad Grantham seconded the motion.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEEM – HON. BETHANY MILLER

Hon. Bethany Miller came with positive recommendations to approve that those who did not receive a \$3 dollar increase be given the pay raise of \$3 dollars. Hon Mark Gilliam clarified that the 5% raise that was given will be removed and a flat rate of \$3 dollars will be added in to their pay time. The ambulance department is starting off now at minimum wage which is \$15.00. The raise is a necessity because they have not had a raise in 8 years and there is a need for better pay in order to have more applicants and people willing to come and work in the EMS field in our county. They have already hired 2 full time employees and four part-time employees. Hon. Bethany Miller made a motion to accept the \$3 dollar increase and retract the 5%. Hon. Bobby Weems seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL 14 AYE 0 NAY

AMENDMENTS:

Sheriff Department had one amendment (**SEE ATTACHED**). Hon. Russell Deberry made a motion to accept the amendments. Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

LAWSUIT UPDATE - DALE CONDER

Attorney Dale Conder setup an attorney/client meeting to commence at 6 pm on August 15th, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carl Perkins Center will have Christmas in July on July 28th, 2023.
- The next meeting is to be held August 15th, 2023.

ADJOURN

Hon. Jackie Sain made motion to adjourn and Hon. John Vickers seconded to adjourn.

COUNTY MAYOR Todd Pulse

COUNTY CLERK Janette Huggs