

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE BODY JUNE TERM  
REGULAR SESSION JUNE 25, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Johnny M. Lanier, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Mamie Polk, Hon. Johnny Weems, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, and Hon. Bobby Wright were present and Hon. Jeff Kennamore was absent. County Clerk, Tonet Griggs was present and County Attorney, Dale Conder Jr. was absent and the meeting was opened in due form of the law and had to wit:

15 PRESENT 1 ABSENT

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hon. Bobby Hensley made a motion to approve the minutes held May 21, 2024 and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded to approve the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES**

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

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There was public forum.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS – LILY BARNES**

Lily Barnes brought forth a resolution to collect an additional \$2 for electronic document filing fee. There has been no increase since 2001 and it had only increased by one dollar. Hon. Chandra Lake made a motion to accept the resolution and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

15 AYE 0 NAY

**HARDEMAN CO. CLERK – COUNTY CLERK TONET GRIGGS**

County Clerk Griggs submitted an inventory list that needed to be changed to surplus and disposed of. Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to remove the inventory to surplus and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT**

Casey brought forth a budget amendment for annual time to be moved to retirement time. Hon. Chandra Lake made a motion to accept the amendment and Hon. Cory Bufford seconded the motion. (See attached)

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

15 AYE 0 NAY

He also brought forth the yearly bid 2024-2025. Hon. Russell Deberry made a motion to accept the yearly bid and Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded the motion. (See attached)

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**15 AYE 0 NAY**

Hon. Chandra Lake made a motion to take the The Highway Department First Budget Reading off the table and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**15 AYE 0 NAY**

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion to accept the First Budget Reading for the Highway Department 2024-2024 and Hon. Cory Bufford seconded the motion. (See attached)

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**15 AYE 0 NAY**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTY SMITH**

Superintendent Christy brought forth a 5 year lease agreement for Novatech copiers. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to accept the 5 year lease agreement and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded the motion. (See attached)

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**15 AYE 0 NAY**

Christy presented the budget amendments to cleanup year end. Hon. John Vickers made a motion to accept the budget amendments and Hon. Mamie Polk seconded the motion. (See attached)

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**15 AYE 0 NAY**

Hon. Cory Bufford made a motion to accept the B.O.E First Budget Reading 2024-2025 and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded the motion. (See attached)

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**15 AYE 0 NAY**

**LITTER GRANT & ARREST REPORT -- SHERIFF DOOLEN**

See attached

**BUILDING COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER DAVID BELL**

Hon. Bell presented the renovation plans for the EMS building to make the necessary accommodations for the Election Committee. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to accept the building plans for the EMS building and Hon. Cory Bufford seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**15 AYE 0 NAY**

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER BRAD GRANTHAM**

Hon. Grantham said there were four bids for the Apron Project airport. They were good bids.

## **AMBULANCE COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER BETHANY MILLER**

EMS met 6/24/2024 and had two positive recommendations. The first was to increase Director James Burnett salary to \$80,000 and the second positive recommendation was to purchase another truck pending grant approval.

## **BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COMMISSIONER JOHNNY LANIER**

Hon. Lanier stated that budget number 20 failed to make it into the Budget Committee meeting and 44 & 45 was brought in tonight. Budget numbers 1, 3-5, 7-14, 21-29, 31-41, and 43 were all approved by the Budget Committee.

1. Commissioner Meeting (see attached)
2. Circuit Court (see attached)
3. Property Assessor's Office (see attached)
4. Reappraisal/Tax Assessor (see attached)
5. Hardeman co. Sheriff's Office (see attached)
6. Ambulance Department (see attached)
7. Veterans Services (see attached)
8. Juvenile Court (see attached)
9. Development (see attached)
10. Mayor's Office (see attached)
11. Election Commission (see attached)
12. Airport ( see attached)
13. Veterans Services (see attached)
14. Chancery Court (see attached)
15. General Sessions Court (see attached)
16. Juvenile Court (see attached)
17. County Attorney (see attached)
18. Debt Fund (see attached)
19. Landfill & Convenience Center (see attached)
20. Fire Prevention (Total should be \$30,000) (see attached)
21. Other Board & Committees (see attached)
22. Mayor's Office (see attached)
23. Election Commission (see attached)
24. Register of Deeds (see attached)
25. Development (see attached)
26. County Buildings (see attached)
27. Other Facilities (see attached)
28. Purchasing (see attached)
29. County Trustee's Office (see attached)
30. County Clerk's Office (see attached)
31. Chancery Court (see attached)
32. Juvenile Court (see attached)
33. Courtroom Security (see attached)
34. Sheriff's Department (see attached)
35. Workhouse (see attached)
36. Juvenile Services (see attached)
37. Rabies & Animal Control (see attached)
38. Ambulance (see attached)
39. Sanitation Education (see attached)
40. Soil Conservation (see attached)
41. Miscellaneous (see attached)
42. Drug Fund (see attached)
43. Landfill (see attached)
44. Ambulance (see attached)
45. Ambulance Department (see attached)

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion to accept the budget amendments 2, 6, 15-20, 30, 42, 44 & 45 and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

## **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**15 AYE 0 NAY**

**DIRECTOR OF THE ZONING DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Pulse made a nomination to accept Ron Pirtle as the new Zoning Compliance Officer. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion accept Ron Pirtle as the new Zoning Compliance Officer and the Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**15 AYE 0 NAY**

**FIRST BUDGET READING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 –  
COMMISSIONER JOHNNY LANIER**

Hon. Lanier presented the First Budget Reading. Hon. Johnny Weems made a motion to accept the First Reading and Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion. (See booklet)

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**15 AYE 0 NAY**

**LAWSUIT UPDATE – MAYOR PULSE**

Mayor Pulse, Hon. Sain, Hon. Jenkins, and Hon. Bufford attended the mediation. This mediation held on June 25, 2024 was for the dispatchers only. They offered the dispatchers \$180,000 which was double from what the expert said was owed and it will be left on the table for 10 days starting June 25, 2024. There will be no mediation for the other 24 plaintiffs.

**ADJOURN**

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to adjourn and Hon. Mamie Polk seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting will be July 15, 2025.

**COUNTY MAYOR**



**COUNTY CLERK**

