

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY MARCH TERM
REGULAR SESSION MARCH 18, 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 18th day of March, 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. Brad Grantham, 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. 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:

16 PRESENT 0 ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hon. Johnny Lanier made as motion to accept the minutes of regular session held February 18, 2025. Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to approve the notaries for February 18, 2025. Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

PUBLIC FORUM

See attached

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – SHERIFF DOOLEN

Sheriff Doolen stated that they need to remove three vehicles from inventory to surplus. (SEE ATTACHED)

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

The work truck is down and they are unable to do trash pickup at the moment. The work truck may possibly have to be replaced.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER
BUFFORD**

Hon. Cory Bufford said that there are three things he wants to speak on. The first thing is to address the parking lot issue. There are cracks that are three inches wide and about forty feet long that need to be fixed.

There is also an issue of salary. Hardeman County starting salary is \$46,000. Figures were given for uncertified \$25 per hour, and certified officer \$27-\$30 per hour.

Thirdly Cheri Baker is finishing her CCFO certification and they are giving her an increase. These funds will come from the sheriff department's reserve fund.

The Sheriff's Department has 25 jailers and 17 officers. There are 28 HVAC units on top of the CJC, we replaced 8 units and 20 units are currently not working properly.

The sheriff's department has three new Chevy Tahoes. They need to have stripes and lights put on before they can be put on the road.

The Law enforcement committee is trying to find a non-lethal way to catch strays.

We received new carpet for free from Madison County and they have enough to do the Trustee's office.

BEER BOARD – COMMISSIONER CHANDRA LAKE

Hon. Chandra Lake said the Board met on March 13th and will meet again in two weeks to talk about compliance.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT

Superintendent Casey said that they have some more things to move from inventory to surplus. Hon. Russell Deberry made a motion to accept the additional surplus and Hon. Michion Gatlin seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

TDOT project is about nine miles of resurfacing from Walton Road to Davis Way. Milling stockpile can be sold to anyone.

Hon. Michion Gatlin mentioned needing a sign on warning of curve ahead on Vildo Road. He stated there was a concern from citizens because there have been a few accidents there.

EMA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DARREN GRANTHAM

Assistant Director Grantham said all leaders need to participate and take the one-hour training. If a disaster should happen and FEMA offers a grant, they will look at all the leader's "commissioners" to see if they have had the training required. If one out of the 16 has not completed the training course, this will knock out our county for eligibility.

ZONING – DIRECTOR RON PIRTLE

Director Ron said that the meeting has been postponed and moved so that they will be in compliance with the 16-day notice. The notice will be posted on the county website as well as the billboard in the courthouse.

RESOLUTIONS:

Opioid Resolution (see attached). Hon. Johnny Lanier made the motion to accept the resolution. Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

ENERGY SITING AGREEMENT – SILICONE RANCH MOREY HILL

Silicone Ranch representative, Morey Hill brought forth a site proposal for the vegetative wall on three sides. These sides have neighbors that have signed waivers saying that they do not mind not having the vegetative wall. If they can do with out planting the trees along this wall, they are offering \$10,000 scholarship a year for 20 years.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS – HON JOHNNY LANIER

1. Miscellaneous (See attached)
2. Sherriff's Department (See attached)
3. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (See attached)
4. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (See attached)
5. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (See attached)
6. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office Workhouse (See attached)
7. Chancery Court (See attached)
8. Chancery Court (See attached)
9. General Sessions (See attached)
10. Juvenile Court (See attached)
11. Landfill (See attached)

Budget amendment #7 was approved by the Budget Committee. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to approve budget amendments #1-6 and #8-11. Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion to approve the budget amendments.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 AYE, 0 NAY

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to bring budget amendment #16 from February's meeting back on the table. Hon Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to approve because of the CCFO certification for Cheri Baker and her new duties that she picked up, the budget amendment #16 made adjustments for this raise in pay. Hon. Jeff Kennamore seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 15 AYE, 1 NAY

LAWSUIT UPDATE – ATTORNEY DALE CONDER

See attached

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

ADJOURN

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held April 15, 2025.

COUNTY MAYOR



COUNTY CLERK

