

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE BODY MARCH TERM  
REGULAR SESSION MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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. 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. David Bell made a motion to table and make revisions and corrections of the February 20, 2024 minutes. Hon. Brad Grantham seconded the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES**

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

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There was a public forum.

**PROCLAMATION**

Hon. Todd Pulse made a proclamation to Mr. Viscen Charles Morrow. He was being presented is the longest serving County Commissioners. (SEE ATTACHED)

**BULDING COMMITTEE – COMISSIONER DAVID BELL**

On April 9, 2024, Hon. Bell informed the committee that bids for the interior for the Election Committee Building will be advertised.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER CORY BUFFORD**

Hon. Bufford said that the law enforcement Committee did not meet this month but the CJC has a grant for new cameras.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT & LITTER GRANT – SHERIFF DOOLEN**

Sheriff Doolen presented the arrest report as well as the litter report. (SEE ATTACHED) He also said that they have a 2008 Crown Victoria that is valued at \$2,995.00 which needs to be scraped and removed from inventory. They want to scrap the vehicle because it is damaged and the deductible is more than the value of the vehicle. Lanier made the motion that the vehicle be salvaged and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

16 AYE 0 NAY

Billy Davis spoke on the \$76,000 grant to purchase six cameras (street). They will capture license plate images and if there is an alert the system will ping that plate. Hon. Bethany Miller inquired about the maintenance on the system. Mr. Davis said the maintaince is covered for 1 year and all that is required is cell service. After that year it will be \$65 for cell service monthly, and without the maintenance you would have to download manually. Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion that the cameras be purchased. Hon. Cory Bufford seconded the motion.

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

Amber stated that it was difficult to vote this go around with just a little over 600 people in 2 weeks. It will be impossible to accommodate 900 people on the first day.

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPERINTENDENT KRISTY SMITH**

Dr. Christy Smith gave an update on the operational grant. The state funding went down to a negative \$617,000, but they received \$300,000 for the dual credit program. With that funding received for the dual credit enrollment program, it brought the negative to around \$300,000.

They also have to increase the pay of beginning teachers to \$47,500 by 2025 and/or \$50,000 by 2027 but, with this increase in beginning teachers pay the established teacher pay must also increase because you don't want the beginning teachers coming in making more than the established teachers.

Chairman Bobby Henderson for the Hardeman County School Board spoke on the school building belonging to the county and not the school system.

#### **BUDGET AMENDMENT – COMMISSIONER JOHNNY LANIER**

Hon. Johnny Lanier said the Budget Committee met March 14, 2024. Budget Amendments 1-8, 14 & 15 were passed by the Budget Committee.

1. County Clerks's Office – (SEE ATTACHED)
2. Register f Deeds – (SEE ATTACHED)
3. County Buildings – (SEE ATTACHED)
4. Other Facilities – (SEE ATTACHED)
5. Development – (SEE ATTACHED)
6. General Sessions Court – (SEE ATTACHED)
7. Libraries – (SEE ATTACHED)
8. Agricultural Extension – (SEE ATTACHED)
9. Landfill – (SEE ATTACHED)
10. Board of Equalization – ( SEE ATTACHED)
11. Other Boards & Committees – (SEE ATTACHED)
12. Attorney Fees – (SEE ATTACHED)
13. Election Commission – ( SEE ATTACHED)
14. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office Litter Grant – (SEE ATTACHED)
15. Sheriff's Depart – (SEE ATTACHED)
16. Sheriff's Department – (SEE ATTACHED)
17. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office Workhouse – (SEE ATTACHED)
18. Workhouse – (SEE ATTACHED)
19. County Coroner/Medical Examiner – (SEE ATTACHED)
20. Ambulance Department – (SEE ATTACHED)
21. Hardeman Co. Chancery Court – (SEE ATTACHED)

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**16 AYE 0 NAY**

Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion to accept the budget amendments and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded the motion.

#### **911 COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR PULSE**

Communications contract with the surrounding municipalities for 911 service are needing to be settled. Hon. Chandra Lake wanted to know when the contract would be complete. She has a desire to see it completed by the end of the month so that it can be budgeted into the next budget.

**SOUTH END TOWER – MAYOR TODD PULSE**

The South End Tower needs some upgrading. Leasing a tower will be \$2,000 monthly.

**ENERGY COMMITTEE – COMMISSION**

We had a planner but he has left for Blue Oval. The County will be looking for a building commissioner.

**LAWSUIT UPDATE – DALE CONDER**

**SEE ATTACHED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to adjourn and Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded the motion.

The next meeting is to be held March 19, 2024.

COUNTY MAYOR  \_\_\_\_\_

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

| DATE      | LOCATION   | POUNDS COLLECTED | DATE       | LOCATION                         | POUNDS COLLECTED | DATE      | LOCATION  | POUNDS COLLECTED  |
|-----------|--|------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|---|-------------------|
| 7/10/2023 | WEST FORK RD (ILLEGAL DUMPSITE)                          | 1580.00          | 10/4/2023  | MURPHY LN                        | 1300.00          | 1/3/2024  | UNION SPRINGS RD/OLD HWY 125/<br>BURNETT MILLS RD | 2060.00           |
| 7/12/2023 | WEST FORK RD (ILLEGAL DUMPSITE)                          | 3860.00          | 10/6/2023  | UNION SPRINGS RD                 | 600.00           | 1/5/2024  | BURNETT MILLS RD/DIXON RD                         | 1760.00           |
| 7/14/2023 | WEST FORK RD (ILLEGAL DUMPSITE)                          | 4060.00          | 10/11/2023 | UNION SPRINGS RD                 | 1380.00          | 1/8/2024  | PARK SWAIN RD/INDIAN CREEK RD                     | 400.00            |
| 7/17/2023 | EBENEZER RD  | 1860.00          | 10/13/2023 | SAIN RD                          | 900.00           | 1/10/2024 | PARK SWAIN RD/HWY 368                             | 800.00            |
| 7/21/2023 | WEST FORK RD   | 2520.00          | 10/16/2023 | SAIN RD                          | 1680.00          | 1/22/2024 | VILDO RD  | 200.00            |
| 7/24/2023 | WEST FORK RD/PLANTATION RD                               | 3760.00          | 10/18/2023 | SAIN RD/MAXWELL RD/SUGAR HILL LP | 1400.00          | 1/24/2024 | VILDO RD/NEWSOM RD                                | 1660.00           |
| 7/26/2023 | TIPPAH ST/PARK SWAIN RD                                  | 800.00           | 10/20/2023 | OAK HILL RD                      | 1900.00          | 1/26/2024 | NEWSOM RD   | 2960.00           |
| 7/28/2023 | TIPPAH ST/PARK SWAIN RD                                  | 480.00           | 10/25/2023 | SAIN RD                          | 420.00           |           |   |                   |
|           | JULY TOTAL   | 18920.00         | 10/27/2023 | SAIN RD                          | 880.00           |           | JANUARY TOTAL                                     | 9840.00           |
|           |  |                  | 10/30/2023 | MUDDY RIDGE RD                   | 2100.00          |           |   |                   |
|           |  |                  |            | OCTOBER TOTAL                    | 12560.00         | 2/5/2024  | OAK HILL/HWY 57                                   | 900.00            |
| 8/2/2023  | PARK SWAIN RD/OLD ROGER SPRINGS RD                       | 960.00           |            |                                  |                  | 2/5/2024  | HWY 368/HWY 57                                    | 540.00            |
| 8/8/2023  | SAIN RD/OLD ROGER SPRINGS RD                             | 860.00           | 11/1/2023  | MUDDY RIDGE RD/PEA VINE RD       | 880.00           | 2/14/2024 | MECKLENBURG DR                                    | 740.00            |
| 8/9/2023  | OLD ROGER SPRINGS RD/NEWSOM RD                           | 920.00           | 11/3/2023  | PEA VINE RD                      | 1740.00          | 2/16/2024 | MECKLENBURG DR                                    | 920.00            |
| 8/11/2023 | OLD ROGER SPRINGS RD/BURNETT MILLS RD                    | 1740.00          | 11/6/2023  | SUGAR HILL LP/PEA VINE RD        | 1920.00          | 2/21/2024 | HWY 18 S/MECKLENBURG DR/<br>UNION SPRINGS RD      | 1440.00           |
| 8/15/2023 | TIPPAH ST/PARK SWAIN RD                                  | 1540.00          | 11/8/2023  | PEA VINE RD                      | 320.00           | 2/23/2024 | UNION SPRINGS RD                                  | 660.00            |
| 8/16/2023 | EAST RD/CALLAHAN RD                                      | 2800.00          | 11/13/2023 | PEA VINE RD                      | 820.00           | 2/26/2024 | UNION SPRINGS RD/CLIFFT RD                        | 720.00            |
| 8/18/2023 | WEST RD/ROCKY SPRINGS RD/GEORGE<br>WEST RD               | 2540.00          | 11/15/2023 | INDIAN CREEK RD                  | 820.00           | 2/27/2024 | BASS RD/AVENT RD/MAY RD                           | 580.00            |
| 8/21/2023 | VILDO RD/GEORGE WEST RD/<br>EVERGREEN/SAIN RD            | 1140.00          | 11/17/2023 | VAN BUREN RD                     | 1560.00          | 2/28/2024 | VILDO RD  | 2480.00           |
| 8/23/2023 | CARTER RD/TIPPAH ST/PARK SWAIN RD                        | 1360.00          | 11/21/2023 | PARK SWAIN RD                    | 1020.00          |           | FEBRUARY TOTAL                                    | 8980.00           |
| 8/25/2023 | EVERGREEN LN/BOWDEN HILL RD/<br>CLIFFT RD/MECKLENBURG DR | 2020.00          | 11/22/2023 | PARK SWAIN RD                    | 1060.00          |           |   |                   |
| 8/28/2023 | SUGARHILL LP/OAKVIEW LP/BURNETT<br>MILLS RD              | 1740.00          | 11/27/2023 | PARK SWAIN RD/VILDO RD           | 2180.00          |           |   |                   |
| 8/30/2023 | GOFF LP/OAK HILL RD/UPTON RD/<br>VAN BUREN RD            | 2940.00          | 11/29/2023 | VILDO RD/ERMON RD                | 3480.00          | 3/1/2024  | JERNIGAN RD/MIDDLEBURG RD                         | 1500.00           |
|           | AUGUST TOTAL   | 20560.00         | 11/30/2023 | BRUSH/LEAVES-COURTHOUSE          | 2680.00          | 3/4/2024  | MECKLENBURG DR                                    | 2260.00           |
|           |  |                  |            | NOVEMBER TOTAL                   | 18480.00         | 3/6/2024  | MECKLENBURG DR                                    | 880.00            |
| 9/1/2023  | UPTON RD/VAN BUREN RD                                    | 920.00           | 12/1/2023  | OLD HWY 64/PARK SWAIN RD         | 2920.00          | 3/8/2024  | MECKLENBURG DR                                    | 1320.00           |
| 9/8/2023  | SAIN RD  | 2100.00          | 12/4/2023  | TEAGUE RD                        | 2820.00          | 3/11/2024 | MECKLENBURG DR                                    | 1740.00           |
| 9/11/2023 | SAIN RD/MECKLENBURG DR                                   | 800.00           | 12/6/2023  | TEAGUE RD/PARK SWAIN RD          | 1640.00          | 3/13/2024 | WHITEVILLE NEWCASTLE RD/SAIN RD/<br>NEWCASTLE DR  | 1160.00           |
| 9/13/2023 | GOFF LP/BURNETT MILLS RD                                 | 320.00           | 12/8/2023  | PARK SWAIN RD                    | 720.00           | 3/15/2024 | WHITEVILLE NEWCASTLE RD                           | 260.00            |
| 9/18/2023 | OAK HILL RD/GOFF LP                                      | 2800.00          | 12/11/2023 | PARK SWAIN RD                    | 1320.00          |           | MARCH TOTAL                                       | 9120.00           |
| 9/20/2023 | OAK HILL RD/GOFF LP/CLOVERPORT RD                        | 800.00           | 12/13/2023 | PARK SWAIN RD                    | 1400.00          |           | <i>Year to date</i>                               | <i>131,980.00</i> |
| 9/22/2023 | CLOVERPORT RD  | 320.00           | 12/15/2023 | TEAGUE RD/WALTON RD/M L K        | 1740.00          |           |   |                   |
| 9/25/2023 | WHITEVILLE NEWCASTLE RD                                  | 2840.00          | 12/18/2023 | GENTRY CHAPEL RD/MECKLENBURG DR  | 1100.00          |           |   |                   |
| 9/27/2023 | GEORGE WALTER RD/MURPHY LN                               | 1600.00          | 12/20/2023 | MLK/MECKLENBURG DR               | 2520.00          |           |   |                   |
|           | SEPTEMBER TOTAL  | 12500.00         | 12/22/2023 | LAKE HARDEMAN RD                 | 1180.00          |           |   |                   |
|           |  |                  | 12/27/2023 | POWELL CHAPEL RD                 | 2480.00          |           |   |                   |
|           |  |                  | 12/29/2023 | CHARLES RD/HOLLYWOOD ACRES LN    | 1180.00          |           |   |                   |
|           | TOTAL FOR FY 23-24 TO DATE                               | 131980.00        |            | DECEMBER TOTAL                   | 21020.00         |           |   |                   |

HARDEMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MONTHLY ARRESTS

AND CRIMINAL REPORTS

02/15/2024 THRU 03/15/2024

118 - ARRESTS

69 - REPORTS ON CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

3 - DRUG OFFENSES

24 - THEFT & BURGLARIES

9 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES

8 - ASSAULTS

5 - SEX OFFENSES

5 - FRAUD/FORGERY

6 - VANDALISM

3 - THREATS/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION

6 - OTHER - ANIMAL-JUVENILE COMPLAINT-ATTEMPTED SUICIDE-MISSING  
PERSON-WEAPONS VIOLATIONS