

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY JANUARY TERM
March 22, 2022**

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 Bolivar, Tennessee, on the 8th day of February, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Hon. Jimmy Sain, County Mayor, was present and presiding, and a quorum of Commissioners, namely, Hon. Gary Barber, Hon. Gary Byers, Hon. Russell DeBerry, Hon. Mark Gilliam, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Justin Howell, Hon. Chandra Lake, Hon. Corey Madden, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, Hon. Johnny Weems, Hon. Elvis White and Hon. Bobby Wright. Hon. Chris Bell, Hon. Johnny Lanier, and Hon. Viscen Morrow, were absent. County Clerk, Polly Morris was present and the meeting was opened in due form of the law and had to wit:

13 PRESENT – 3 ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion with Hon. Gary Byers seconding to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting.

ON ROLE CALL VOTE 13 VOTED AYE, 0 VOTED NAY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion with Hon. Johnny Weems seconding to approve the revised agenda with 2 items being removed: (1) Old Tannery Hazardous Waste Property and (2) Public Hearing and Resolution on Rezoning Tax Parcel 0008.00 Map 009.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

Hon. Elvis White made a motion and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded to approve the list of notaries.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

RECOGNITION

Mayor Sain and Commission recognized the family of Phyllis Naylor by presenting them with a Resolution Honoring Phyllis Naylor. This resolution requests from the Tennessee General Assembly and Governor Bill Lee to join in honoring Phyllis Naylor by naming Highway 125 North bridge in Silerton, TN the “Phyllis Hopper Naylor Memorial Bridge”. The family humbly accepted the resolution, and Mr. Naylor thanked the Commission and let them know that he is able to see the bridge out of his front window.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, DIRECTOR CHRISTY SMITH

Dr. Christy Smith was unable to attend the meeting, so Lisa Higgs presented two budget amendments to the commission for approval:

(1) Debit from Fund Balance (141-39000) credit to Transfers to Other Funds (141-99100-590) in the amount of \$12,496.38

Hon. Justin Howell made a motion with Hon. Elvis White seconding to approve the amendment.

ON ROLE CALL VOTE 13 VOTED AYE, 0 VOTED NAY

(2) A debit and credit in the amount of \$56,064.00 to meet the district’s MOE for the current fiscal year

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion with Hon. Johnny Weems seconding to approve the amendment.

ON ROLE CALL VOTE 13 VOTED AYE, 0 VOTED NAY

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT

Superintendent, Casey Swift had no business to bring before the commission, but entertained questions from commissioners on ongoing projects throughout the county.

EMS – DIRECTOR JAMIE BURNETT

Director, Jamie Burnett was unable to attend the meeting, but three EMS employees, Troy Dempsey, Asst. Director Kayla Fowler, and Hunter Clutter updated the commission on a \$12,500 grant they obtained from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This grant will provide funding for a First Responder Program which is scheduled to begin on May 9th, 2022. They expect 20-25 people to enlist in the program. There are currently 4 Emergency Medical Responders in Hardeman County.

The ambulance service averaged 300 calls in the month of February, which included 12 Mutual-Aid calls for the City of Bolivar, and 3 Mutual-Aid Calls for Fayette County. The new Middleton Sub-Station which opened on March 11, 2022 is averaging around 2-3 calls per day.

LANDFILL – STEVEN GRAVES

Interim Landfill Director, Steven Graves was unable to attend the meeting, but the commission was presented with a February 2022 tonnage report which included tonnages from each of the Convenient Centers throughout the County. Also given to the commission was an inventory list consisting of how many compactors and boxes are located at each of the Convenient Centers and a new schedule with dates and times for each of the centers

Pat Harcourt, representing A2H, the Engineering Company overseeing the Landfill repairs, has submitted an Operational Plan to TDEC for final approval. There were a few minor issues found during the inspection, and repair on them is underway. They have received TDEC's Director's Order and Assessment, and have been continuously working through the findings that were made.

Mayor Sain informed the commission that Hardeman County has filed an appeal regarding the Director's Order due to partially inaccurate and incomplete information in the findings.

DRY FIRE HYDRANTS

Mayor Jimmy Sain explained to the commission that fighting fires in rural parts of the county has been a problem for years. A dry fire hydrant is created by breaching a levy, and installing a pipe that runs from a body of water up through the ground to a connection that fire trucks can hook up to. Having dry fire hydrants throughout the county will provide convenient, necessary water sources for our fire trucks.

The first dry fire hydrant has been installed in the county. The landowner, Ronald Plunk, has signed a release and contract for 20 years with Hardeman County for use of the property. Silerton Fire Chief Mathew Hill, who has installed the dry hydrant, is requesting that the county reimburse him for his out-of-pocket expenses on the project.

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion with Hon. Russell DeBerry seconding to approve reimbursement for up to \$3,000 to cover the expenses incurred to install the dry fire hydrant.

ON ROLE CALL VOTE 13 VOTED AYE, 0 VOTED NAY

BROADBAND RESOLUTION

Mayor Jimmy Sain explained to the Commission that Bolivar Electric Authority requested a resolution from Hardeman County allocating American Rescue Plan funds to support broadband in the area. The resolution that was drafted does not

contain a specific monetary amount, but allows the commission to decide how much to dedicate to the project at a later date.

Hon. Justin Howell made a motion with Hon. Gary Barber seconding to approve the resolution.

ON ROLE CALL VOTE 13 VOTED AYE, 0 VOTED NAY

SOLAR FARM ZONING APPROVALS

Mayor Jimmy Sain informed the commission that there had been some recent movement on Solar Farms entering Hardeman County, and he believed that the county needed to adopt more regulations in regards to Solar Farms' long-term effects. As of right now, Solar Farms entering the county into land already zoned FAR do not need commission approval. He believes that Southwest Tennessee Development District will create a set of regulations that all of the counties under their jurisdiction can adopt.

Mayor Sain entertained a motion to put a 30-day temporary hold on Zoning Appeals meetings in order to provide time to research the issue and come out with regulations regarding Solar Farms.

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion with Hon. Russell DeBerry seconding to approve the 30-day temporary hold on Zoning Appeals meetings.

Hon. Elvis White questioned the motion, saying that the commission should instead opt for a 6-month moratorium.

Hon. Chandra Lake made a motion with Hon. Elvis White seconding to table the motion on approving the 30-day temporary hold on Zoning Appeals meetings.

ON ROLE CALL VOTE 2 VOTED AYE- Lake & White, 11 VOTED NAY

On the motion to put a 30-day temporary hold on Zoning Appeals meetings:

ON ROLE CALL VOTE 11 VOTED AYE, 2 VOTED NAY- Lake & White

COUNTY MAYOR – FINANCIAL UPDATE, BOARD APPOINTMENTS, BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mayor Jimmy Sain recommended to appoint Andy Shelton and Mike Fawcett to the Regional Planning Commission.

Hon. Elvis White made a motion with Hon. Mark Gilliam seconding to approve said recommendation.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

Mayor Jimmy Sain presented a list of vehicles from the Sheriff's Department to be removed as inventory.

Hon. Russell DeBerry made a motion with Hon. Wright seconding to approve the request.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

Mayor Jimmy Sain presented the commission with an updated American Rescue Plan expense report consisting of spent, obligated, and remaining funds.

Next, Mayor Sain presented thirteen (14) budget amendments as follows:

(1) Sheriff's Department Debit Fund Balance (39000) \$8,937.15 and credit Communications (54110-307) \$8,937.15

- Sheriff's Department debit Fund Balance (39000) \$58,832 and credit Gasoline (54110-425) \$58,832
- Workhouse debit Guards Pay (54220-160) and credit Overtime Pay (54220-187) for \$5,000

- Sheriff's Department debit Deputies Pay (54110-106) and credit Overtime Pay (54110-187) for \$15,000
- Education Debt Service- debit Fund Balance (39000) and credit Principal on Bonds (82130-601) for \$345,000
- Health Department debit Travel (55160-355) and credit Clerical Personnel (55160-162) for \$400
- General Fund- Debit Transfer In (49800) and credit Fund Balance (39000) for \$69,094
- Drug Fund- Debit Fund Balance (39000) and credit Transfers to Other Funds (99100-590) \$69,094
- Airport- Debit Fund Balance (39000) \$87,500 and Airport Improvement- Design Grant (58220-702-TERM) \$6,000 and credit Airport Improvement- Construction Grant (58220-702-TERMC) \$93,500
- Health Department debit Fund Balance (39000) and credit Building Improvements- Interior/Roof Renovation (55110-707-HDRNO) for \$449,470
- Civil Defense debit Fund Balance (39000) and credit Motor Vehicles (54410-718-HLSEC) \$31,050
- American Rescue Plan Act Grant #6 Debiting: Maintenance and Repair Services- Building (58806-335) \$100,000, Other Supplies and Materials (58806-499) \$100,000, Other Charges (58806-599) \$1,732,834.50, Motor Vehicles (58806-718) \$500,000 and crediting Bonus Payments (58836-188) \$231,525, Social Security (58836-201) \$14,354.55, Unemployment (58836-210) \$12.15, Medicare (58836-212) \$3,357.08, Maintenance and Repair Building (58836-335) \$15,000, Other supplies and Materials (58836-499) \$17,834.50, Other Charges (58836-599) \$1,750,751.22, and Motor Vehicles (58836-718) \$400,000 for a total debit and credit of \$2,432,834.50
- Other Emergency Management (911 Dispatch) debit Contracts with other agencies (54490-309) \$9,269.83 and credit Dispatchers/Radio Operators (54490-148) \$1,448.38, Social Security (54490-201) \$105.63, State Retirement (54490-204) \$10.10, Employee and Dependent Ins (54490-205) \$7,681.01, and Employee Medicare (54490-212) \$24.71
- EMS (55130) debiting Assistants (103) \$27,000, Attendants (164) \$120,000, Maint & Repair- BLDG (335) \$1,500, Maint & Repair- Equip (336) \$2,000, Maint & Repair-Vehicle (338) \$20,000, Postal Charges (348) \$1,000, Travel (355) \$500, Uniform (451) \$3,000, Other Charges (599) \$1,000, Other Equipment (790) \$7,500, and crediting Overtime Pay (187) \$167,300, Custodial Supplies (410) \$1,200, and Drugs and Med Supplies (413) for \$15,000. For a total debit and credit of \$183,500

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion with Hon. Johnny Weems seconding to approve said budget amendments.

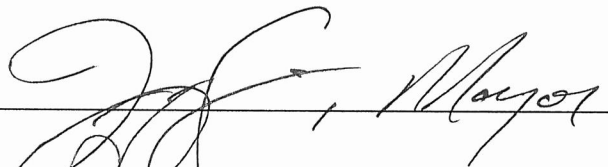
ON ROLL CALL VOTE 12 VOTED AYE, 1 VOTED NAY- White

ADJOURN

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting to be April 19, 2022.

COUNTY MAYOR



COUNTY CLERK

