

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE BODY APRIL TERM  
April 27, 2021**

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Hon. Jimmy Sain, County Mayor, was present and presiding, and a quorum of Commissioners, namely, Hon. Gary Barber, Hon. Chris Bell, Hon. Russell Deberry, Hon. Mark Gilliam, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Justin Howell, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Johnny M. Lanier, Hon. Mike Madden, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. Mac Vaughn, Hon. John Vickers, Hon. Johnny Weems, Hon. Elvis White and Hon. Bobby Wright. Hon. Viscen Morrow was absent. County Attorney, Justin Reynolds and County Clerk, Jerry Armstrong were present and the meeting was opened in due form of the law and had to wit:

15 PRESENT – 1 ABSENT

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion and Hon. Russell Deberry seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 16, 2021.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES**

Hon. Elvis White made a motion and Hon. John Vickers seconded to approve the list of notaries.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

**RECOGNITION**

Mayor, Jimmy Sain recognized Blake and Natalie Sowder for their industrial investments in Hardeman County and gave them a plaque.

Mayor, Jimmy Sain also recognized Mr. Gary Cox for his outstanding community service and gave him a plaque also.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT**

Superintendent Casey Swift presented a letter of recommendation that states Xcavators, Inc., of Faulkner, Mississippi be awarded the contract in the base bid amount of \$526,404.50 for the bridge on Old Highway 64.

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion and Hon. Justin Howell seconded to approve said recommendation.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE 15 VOTED AYE, 0 VOTED NAY

**TN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Mr. David Arnold, Executive Director of the Division of Forestry spoke regarding Tennessee's Forestry and Forest Industry.

Mr. Neal Owens, Forest Product Business Consultant for TN Department of Agriculture spoke regarding wood and wood products being crucial to our economy.

Mr. Kevin Crane, Environmental Health and Safety Inspector spoke regarding charcoal plant and answered questions regarding the Hatchie River Basin.



## **TN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**

Mr. Drewery Collins with the TN Department of Environment and Conservation spoke regarding the permits and procedures that would take place if the Zoning Resolution was approved.

Ms. Joell Brazil, Manager of the Division of Water Resources, spoke regarding the application and requirements for the construction of the facility.

### **ZONING RESOLUTION #42721**

Hon. Mike Madden made a motion and Hon. Chris Bell seconded to adjourn to Public Hearing.

### **CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

After several people spoke on the matter, Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion and Hon. Gary Barber seconded to reconvene to Executive Session.

### **CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

Mayor Jimmy Sain presented Resolution #42721 amending the official zoning map of Hardeman County, Tennessee, to rezone Tax Parcel 008.00, Hardeman County Tax Map 009 located on Tennessee State Route 138 from FAR ( Forestry Agriculture Residential) to I-2 (Restricted Industrial).

Hon. Russell Deberry made a motion and Hon. Chris Bell seconded to approve said Zoning Resolution #42721.

After discussion, County Attorney Justin Reynolds recommended to have an Attorney/Client Privilege meeting.

Hon. Justin Howell made a motion and Hon. Jackie Sain seconded to adjourn to Attorney/Client Privilege meeting.

Hon. John Vickers made a motion and Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded to reconvene to Executive Session.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE 11 VOTED AYE, 4 VOTED NAY

### **COUNTY MAYOR – FINANCIAL UPDATE, BOARD APPOINTMENTS, BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Mayor Jimmy Sain presented bids for the HVAC upgrades for the Courthouse and made a recommendation to let S.M. Lawrence do the work for the amount of \$700,000.00.

Hon. Mike Madden made a motion and Hon. Jackie Sain seconded to approve said recommendation.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE 15 VOTED AYE, 0 VOTED NAY

Mayor Jimmy Sain recommended to surplus EMS radios that weren't being used anymore. Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion and Hon. Chris Bell seconded to approve said surplus.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE 15 VOTED AYE, 0 VOTED NAY

Mayor, Jimmy Sain informed the Commission that a settlement was determined during Mediation for the ongoing lawsuit between Sheriff, John Doolen and Hardeman County. He also asked the Commission if they wanted to resolve said settlement. Hon. Chris Bell made a motion and Hon. Bobby Hensley seconded to waive the agenda.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE 9 VOTED AYE, 6 VOTED NAY



Ms. Amber Shaw explained that one of the things they agreed on was for the Sheriff to purchase a time clock system.

Hon. Chandra Lake made a motion and Hon. Bobby Wright seconded to approve the purchase of a time clock system for the Sheriff's Department.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE 15 VOTED AYE, 0 VOTED NAY

Ms. Amber Shaw also discussed the options on how to handle the Attorney fees for Mr. Roy Herron. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion and Hon. Mike Madden seconded to approve the \$366,175.00 for Attorney fees generated by the Sheriff Department for Mr. Roy Herron to be paid out of the Sheriff's funds.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE 14 VOTED AYE, 1 VOTED NAY

Hon. Mike Madden stated that due to health issues this would be his last County Commission meeting and that it has been a pleasure being able to serve his County.

**ADJOURN**

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion and Hon. Chris Bell seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting to be May 18, 2021.

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

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