

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY NOVEMBER TERM
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 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 February, 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 Weems made a motion to approve the minutes for January 21, 2025. Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded the motion to approve the minutes for January 21, 2025.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to approve the notaries for January 21, 2025 regular minutes and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded to approve the list of notaries.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

PUBLIC FORUM

Andy Shelton

RESOLUTION REAPPRAISAL CYCLE – ASSESSOR JOSH PULSE, COMPTROLLER JAMES MUMPOWER (VIA ZOOM), & JOE GRIFFIN (CTAS)

Joe Griffin with CTAS informed the Commission that a law passed July 20, 2024 that allows the reappraisal term to change. Josh said that he would like to go from a 5 year term to a four year term. Property owners will benefit with going from a 5 year reappraisal cycle to a 4 year reappraisal cycle. As of now the county is at 20% under what property is valued at now. Comptroller James Mumpower strongly agrees to move the reappraisal cycle from 5 years to 4 years. He also stated that he hopes he will see the county move to an even closer reappraisal cycle to be more accurate when it comes to keeping up with the property value. Hon. Lanier explained that where as if we stay on a 5 year reappraisal and taxes go up \$110, if we were on a 4 year reappraisal it may only be \$70. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept the Resolution Reappraisal. Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

16 AYE 0 NAY

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT

Superintendent Swift brought forth a budget amendment to be approved by the commission. Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to accept the budget amendment for the highway department and Hon. Russell Deberry seconded the motion.

Casey brought forth a surplus list to be approved that will be sold at the auction held on April 26, 2025. The auction will be open to the public. Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion to accept the surplus list and for them to be sold at the auction. Hon. Chandra Lake seconded the motion.

The work proposal and quarterly report were brought forth for approval for January, February, and March 2025. Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion to accept the work proposal and quarterly report. Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – CHAIRMAN BRAD GRANTHAM

Hon. Brad Grantham brought forth a positive recommendation to appoint Debra Carrier to the Historical Committee. They are in need of someone to help with the Archive Building because the two ladies that were helping are of age and are unable to attend to it any longer. Hon. Grantham said he feels that she is a great candidate. Hon. Johnny Lanier made the motion to accept the Debra Carrier on to the Historical Committee. Hon. Russell Deberry seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

AIRPORT COMMITTEE – HON. BRAD GRANTHAM

Hon. Grantham informed the Commission that the Airport Committee wants to change the exterior facade of the airport terminal. Chairman Kathy Ledbetter spoke on the reason for this change. She says that the plans are duplicates of Fayette County. If you were to fly over both terminals they would look exactly alike. (See attached for photos of the plans) Hon. Russell Deberry made the motion to accept the restructuring of the exterior of the airport terminal. Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COMMISSIONER JOHNNY LANIER

There are 27 budget amendments total. The Budget Committee approved budget amendments 1 – 12 with no need to come before the Commission. Budget amendments 13-15 and 17-27 need to be approved. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to approve budget amendments 13-15 and 17-27. Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

16 AYE 0 NAY

Hon. Jackie Sain suggested voting on budget amendment #16 independently. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to table budget amendment 16. Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

1. County Clerk's Office (See Attached)
2. Election Commission (See Attached)
3. County Buildings (See Attached)
4. Other Facilities (See Attached)
5. Reappraisal Program (See Attached)

6. Juvenile Court (See Attached)
7. Development (See Attached)
8. Chancery Court (See Attached)
9. Animal Control (See Attached)
10. Soil Conservation (See Attached)
11. Miscellaneous (See Attached)
12. County Building (See Attached)
13. Workhouse (See Attached)
14. Circuit Court (See Attached)
15. County Clerk (See Attached)
16. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (See Attached, TABLED)
17. Mayor's Office (See Attached)
18. County Trustee's Office (See Attached)
19. Health Department (See Attached)
20. Other Public Safety (See Attached)
21. Reappraisal Program (See Attached)
22. Ambulance Department (See Attached)
23. Juvenile Court (See Attached)
24. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (See Attached)
25. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (See Attached)
26. Sheriff's Dept. (See Attached)
27. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (See Attached)

LANDFILL CONVENIENT CENTERS – HON. JEFF KENNAMORE

Hon. Johnny Lanier stated that the request to increase the Convenient Center pay to \$12 was not in the budget for this year. After Mrs. Linda Ernest looking met with Steven Graves to discuss the budget, there was only enough in the budget to increase their pay to \$10.50. Hon. Bethany Miller made the motion to approve the pay increase to \$10.50 and Hon. Russell Deberry seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE
16 AYE 0 NAY**

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 02-01-2025 Four Year Appraisal Cycle (See Attached). Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to except the resolution and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion.
2. Resolution 02-02-2025 Real Estate Transfer Tax (See Attached) Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to accept this resolution and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.
3. Resolution CDBG (See Attached)
4. Resolution Delinquent Tax Sale of 2022 Tax Property (See Attached)
Hon. Johnny Vickers made a motion to accept the resolution and Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

911 BOARD – MAYOR PULSE

Mayor Pulse presented Whiteville's Mayor, Gean Bowden's nomination for the available chair on the 911 Board. Mayor Bowden nominated Sergeant Desmond Wilkes. Hon. Wright made a motion to accept Sergeant Desmond Wilkes to the 911 Board. Hon. Chandra Lake seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

PLANNING COMMITTEE & BZA BOARD – MAYOR PULSE

Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion to bring the Planning Committee & BZA Board appointments off the table. Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion.

Hon. Cory Bufford made a motion to re-appoint Mrs. Mary Ann Polk to the Planning Committee. Hon. Joe Jenkins seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

Hon. Cory Bufford made a motion to re-appoint Mrs. Debra Griffin to the BZA Board. Hon. Joe Jenkins seconded the motion. Hon. Bobby Wright asked for roll call vote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE
15 AYE 0 NAY**

Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion to nominate Mike Mitchell to the BZA Board. Hon. Russell Deberry seconded the motion.

Hon. John Vickers made a motion to nominate Jimmy Simpson to the BZA Board. Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

Hon. Michion Gatlin made a motion to cease nominations and Hon. Russell Deberry seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE
MITCHELL 6 SIMPSON 10**

Jimmy Simpson won the vote 10 to 6. He is now assigned to the BZA Board.

LAWSIITE UPDATE – ATTORNEY DALE CONDER

See attached

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

ADJOURN

Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to adjourn and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

The next meeting is to be held March 18, 2025.

COUNTY MAYOR 

COUNTY CLERK 