

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY NOVEMBER TERM
REGULAR SESSION NOVEMBER 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 November, 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. 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. Jackie Sain, Hon. Johnny Weems and Hon. Bobby Wright were present. Hon. Michion Gatlin, Hon. John Vickers, and Attorney Dale Conder, Jr., were absent. County Clerk, Tonet Griggs, was present, and the meeting was opened in due form of the law and had to wit:

14 PRESENT 2 ABSENT

PUBLIC FORUM

No citizens signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Hon. Jackie Sain and seconded by Hon. Bobby Wright to approve the October 21, 2025, minutes.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

A motion was made by Hon. Mark Gilliam and seconded by Hon. Bethany Miller to approve the list of notaries.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICIALS

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: The renewal of terms for two members was approved. A motion to approve was made by Hon. Johnny Weems and seconded by Jackie Sain.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Casey Swift presented a quarterly report, a work proposal, and a budget amendment.

- Report & Work Proposal: A motion to approve the report and work proposal was made by Bethany Miller, seconded by Johnny Weems.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

- Budget Amendment: Amendment to correct an underestimate and avoid losing state money. Motion to approve by Mark Gilliam, seconded by Russell DeBerry.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Budget Amendments 1 through 4 were motioned for approval by Johnny Lanier, seconded by Jackie Sain. Budget Amendments 5 and 6 were motioned by Hon. Bobby Wright, and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

14 AYE 0 NAY

1. (See Attached)
2. (See Attached)
3. (See Attached)
4. (See Attached)
5. (See Attached)
6. (See Attached)
7. (See Attached)

NEW BUSINESS

INDUSTRIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The commission approved to reappoint Gerald Shelton, Russell Shelton, Barrett Stevens, and Winfred Ray. Christina Korling-Torres to fill the unexpired term for Billy Clayton, who was on a 6-year term. The unexpired term will end in November 2028. Motion to approve was made by Hon. Russell DeBerry, seconded by Johnny Weems.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SURPLUS PROPERTY: A motion to surplus a commercial washer and other items was made by Mark Gilliam and seconded by Johnny Weems.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL): Command Sergeant Major Spencer requested the naming of a bridge over Clear Creek on Murphy Lane in Whiteville, TN, in honor of Sergeant Tyrone Allen. A motion to name the bridge in Sergeant Allen's honor was made by Chandra Lake, seconded by Jeff Kennamore.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

MAYOR'S REPORT

GRANT UPDATES: The CBD Grant has been approved, and the procurement process will commence shortly.

THREE-STAR GRANT was approved for AEDs and a retrofit lift for an ambulance, with a second round planned to request a heart monitor and additional AEDs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: November was recognized as Alzheimer's Awareness Month and Men's Health Month. A proclamation signing and a ribbon cutting at the Health Department are scheduled for the following week.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: Noted a drop in the unemployment rate from 6.3% to 5.1%.

LAWSUIT UPDATE (PERRY VS. HARDEMAN COUNTY): The lawsuit concerning leave bank and comp time calculations is ongoing, with attorneys asked to resolve the issues in a timely manner.

FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION: Commissioner Wright shared an expression of gratitude from a constituent for the swift, professional, and courteous service of 911, EMS, and the Sheriffs and Police Departments.

RESCUE SQUAD VEHICLE: An inquiry about a pickup truck at the EMS building for the rescue squad was raised. The mayor advised that the vehicle is now in use by EMS, and the commission will need to look into an alternative solution for the rescue squad.

ADJOURN

Hon. Russell DeBerry made a motion, and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held January 20, 2026.

COUNTY MAYOR



COUNTY CLERK

