

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY NOVEMBER TERM
REGULAR SESSION
November 15th, 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 the City of Bolivar, on the 15th day of November, 2022 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. Brad Grantham, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Jeff Kennamore, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Johnny M. Lanier, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Thomas Polk, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, Hon. Johnny Weems and Hon. Bobby Wright were present and Hon. Mark Gilliam was absent. 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:

15 PRESENT 1 ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was an error that was in need of a correction for the October minutes. Hon. Johnny Lanier made a motion and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 18th, 2022.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

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

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPOINTMENTS/COMMITTEE

Industrial Board Members

Mayor Pulse presented the package with his recommendations for the Industrial Board Members to be approved by the commissions. There are staggered terms for this board. The terms are two years, four years, and six years. Hon. Jackie Sain asked how many of his recommendations are existing members? Hon. Mayor Pulse proceeded to name Winfred Ray (2 year term), Mike Miller (2 years term), and Ricky Ayers (2 year term). Hon. Chandra Lake made a recommendation for the existing members to bring resumes out of good faith of the Mayor's decision and then other actions can be taken if needed. Hon Russell Deberry stated that he feels that instead of revisiting it again if they do not agree upon Mayor Pulse's candidates, that all candidate resumes at the same time. Hon. Chandra Lake amended her recommendation to now include other persons whom may be interested can also submit their resumes so there are other options for the Industrial Board Committee and this would allow the County Commissioners to have the best possible candidates for the job. Hon Chandra Lake made the motion and Hon. Thomas Polk seconded.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTY SMITH

No report to be given

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT

Superintendent Casey Swift gave quarterly report. Each commissioner received their own copy. Highway Board is requesting that the speed limit on Union Springs Road/ Hwy 64 in front of Whiteville HCCA back to the highway to be

changed from 45 to 35. Hon. Bethany Miller recommended that they work on enforcing the speed limit and show us we need to change it. Hon. Russell Deberry made motion and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

EMS - DIRECTOR JAMIE BURNETT

No Report to be given

ASSESSOR OF PROPERTIES JOSH PULSE

Josh Pulse stated that they have had about roughly 1100 deeds come through the office this year and are looking at about 1300 possibly by year end. The sales price compared to the value that we have is tremendously higher. We have a reappraisal in 2023. The reason for the reappraisal is to bring our values up to market value. Each county has a four, five, or six year cycle. We are currently on a five year cycle.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT - DOOLEN

The litter grant is up and running going well. They have picked up 2860 lbs of garbage collected in two days. The inmates work from 7:30am to 2pm. They had to get the vehicle up and running and also hire someone before they could get started.

LANDFILL- STEVEN GRAVES

Inspector Zack came out on October 31. The findings and violations are pretty much the same. He was happy with what he seen and he will be back after Thanksgiving. Steven invited the County Commissioners to come out and meet Zack.

ZONING - JIM PIERCE

Jim Pierce stated there have been nine permits issued out of office. There has been one appeal and it has been resolved. Animal control has had seventy- two calls and twenty-six canines have been picked up. In the month of November there have been thirty-six calls, thirty-six dispatches and nine pickups.

Jim Pierce talked about a resolution to address slaughter houses. The resolution recommended by the committee states the difference between a commercial and custom slaughter house along with rules and regulations for each. Hon. Brad Grantham made the motion accepting the resolution and Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

They have a request in for a workshop with two solar companies the week of December 15th. The public announcement comes through the meeting and does not have to be publicized through the County Commissioners' meeting. Jim Pierce also stated that we need an idea of what we want and is in need of a growth plan.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

The Committee on November 3rd and the next meeting will be on December 8, 2022. The issue at the moment is that the contract we have with C&P has been rolling over since 2014/2015 (this is a 12 month contract) and this contract does not reflect the economy as is now and they have been submitting fuel bills. Looking at the contract there is no stipulation for submitting fuel bills. After consulting with the county attorney Att. Dale Conner Jr. it was confirmed that the contract can be amended to accommodate the added fuel cost. Mr. Howell from

C&P has been asked to attend the meeting with the committee so that they can come to an agreement that satisfies both parties.

LIBRARY - JOHNNY WEEMS

The Hardeman County Library is funded by 52% county, 48% from the city of Bolivar. Hon. Johnny Weems gave his number report. They meet 1st Thursday of every month. The library is thriving.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE – BRAD GRANTHAM

Hon. Brad Grantham said that they meet twice last week. The committee meetings were for advertisement and the discussion of the new terminal and the overall plan for the new terminal. Tennessee Aeronautics came on Wed November 16th to help put the plan in place.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE – BETHANY MILLER

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS /AMENDMENTS

Hon. Bobby Wright announced how the Christmas bonus will be issued out this year. Full-time are to receive \$55 per month of employment and part-time are to receive \$25 per month of employment. Employees that have been working a full year are to receive \$660 for the total year. The bonus is to be issued December 02, 2022. Hon. Bethany Miller made motion and Hon. Thomas Polk seconded.

15 Aye 0 Nay

Board of Education Superintendent Christy Smith requested a budget amendment. Requesting \$120,000 from fund balance to federal funds, this is for the 25% match of the \$550,000 dollar federal grant. **SEE ATTACHED** Hon. Johnny Lanier made motion and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded.

12 Aye 0 Nay 3 Abstain

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Hon Bobby Wright presented an amendment to debit \$482,864.86 and move \$85,285.00 to bonus payment, \$5,287.67 to employer social security, \$7,398.16 to Employer state retirement (TCRS), \$50 goes to employer unemployment, \$1,236.63 goes to employer Medicare, \$346,348.63 goes to other charges and \$19258.77 goes to highway department bonus payments, and employer taxes plus TCRS. Hon. Johnny Lanier made motion for it to be accepted and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded the motion. **SEE ATTACHED**

Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (Drug Fund) requested a debit from drug fund of \$723,844.00 to be credited to cover for the vehicle cost of the 2 of the 5 new vehicles that has already been approved. **SEE ATTACHED**

Hardeman County Workhouse requested an amendment. A request for \$130,474.00 is to be debited from fund balance and credited to other charges. Hon. Johnny Lanier made motion for the amendment to be accepted and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion. **SEE ATTACHED**

15 Aye 0 Nay

Litter Grant program (Hardeman Co. Sherriff Dept.) They have requested that \$6686.86 be moved from Employee and Dependent Ins to \$3,686.86 to maintenance and Repair-vehicle, and \$3,000 to Gasoline. **SEE ATTACHED** Hon. Johnny Lanier made motion and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded.

15 Aye 0 Nay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be January 17, 2023.

ADJOURN

Hon. Johnny Weems made motion Hon. Russell Deberry seconded.

COUNTY MAYOR Todd Fulse

COUNTY CLERK Janet Grigg