

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY JULY TERM
REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 17, 2023**

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 October 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. Mark Gilliam, Hon. Brad Grantham, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Jeff Kennamore, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, Hon. Johnny Weems and Hon. Bobby Wright were present and Hon. Russell Deberry, Hon. Johnny Lanier and Hon. Thomas Polk 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:

13 PRESENT 3 ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion and Hon. Bobby Hensley seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 19, 2023. Hon. Bobby Wright mentioned that he previously made motion at the September County Commission meeting to table taking over the Grand Junction Planning and Zoning Committee. Hon. Bobby voted to amend the October Agenda to speak on this matter as well as correcting the previous meeting minutes. Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion. Mayor Curtis Lane was asked to speak and he asked that the assistance with planning and zoning be tabled and given at least 30 more days until he can get back with the Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 13 AYE 0 NAY

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

No notaries

ELECT CHAIR/CHAIR PRO-TEM

Hon. John Vickers made a motion to elect Hon. Johnny Lanier as elect chair. There was no second to this movement and the motion failed. Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion to nominate Hon. Todd Pulse and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion. Hon. Todd Pulse received and accepted the nomination.

Hon. Chandra Lake made a motion to elect Hon. Johnny Lanier as Vice Chair and Hon John Vickers seconded the motion. Hon. Todd Pulse received and accepted the nomination for Hon. Johnny Lanier per Hon. Lanier's request.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

PUBLIC FORUM

Gary Barrowclough came before the commission and spoke on the Election Commission building and any pending lawsuits. He stated that we should think about the financial strain it will be putting on the county and that we should resolve these problems as soon as possible to prevent further cost.

PROCLAMATION/BICENTENNIAL -- REPRESENTATIVE JOHNNY SHAW

Representative Johnny Shaw presented a proclamation to the Mayor for 200 hundred years as a county. **(SEE ATTACHED)** Representative Shaw also requested that the county would allow him to use the name Hardeman County to recognize former Commissioner Charles Morrow for his work done. He is looking

at sometime in November. Hon. Chandra Lake made the motion to use the Hardeman County name and Hon. Mark Gilliam seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

SK INNOVATIONS – SHARONDA GREEN

Sharonda Green informs us that they will be employing 2500 of the 6000 jobs that will be located on Blue Oval City between Ford and Blue Oval SK. Blue oval SK function is to supply the battery for the next generation lightning code named T3. At full production they are looking at producing half a million electric cars and by 2030 the company will look at about two million units. They are hiring production operators that start around \$21 per hour, associate maintenance technicians which start at around \$27, and a maintenance technician position which will start out at around \$30 an hour. If you want to apply you can go to www.blueovalsk.com.

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTY SMITH

Dr. Christy Smith reported that early September the county schools are on a level 3, which was something to be proud of because we are at expectations.

ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY – JOSH PULSE

No Report

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT

Casey informed the committee that HWY 125 will be complete in a week. They also received the old health department building through a gift from the City. They will be using it for offices and storages. The old armory has been transitioned into the shop. Shawn Patrick has not gotten back with Casey about HWY 179.

ELECTION COMMISSION – AMBER MOORE

Amber stressed the importance of needing space and being able to secure the paper ballots that are going to be required in the upcoming poll. She does not require anything fancy but she needs it to be secure. Bottom line is that we will be paying an individual or we will be paying a bank.

BUILDING COMMITTEE – HON. DAVID BELL

Commissioner Bell brought forth the Building Committee Report from the meeting held September 28, 2023. (See attached)

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT – DIRECTOR JAMIE BURNETT

As of now they have 21 employees and 4 trucks are on the road. Jamie supplied a report for year-to-date. (SEE ATTACHED)

REGISTER OF DEEDS -- LILY BARNES

No Report.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – SHERIFF DOOLEN

Sheriff Doolen is requesting that some cars be taken out inventory as well as 3 convection ovens to be taken out of inventory. He also presented the litter report and the arrest report. (SEE ATTACHED).

LIBRARY COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN JOHNNY WEEMS

No Report.

EMS COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BETHANY MILLER

No Report.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE -- CHAIRMAN JEFF KENNAMORE

The solid waste committee came with a positive recommendation to charge \$20 dollar per ton for a natural refuse disposal fee. This disposal fee is for the trees, limbs and bushes that are brought out and dropped off to be burned at the wood yard. Hon. David Bell made the motion to accept the \$20 dollar disposal fee and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 13 AYE 0 NAY

The second order of business also came with a positive recommendation to place Director Steven Graves back over the convenience centers. Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion to place Graves back over the convenience centers and Hon. John Vickers seconded the motion.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BRAD GRANTHAM

Darrell Teubner spoke on behalf of the committee. Darrell informed us that the vault that was used was not waterproof. The vault was excavated September 21, 2023 and displayed October 16, 2023 as requested in 1976. There were about 110-115 items recovered. Those items are currently on display in the County Court House as well as some items displayed in a binder folder with pictures. The County will have a Bicentennial Unveiling October 28, 2023 as part of the Barbeque Festival. The Columns, Little Court House, and the lobby of the County Court House will be open in celebration of 200 years as a county.

LAW ENFORCEMENT – CHAIRMAN CORY BUFFORD

Hon. Cory Bufford gave the report for the Law Enforcement Committee. (SEE ATTACHMENT) There are also blocks that need to be replaced because the mortar has deteriorated from around individual blocks, which may cause the wall to collapse and this is a very big safety issue. Someone has already come out to look at it and given a quote.

Sheriff Doolen says that they are lacking three individuals and at this moment does not have an animal control officer. Doolen stated he has been communicating with the previous animal control officer and he wants to come back to work.

BUILDING COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID BELL

School Board Committee needs a formal request from the county to request the parcel so that it can be added for discussion on the school board agenda. Dr. Christy mentioned looking at another sight for comparison as far as pricing. The sight she mentioned was a parcel by Stockdale's.

AMENDMENTS:

1. Airport amendment was not accepted because Hon. Bobby Wright inquired on how we justify giving \$8.95 to one employee and \$12 to another. (SEE ATTACHED)
2. Hardeman County Sheriff's Office (VCIF) (SEE ATTACHED)
3. Workhouse (SEE ATTACHED)
4. Miscellaneous Liability Insurance for Airport (SEE ATTACHED)

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion to accept amendments numbered 2-4 and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 13 AYE 0 NAY

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(SEE ATTACHED)

Hon. Johnny Weems made a motion to accept the committee appointments and Hon. Jackie Sain seconded the motion.

LAWSUIT UPDATE - ATTORNEY DALE CONDER

(SEE ATTACHED)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next meeting is to be held November 21st, 2023.

ADJOURN

Hon. Mark Gilliam made motion to adjourn and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded to adjourn.

COUNTY MAYOR



COUNTY CLERK

