

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY SEPTEMBER TERM
REGULAR SESSION
September 20, 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 20th day of September, 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. Mark Gilliam, 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 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:

16 PRESENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion and Hon. Johnny Lanier seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 16, 2022.

**ON ROLL CALL VOTE; 14 VOTED AYE AND 2 PASS
(BELL/GRANTHAM).**

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES

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

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM

Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion and nominated that the Hon. Todd Pulse will be elected as Chair and Hon. Johnny Vickers seconded the motion. Hon. Jackie Sain motioned that Hon. Todd Pulse be accepted and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded and the Hon. Todd Pulse was accepted as Chair.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

Hon. Chandra Lake made a motion and nomination that the Hon. Johnny Lanier will be elected as Chair Pro Tem and the Hon. Bobby Hensley seconded the motion. Hon. Russell Deberry motioned that Hon. Johnny Lanier be accepted as Chair Pro Tem and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion and the Hon. Johnny Lanier was accepted as Chair Pro Tem.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

APPOINTMENTS/COMMITTEE

There was an error made in listing the appointed members on two of the committees, which omitted Steven Gabick on the Airport committee and Mike Malone on the Ambulance committee.

Hon. Bobby Hensley has replace Chris Bell on the Budget Committee.

EMS – DIRECTOR, JAMIE BURNETT

Director, Jamie Burnett shared with the courts that in the month of August there were approximately 200 runs. Hon. David Bell asked the question since Bolivar has brought an Emergency service to the city how this has affected the County financially and the call volume. Barnett stated that both have probably dropped about 30% but that's not definitely. Director Burnett stated that Hardeman County's salaries are lower that the surrounding counties and most departments

are giving as much as a \$700 sign on bonus. The county does not have any part-time employees at all, which is causing a great problem with the budget.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTY SMITH

Mrs. Lisa Higgs gave an update on the processing and implementing grant, which is focused on Professional Developmental. The professional developmental focuses on the children’s skills such as Auto Body, Auto Mechanics and other skills. The Board of Education has new TCAP teachers. Toone and Hornsby are Reward Schools.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

KIM PARA- CHANCERY CLERK
EUNICE GUDGER- CIRCUIT CLERK
TONET GRIGGS- COUNTY CLERK
LILY BARNES- REGISTER OF DEEDS
SANDY HAMMONS-TRUSTEES
JIM PIERCE – DIRECTOR OF ZONING

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERINTENDENT CASEY SWIFT

Superintendent, Casey Swift gave an updated road list. He gave update on the grant for the paving of Ervin Lane and Old Hwy 64. The project is state funded and the county has to give a 2% match fee standard. Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion that we accept the grant and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

LANDFILL- PAT HARCOURT/STEVEN GRAVES

Darren Grantham stated that there are still a lot of state issues. TDEC was down and they were asked what was needed to get everything complete. One thing was that the landfill has to deal with is the erosion, which is still being worked on and it is looking good. Darren wanted to give a special Andy and Gerald Shelton for help with the erosion.

RESOLUTIONS:

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE- RESOLUTION (22-01)-SEE ATTACHEMENT

Hon. Todd Pulse has set a parliamentary procedure for the County meetings and he would like for the Legislative Body to accept the process. Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion that the Resolution be accepted and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion and the Resolution was accepted.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

COUNTY ATTORNEY- RESOLUTION (22-02)-SEE ATTACHMENT

Hon. Jackie Sain made a motion that Dale Conder, Jr will be accepted as the County’s attorney and Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion. Hon. Johnny Lanier stated that he and other commissioners were disappointed because the Legislative Body did not have an Attorney/Client meeting to get the new commissioners updated. The decision was made that there will be a meeting at 5:00 p.m. October 18, 2022 before the regular meeting. This meeting will include the Legislative Body, Attorneys Amber Shaw and Dale Conder Jr.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 VOTED AYE AND 0 VOTED NAY

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT – RESOLUTION (22-03)-SEE ATTACHMENT

Hon. Todd Pulse would like to have the resolution reinstated. Hon. Bobby Wright made a motion that the Resolution be accepted and Hon. Bethany Miller seconded the motion and the Resolution was accepted.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

LITTER GRANT- RESOLUTION

Hon. Todd Pulse wanted to return the Litter grant back to the Sheriff's Department. Hon. Thomas Polk suggested that the resolution be tabled, because Sheriff Doolen was not available to answer questions that concerned the commissioners, Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion that the Litter Grant Resolution be tabled until the next meeting and Hon. John Lanier seconded the motion and the resolution was accepted to be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

SOUTHWEST TN DEVELOPMENT (TDEC GRANTS/WASTE WATER)

Joe Barker and Melissa Davis were representatives for TDEC were present to inform the legislative body of the vital importance of getting the grant application completed. The application has to be in by November 01st. All monies can be disbursed to any of the municipalities in the county. There were Mayors from each town, which came out and pleaded their cases for the amounts that they desired. Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion that there would be a Special meeting called to discuss the disbursement of the funds to each municipalities and Hon. Thomas Polk seconded the motion. The special called meeting will be September 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 AYE, 0 NAY

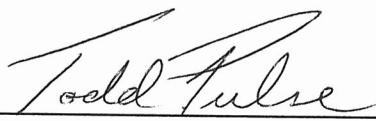
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Johnny Weems stated that the Library had to change Directors due because the present Director, Becky White has some personal issues and can not continue to fulfill the position as of now. Ms. Jessica Phillips has been the Assistant Director and they will just switch positions and salary.

ADJOURN

Hon. Russell Deberry made a motion and Hon. Jackie Sain seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting to be October 18, 2022.

COUNTY MAYOR 

COUNTY CLERK 