



JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Christopher Boedeker
County Judge

Rick Bailey
Commissioner
Precinct 1

Kenny Howell
Commissioner
Precinct 2

Mike White
Commissioner
Precinct 3

Larry Woolley
Commissioner
Precinct 4

**MEETING OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR TERM
JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM. 201
2 N. MAIN ST. CLEBURNE, TEXAS 76033
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 - 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT KNOWN that on the 11th day of September 2023, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, met in Regular Session at the Johnson County Courthouse thereof, in the City of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. (Judge Boedeker stated the time as 9:00 A.M.) with all members present. The following items, having been lawfully posted and filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk on September 7, 2023, at 10:50 A.M., were considered:

INVOCATION

Led by County Judge Christopher Boedeker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**AMERICAN FLAG
TEXAS FLAG**

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA1. Announcements from County Commissioners Regarding County and Precinct Events

Comm. Bailey commented on the wind damage from this weekend's storm.

Comm. Woolley commented that despite the potential of rain, the burn ban would not be lifted immediately.

Comm. Howell also commented on the wind damage and asked for patience during the clean-up process.

Comm. White echoed the other Commissioners' comments and stated that he had half his crew out for eight hours Saturday morning just clearing roadways.

PA2. Presentation of Proclamation POW/MIA Recognition Day

Judge Boedeker read the POW/MIA Recognition Day Proclamation, and then he, along with the other Members of the Court, presented the proclamation to Marty Peters, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

PA3. Update on the Status of the Construction/Renovation of County Buildings by Joshua Green, Facilities Management Director

Facilities Management Director Joshua Green gave a status update on the construction/renovation of county buildings.

Comm. Woolley asked Mr. Green about the status of the flag pole on the Historic Courthouse.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are a part of the Consent Agenda and will be voted on collectively unless opposition is presented in which case the contested item(s) will be heard separately.

TRANSFERRING OF BUDGET SURPLUS FOR FY2023

- CA1.** Jail Medical – Transfer from Fees & Services to Small Tools, Equipment & Supplies-\$24,735.00
- CA2.** SO Jail – Transfer from Prisoner Supplies to Janitorial Supplies-\$10,000.00
- CA3.** Road & Bridge, Pct. 3 – Transfer from Operating Reserve to Fuel, Additives & DEF-\$500.00
- CA4.** Sheriff Admin/Patrol – Transfer from Personnel Salaries to Overtime Compensation-\$20,000.00
- CA5.** JJAEP – Transfer from Food Service & Kitchen Supplies to Curriculum-\$765.00
- CA6.** 18th District Court – Transfers from Dues, Conferences & Training and Other Court Appointed Attorneys to Jury Expense, Fees & Services, Witness Expense, and Misdemeanor Court Appointed Attorneys-\$10,800.00
- CA7.** Sheriff Admin/Patrol – Transfer from Equipment Non-Capital to Small Tools, Equipment & Supplies-\$1,863.00
- CA8.** Public Works – Transfer from Fuels, Additives & DEF to Postage-\$300.00
- CA9.** Facilities Management – Transfer from Building/Property Repair & Maintenance to Small Tools, Equipment & Supplies-\$5,000.00
- CA10.** County Clerk – Transfers from Law Books & Publications and Maintenance of Office Equipment to Fees & Services and Office Supplies & Furnishings-\$2,200.00
- CA11.** Tax Assessor – Transfer from Postage to Mileage Reimbursement-\$300.00
- CA12.** Hamm Creek Park – Transfer from Vehicle & Heavy Machinery Repair & Maintenance to Building/Property Repair & Maintenance-\$200.00

- CA13.** 249th District Court – Transfer from Other Court Appointed Attorneys to Misdemeanor Court Appointed Attorneys-\$3,000.00

REQUEST TO PAY BILLS

- CA14.** Consideration to Pay County Bills for Current Term

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

- CA15.** August 28, 2023 – Regular Session

APPOINTMENTS

- CA16.** James Camp, Grandview Fire Chief as Fire Marshal for the Big Ranch Promotions, LLC Event to be Held on October 15, 2023 at 5224 CR 417, Cleburne, Texas-County Judge’s Office

TRAINING/SEMINARS

- CA17.** Request from the Honorable Mike White, Commissioner, Pct. 3 for Sean Ratliff and Scott Lyles to Attend “Texas Association of County Engineers & Road Administrators Conference”

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- CA18.** Acknowledgement of Receipt of the County Auditor’s Reports to the Commissioners Court
- CA19.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for Budget Year 2023-2024 for the City of Keene with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff’s Office
- CA20.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for Budget Year 2023-2024 for Alvarado ISD with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff’s Office
- CA21.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for Budget Year 2023-2024 for the Alvarado Marshal with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff’s Office
- CA22.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for Budget Year 2023-2024 for the City of Alvarado with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff’s Office
- CA23.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for Budget Year 2023-2024 for Joshua ISD Police Department with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff’s Office
- CA24.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for Budget Year 2023-2024 for Venus ISD Police Department with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff’s Office
- CA25.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Housing City's Class C Misdemeanor Prisoners for Budget Year 2023-2024 with the City of Alvarado with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff’s Office
- CA26.** Consider and Approve of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Housing City's Class C Misdemeanor Prisoners for Budget Year 2023-2024 with the City of Keene with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff’s Office
- CA27.** Consider and Approve Amendment to Communications System Agreement Effective October 1, 2023 for the City of Crowley with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-County Judge's Office

- CA28. Consider and Approve Amendment to Communications System Agreement Effective October 1, 2023 for Joshua ISD with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-County Judge's Office
- CA29. Consider and Approve Amendment to Communications System Agreement Effective October 1, 2023 for CareFlite with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-County Judge's Office
- CA30. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Silent Properties, LLC dba Green Tire Group's Scrap Tire Facility Registration – Notification to Local Authorities-County Judge's Office
- CA31. Acknowledgement of Certificate of Completion of Continuing Education Requirement for the County Tax Assessor-Collector-Tax Office
- CA32. Acknowledgement of the Texas Department of Transportation's Certification of County Road Mileage for Johnson County's 921.9 Miles for 2022-County Judge's Office
- CA33. Consider and Approve **Order 2023-74** – “Order Approving Plat” of **Castillo Addition**, Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, in Precinct 1-Public Works Department
- CA34. Consider and Approve **Order 2023-75** – “Johnson County Jury Selection Plan” with Exhibit A-District Clerk's Office
- CA35. Approve and Ratify Amendment to Claim Administrator/Business Associate Agreement-County Judge's Office
- CA36. Consider and Approve the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract; OAG Contract No. C-01129 with Exhibit A; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-County Judge's Office

Judge Boedeker called attention to the numerous interlocal agreements starting at CA19 for dispatching, housing city Class C misdemeanor violators, and communications systems agreements. He also brought CA32, the Texas Department of Transportation's Certification of County Road Mileage, and CA30, Acknowledgement of Receipt of a Scrap Tire Facility Registration, to the Court's attention. Regarding CA30, Judge Boedeker stated that he wanted to be clear that the Court is not authorizing or approving the application, but simply acknowledging that TCEQ sent the County a copy of the application in the mail.

Comm. Bailey commented in regard to CA32 and stated that as a result of the last legislative session, the report required to be sent to the Comptroller was no longer required, and all that was necessary was for the Commissioners and the Court to keep track of the road miles for themselves and future Courts.

Comm. Woolley commented in regard to CA30 and stated that the plat would probably have to be abandoned. He also noted that the Court does not have regulatory authority over a tire recycling facility other than basic permitting.

Judge Boedeker asked if any item needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda and then called for a motion.

MOTION by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Howell, to approve as presented.

All voted aye; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners Court opened the Public Hearing at 9:17 A.M.

PH1. Public Hearing on Proposed 2023 Tax Rate of **\$0.385000** per \$100 Taxable Valuation

There being no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:18 A.M.

ACTION ITEMS

A1. Consideration to Adopt the Tax Rate for the 2023 Tax Year of **\$0.385000** per \$100 Taxable Valuation

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. Howell, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.385000 per \$100 taxable valuation for the 2023 tax year, which is effectively a 5.12 percent increase in the tax rate.

All voted aye; motion carried.

A2. Consideration of **Order 2023-72** – “Order Setting Tax Rate for the County of Johnson for the 2023 Tax Year and Directing the Assessment and Collection Thereof”-County Judge’s Office

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. Howell, that the property tax rate of Johnson County be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.385000 per \$100 valuation for the 2023 tax year, which is effectively a 5.12 percent increase in the tax rate and to approve Order 2023-72 which sets forth the property tax rate for Johnson County at \$0.385000 per \$100 assessed valuation for the 2023 tax year and sets the General Fund M & O Tax Rate at \$0.328604 per \$100 assessed valuation, the Debt Service Tax Rate at \$0.006396 per \$100 assessed valuation, and the FMLR M & O Tax Rate at \$0.050000 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Comm. Bailey	aye
Comm. Howell	aye
Judge Boedeker	aye
Comm. White	aye
Comm. Woolley	aye

Motion carried.

Comm. Bailey took control of the Court to consider ACTION ITEMS, A3, Consider and Approve Bill Run for Court Appointed Attorney's Fees.

A3. Consider and Approve Bill Run for Court Appointed Attorneys' Fees

MOTION by Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Woolley, to approve.

Comm. Bailey	aye
Comm. Howell	aye
Comm. White	aye
Comm. Woolley	aye
Judge Boedeker	abstained

Motion carried.

Judge Boedeker re-took control of the Court and moved to A4.

A4. Consider and Authorize Purchasing Agent to Advertise for Bids/Proposals

NO ACTION

A5. Consider and Approve **Order 2023-76** - "Order Approving the Johnson County Medical Examiner District Agreement Fiscal Year 2024" with Exhibit A; with Authorization for County Attorney to Sign-County Judge's Office

MOTION by Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Woolley, to approve as presented.

All voted aye; motion carried.

A6. Discuss and Take Any Appropriate Action Necessary to Implement Employee Insurance Plan-County Judge's Office

NO ACTION

A7. Consider and Approve Award of **RFQ 2023-338** for Architectural Services for Johnson County to Robert Durham Architecture and Ranking-Purchasing Department

MOTION by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Bailey, to approve as presented.

All voted aye; motion carried.

A8. Consider and Authorize the Purchasing Agent to Advertise and Request Qualifications for **RFQ 2023-344** Consultant for Law Enforcement Step Program-Purchasing Department

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. White, to approve to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise and request qualifications for RFQ 2023-344 Consultant for Law Enforcement Step Program using ARPA funds to fund.

All voted aye; motion carried.

A9. ***PUBLIC HEARING*** - Consider and Approve **Order 2023-71** – “Order Removing the 3-Way Stop Signs Established by **Order #2019-66** Located at 5500 CR 316, Alvarado, Texas”-Precinct 4

Comm. Woolley presented.

The Commissioners Court opened the Public Hearing at 9:32 A.M.

Chief Saulter, with the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office, presented.

Amber Adams, a representative of Louis Vuitton, addressed the Court and was in support of removing the three-way stop signs.

Neighbors of the Louis Vuitton factory addressed the Court and were in support of removing the three-way stop signs.

There being no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:36 A.M.

MOTION by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Bailey, to approve Order 2023-71 removing those three-way stop signs located at 5500 CR 316 Alvarado Texas.

All voted aye; motion carried.

Comm. Woolley commented that we needed the names of those who gave testimony, referring to the neighbors of the Louis Vuitton factory, for the record.

Ralph and Martha Dean returned to the podium and stated their names for court record.

A10. ***PUBLIC HEARING*** - Consider and Approve **Order 2023-73** – “Order Approving Revision of Plat Pursuant to *Section 232.009 (c-1)* of the Texas Local Government Code” of **Hills of Home, Section 10**, Lot 4, Block 1 to Create Lots 4R-1 and 4R-2, Block 1, in Precinct 1-Public Works Department

Public Works Director Jennifer VanderLaan presented.

The Commissioners Court opened the Public Hearing at 9:39 A.M.

There being no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:39 A.M.

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. Howell, to approve as presented.

All vote aye; motion carried.

A11. Consider and Approve the Updated Commissioners Court Guidelines, Agenda Placement Form, and Travel Approval Form to be Effective Upon Approval-County Judge’s Office

MOTION by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. White, to approve.

All voted aye; motion carried.

A12. Consider and Approve the Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees for 2024 as Required Under Texas Local Government Code *Section 118.131*-County Attorney's Office

MOTION by Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Woolley, to approve as presented.

All voted aye; motion carried.

A1. Consideration to Adopt the Tax Rate for the 2023 Tax Year of **\$0.385000** per \$100 Taxable Valuation

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. Howell, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.385000 per \$100 taxable valuation for the 2023 tax year, which is effectively a 5.12 percent increase in the tax rate.

Comm. Bailey	aye
Comm. Howell	aye
Judge Boedeker	aye
Comm. White	aye
Comm. Woolley	aye

Motion carried.

WORKSHOP

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 9:46 A.M. to discuss WS3.

WS3. Discussion of Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, with Possible Consultation with GrantWorks

WS4. Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Workshop Sessions

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 10:05 A.M. to take action on WS3.

WS3. Discussion of Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, with Possible Consultation with GrantWorks

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. Woolley, to award \$31,300.00 out of the American Recovery Act for the Jump Start Program.

Judge Boedeker commented, for clarification, that it will be contingent upon having a signed agreement prepared by GrantWorks, and he asked Comm. Bailey if he could accept that as his amended motion.

Comm. Bailey responded with a yes, agreeing that was his amended motion.

Comm. Woolley stated that he still seconds.

All voted aye; motion carried.

Judge Boedeker stated that there was one more Workshop Item, WS1. Discussion of Budget and Tax Rate, but that he did not foresee any need to discuss or take action on this item since the Court had adopted a budget and tax rate. He asked the Court if there was anything budget or tax-rate related that needed to be handled.

There was no response from the Court.

Judge Boedeker stated that there would be no action on WS1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court convened in Closed Executive Session at 10:06 A.M. to discuss ES1.

- ES1.** Government Code: *Sec. 551.072* – Deliberation About Real Property, Lot 1R1, Blk 2, Marti-Bentley Subdivision, 411 Marti Drive, Cleburne, Texas 76033
- ES2.** Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Executive Session

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 10:13 A.M. and took no action on ES1.

WORKSHOP

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 10:13 A.M. to discuss WS3.

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The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 10:32 A.M. to take action on WS3.

WS3. Discussion of Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, with Possible Consultation with GrantWorks

MOTION by Comm. Bailey to, earmark a million dollars of the lost revenue to go towards the STEP Program after consultation, if that's the direction we go, and Steve is going to keep up with the numbers, and we will retain those dollars for this purpose.

Judge Boedeker asked if there was a second.

Comm. Howell seconded.

Judge Boedeker stated, to clarify the record, that the motion is to earmark or allocate one million dollars in lost revenue ARPA funding for potential law enforcement increases although that will not be specific line item increases until we take further action on it, but that money will be allocated or earmarked of ARPA funding to pay for law enforcement salary increases.

Personnel Director Randy Gillespie asked if that money could be used to pay salaries because they were previously told they could not.

Comm. Bailey stated that the lost revenue, up to ten million, could be used any way they saw fit.

Comm. White added that it could be used for governmental operations.

Comm. Woolley stated that he had that question as well and that he thought there were stipulations that it could not be used for salaries. He also commented on his position in regard to this proposal and noted his vote would reflect as such.

Comm. Bailey	aye
Comm. Howell	aye
Comm. White	aye
Comm. Woolley	nay
Judge Boedeker	nay

Motion carried.

The Commissioners Court recessed at 10:38 A.M. and reconvened at 1:30 P.M. (Comm. Bailey did not return) and convened directly into Workshop Session to discuss WS2.

WORKSHOP

WS2. Discussion with American Medical Response (AMR) to Provide Contract Status Report on Paramedic Care and Ambulance Services

Judge Boedeker noted, for court record, that Comm. Bailey was absent.

The Commissioners Court recessed at 2:06 P.M. and reconvened at 2:13 P.M.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Commissioners Court adjourned directly from Workshop Session at 2:14 P.M.

Approved by: 
Christopher Boedeker, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF JOHNSON §

I, April Long, Johnson County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for September 11, 2023.



FILED & RECORDED
September 25, 2023
Commissioner Court Minutes


April Long, County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Johnson County, Texas