

JOHNSON COUNTY **COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT KNOWN that on the 24th day of February 2025, 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 9:00 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 February 19, 2025, at 8:28 A.M., were considered:

Judge Boedeker stated for the record that all the Members of the Commissioners Court were present as well as other department heads and elected officials necessary for today's meeting.

INVOCATION

Led by County Judge Christopher Boedeker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA1. Announcements from County Commissioners Regarding County and Precinct Events

Comm. Bailey stated that there was nothing good from Austin and that there seemed to be many problems, but that they would keep fighting the good fight. He added that he cannot express enough the hours it takes during the bill process and that it is not designed to create bills but to kill them. Comm. Bailey stated that going forward, the County Judge and Commissioners Association's legal team was putting in 16 to 18-hour days 7 days a week.

Comm. Woolley agreed and added that not only were the hours long but that he thinks they walked about 7 miles a day and that there are many stairs in the Capital.

Judge Boedeker asked if they had made committee assignments yet.

Comm. Bailey replied with a yes and that committee assignments had begun. He added that they had lost their county affairs and that it is a conglomerate of different things. He noted that they used to have Sarah Eckhardt who was a former Commissioner and County Judge of Travis County and that without her leadership they no longer had that resource of someone who has served in the capacity of the school, city, or county. He stated that at the TAD breakfast last Tuesday morning he and others had a lengthy discussion in regard to Senate Bill 239, that being the bill to eliminate their participation in county associations for all departments. He added that the Sheriff has a legal team that they work with during the session which was the Sheriff's Association and the JP Constable's Association and that any elected position has an association to help navigate through the waters of what affects their offices. He stated that it is a challenge, greater than he has ever seen it, and that hopefully, at the end of the day, they will still be able to function.

Comm. Woolley stated that on a positive note, several of them were able to testify with the Senate Finance Committee last week on the positivity of the County Infrastructure Grant Fund. He added that they have awarded them grant money over the past two sessions and it received a favorable response from the committee chair and committee members on the Senate side.

Comm. Bailey added that some bills are being drafted and that there might be some hope for rural ambulances that will affect 200 counties in the state since they have sponsors on board. He said that counties under 10,000 in population would receive ambulance service, funded 100% by commissioners court in the form of maintenance, hiring of EMTs, staffing, or maintenance issues on outdated ambulances. He stated that would be half a million dollars for counties under 10,000 and \$350,000.00 for counties under 66,750 and in the grand scheme of things that it is huge. Comm. Bailey commented that when people are out on the interstate and something happens they just assume someone is coming, but currently, there might be a three-hour wait. He added that it is a good starting point on that issue. He said that they also have sponsors on the PFAS issues and that Ms. Kerwin is working hard for them.

Comm. Woolley stated that Ms. Kerwin had 20 co-sponsors on House Bill 1674. He added that he thought Senator King would co-sponsor the Senate Bill 886 from Senator Sparks on the Senate side, and that it is getting some traction.

Comm. Bailey agreed with Comm. Woolley and he stated that there is a lot is going on in Austin Texas.

Comm. Woolley stated that on a positive note, he reported that they had some AG youth students from Grandview who participated in the Ag Mechanics contest at the San Antonio Livestock Show and that they brought back \$48,000.00 in scholarship money. He said that some of their county kids were doing some great things at the major show level and were being well rewarded for it and he congratulated them. He added that they had a lot of livestock success and that Kristen would give a report after the shows wrap up in three weeks or so.

Comm. White stated that tomorrow County Road 528 will be closed for the whole day and that no one will be able to get through.

PA2. Update on Status of the Construction/Renovation of County Buildings by Joshua Green, Facilities Management Director

Facilities Management Director Joshua Green presented. He stated that the chimney restoration is completed over at the Guinn Justice Center so that is a big project that they can mark off the list. Mr. Green said that Prime Source Roofing was doing the parapet walls at the Guinn Justice Center over the weekends and that they are going to try to knock out the rest of it starting Monday night and it should be done in the next week or so. He stated that the door access control completion is getting closer, even though they had a small hiccup and that they are just waiting on the switch. He added that everything else was going smoothly.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

Judge Boedeker stated that they have a representative from Constable Precinct 1 to address CA31. He added that CA31 will not be pulled from the Consent Agenda, but that it will be discussed separately.

CA31. Acknowledge Receipt of the FY25, Quarter 1 Audit Reports for Hamm Creek Park; Constable, Pct. 1 (1 Finding); Constable, Pct. 2; Constable, Pct. 3; Constable, Pct. 4; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4; Sheriff's Office Commissary; Sheriff's Office Escrow Account; and Sheriff's Office Inmate Trust Account-Auditor's Office

Sergeant Jimmy Johnson Constable Pct. 1 presented.

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 FY2025

- CA1. Courthouse Security Transfer from Equipment Non-Capital to Construction in Progress-\$5,000.00
- CA2. Non-Departmental Transfers from Health Insurance and Operating Reserve to HSA Employer Contributions, HSA Employer Contributions, HSA Employer Contributions, Software Subscription Costs (SBITAs), Telephone, and Uniforms-\$17,543.00
- CA3. Fire Marshal Transfer from Uniforms to Uniforms-\$300.00
- CA4. Sheriff Admin/Patrol Transfer from Crime Scene Supplies to Small Tools, Equipment & Supplies and Office Supplies & Furnishings-\$1,000.00
- CA5. Facilities Management Transfer from Building/Property Repair & Maintenance to Equipment Non-Capital-\$10,300.00
- CA6. Road & Bridge, Pct. 1 Transfer from Major Bridge/Culvert Projects to Equipment Capital-\$40,000.00
- CA7. Courthouse Security Transfer from Small Equipment Repair & Maintenance to Construction in Progress-\$4,000.00
- CA8. Constable, Pct. 4 Transfer from Equipment Capital to Software Subscription Cost (SBITAs) and Equipment Lease-\$2,790.00

CA9. Non-Departmental – Transfer from Operating Reserve to Maintenance of Office Equipment-\$850.00

REQUEST TO PAY BILLS

CA10. Consider and Approve to Pay County Bills for Current Term

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

- CA11 January 27, 2025 Regular Session
- CA12. February 11, 2025 Special Session

MEMORANDUMS OF DONATION

CA13. Five Boxes of Records Regarding the City of Joshua to Include Newspapers, Photos, and Documents; from Alice Holloway, with the City of Joshua to the Johnson County Historical Commission; Historical Value Only

TRAINING/SEMINARS

- **CA14.** Request from Randy Gillespie, Personnel Director for Himself and Chris Brooks to Attend "2025 County Management and Risk Conference"
- CA15. Request from Lance Anderson, Purchasing Agent for Libby Chandler and Kristin Slauson to Attend "Summer Session 2025 Public Purchasing Seminar"
- **CA16.** Request from the Honorable Robert Shaw, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 for Himself to Attend "2025 Education & Technology 10-Hour Seminar"
- CA17. Request from the Honorable Matt Wylie, Constable, Pct. 1 for Himself, Jimmy Johnson, and Michael Smith to Attend "Texas Environmental Law Enforcement Association 2025 Conference"
- CA18. Request from Steve Watson, County Auditor for Himself, Jennifer Lyon, Barbara Abdalla, and Mark Graham to Attend "67th Annual V.G. Young Auditors Institute"
- CA19. Request from Steve Watson, County Auditor for Laura Darby to Attend "89th Post-Legislative and Budget Conference"
- CA20. Request from the Honorable Sydney Hewlett, 18th District Court for Teresa Steed to Attend "2025 Court Professionals Conference"
- CA21. Request from Steve Gant, Juvenile Services Director for Himself to Attend "89th Post-Legislative and Budget Conference"
- CA22. Request from Steve Gant, Juvenile Services Director for Barbie Mena to Attend "2025 Texas Gang Investigators Conference"
- CA23. Request from Lance Anderson, Purchasing Agent for Kristi Shaw to Attend "Texas Association of Counties 2025 County Management & Risk Conference"
- CA24. Request from the Honorable Rick Bailey, Commissioner, Pct. 1 for Himself to Attend "2025 Legislative Conference"
- CA25. Request from Joy Adams, Elections Administrator for Theresa Gonzalez to Attend "Texas Association of Counties County Elections Academy"
- CA26. Request from the Honorable Adam King, Sheriff for Damien Bethell, Charles Jenkins, Lanny Boone, Andrew Riggs, Clint McDaniel, Michael Stevens, and Ryan Gehab to Attend "2025 Texas Tactical Police Officers Association Conference"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CA27. Acknowledge Receipt of the County Auditor's Reports to the Commissioners Court

- CA28. Acknowledge Receipt of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Notice of a Public Meeting and A Proposed Renewal with Amendment of General Permit WQG100000 Authorizing the Disposal of Wastewater-County Judge's Office
- CA29. Acknowledge Receipt of the County & District Clerks' Association of Texas Certificate of Completion for Completing the Required Twenty Hours of Continuing Education for 2024 as Prescribed in *Section 51.605* of the Texas Government Code Awarded to April Long, County Clerk
- CA30. Acknowledge Receipt of Schedule of Fees for Compensation of Court Appointed Counsel and Related Expenses Pursuant to *Articles 26.05* and *26.052*, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure-County Auditor's Office
- CA31. Acknowledge Receipt of the FY25, Quarter 1 Audit Reports for Hamm Creek Park; Constable, Pct. 1 (1 Finding); Constable, Pct. 2; Constable, Pct. 3; Constable, Pct. 4; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4; Sheriff's Office Commissary; Sheriff's Office Escrow Account; and Sheriff's Office Inmate Trust Account-Auditor's Office
- CA32. Acknowledge Receipt of the FY25, Quarter 2 Cash Count Audit Report for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3-Auditor's Office
- CA33. Acknowledge Receipt of the FY25, Quarter 1 Cash Count Audit Report for Jail Bonding and Commissary-Auditor's Office
- CA34. Acknowledge Receipt of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Notice of Application And Preliminary Decision for TPDES Permit for Municipal Wastewater. City of Cleburne, P.O. Box 677, Cleburne, Texas, has Applied for a Renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010006001-County Judge's Office

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- CA35. Consider and Approve Order 2025-13 "Order Approving the Johnson County Treasurer's Report"
- CA36. Consider and Approve Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Affidavit HDM County Grant Program Year 2024; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-County Judge's Office
- CA37. Consider and Approve Expenditures from 0450: Records Archive County Clerk in the Amount of \$79,468.00 for the Preservation and Imaging of Thirteen Bond, Deputation, and Surveyor Books by Kofile, Inc.; with the Purchase to be made Under the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS), Contract No. TXMAS-23-92001; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-County Clerk's Office
- CA38. Consider and Approve to Amend the Budget for Architectural Design for the Johnson County Annex Building by Increasing the Amount to \$13,750.00 for Engineering Fees and Assessment for Robert Durham Architecture-Facilities Management
- CA39. Consider and Approve Change Order Proposal #2 from Mid-Continental Restoration in the Amount of \$1,743.00 for Additional Wash Cycles Needed and Included in RFP 2024-307 Guinn Justice Center Chimney Restoration; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-Facilities Management

- CA40. Consider and Approve to Remove and Dispose of Deed Binder Covers Approved for Surplus July 24, 2023 and Three Additional Pallets of Same Item; Unable to Sell; Pursuant to Local Government Code 263.152(3)(a)-Purchasing Department
- CA41. Consider and Approve to Declare Miscellaneous Items as Surplus Pursuant to Local Government Code 263.152(a)(1) and Place on Rene Bates Auction; All Hard Drives and Memory have been Removed-Purchasing Department
- CA42. Consider and Approve Election Agreement for Johnson County and Burleson Independent School District for the May 3, 2025 Election; with Authorization for County Judge and Elections Administrator to Sign-Elections Office
- CA43. Consider and Approve Election Agreement for Johnson County and Godley Independent School District for the May 3, 2025 Election; with Authorization for County Judge and Elections Administrator to Sign-Elections Office

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

All voted aye; motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

A1. Consider and Approve Bill Run for Court Appointed Attorneys' Fees

Comm. Bailey took control of the Court to consider ACTION ITEMS, A1, Consider and Approve Bill Run for Court Appointed Attorneys' Fees.

MOTION by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. White, 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 Action Item A2.

A2. Consider and Authorize Purchasing Agent to Advertise for Bids/Proposals

Purchasing Agent Lance Anderson presented and requested to advertise for RFP 2025-303 for pest control services for the County. He added that this is not an expiring replacement but a new request from the facilities department.

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

All voted aye; motion carried.

WORKSHOP

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 9:14 A.M. to discuss WS2.

WS2. Discuss Participation in a Tire Collection Event with the City of Cleburne; with Leland Peffley, Environmental Coordinator

City of Cleburne Environmental Coordinator, Leland Peffley spoke.

Senior Program Manager with NCTCOG Chris Klaus spoke.

WS5. Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Workshop Sessions

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 9:31 A.M. to discuss Action Item A3.

ACTION ITEMS

A3. Consider and Approve Order 2025-02 – "Prohibition of Outdoor Burning"-Fire Marshal's Office

NO ACTION

Comm. Bailey asked Judge Boedeker if the Court needed to vote on the tire collection item.

Judge Boedeker stated that it would probably be wise and the Court moved back to WS2.

WORKSHOP

WS2. Discuss Participation in a Tire Collection Event with the City of Cleburne; with Leland Peffley, Environmental Coordinator

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. Howell, to approve that we enter into an interlocal with the City of Cleburne regarding tire collection environmentally.

All voted aye; motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

A4. *PUBLIC HEARING* - Consider and Approve Order 2025-15 – "Order Adopting a Name Change for a Portion of County Road 905" to Silo Mills Parkway, from the Intersection with County Road 1010, North Approximately 1100' to the Point where County Road 905 makes a 90 Degree Eastward Turn, Located in Precinct 1-GIS Information Technology

911 Address Coordinator Ashley Palmer presented.

Public Works Director Jennifer VanderLaan presented.

Judge Boedeker opened the Public Hearing at 9:45 A.M.

There being no one to speak, Judge Boedeker closed the Public Hearing at 9:45 A.M.

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. Howell, to approve that we allow the name change on the order.

All voted aye; motion carried.

A5. Consider and Approve Participation for County Road Expansion Agreement Between Johnson County and Silo Mills Investment II to Contract for Construction of Widening Existing County Road 905 from the Intersection with Silo Mills Parkway to County Road 1010, Installing Turn Lanes and Installing Signage on County Road 905 and County Road 1010, with a Cost of Materials and Labor Valued at \$550,000.00 in Precinct 1-Public Works Department

Public Works Director Jennifer VanderLaan presented.

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. White, to approve that we allow the labor value at \$550,000.00 be allowed to move forward on County Road 1010, 905, Precinct 1.

All voted aye; motion carried.

A6. Consider and Approve Axon Trial Agreement and Johnson County Contract Terms Addendum to Axon Enterprises, Inc. Trial Agreement, DraftOne Trial Agreement for Use of Hardware and Software Provided for Trial Purposes; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Adam King presented.

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

All voted aye; motion carried.

The Commissioner's Court recessed at 9:49 P.M. and reconvened into Workshop Session at 10:02 A.M. to discuss WS1.

WORKSHOP

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 10:02 A.M. to discuss WS1.

- WS1. Discuss Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, with Possible Consultation with GrantWorks
- WS5. Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Workshop Sessions

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 10:12 A.M. to discuss Action item A7.

ACTION ITEMS

A7. Consider and Approve Resolution 2025-04 – "Resolution of Support for Restriction on Issuance of Motor Carrier Overweight or Oversize Vehicle Permits for Older Engine Model Year Trucks"-Precinct 1

Commissioner Rick Bailey Pct. 1 presented.

Senior Program Manager with NCTCOG Chris Klaus presented.

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. Woolley, to approve this resolution of support for restricting on issuance of motor carry or overweight or oversized vehicle permits for older engine model year trucks.

All voted aye; motion carried.

WORKSHOP

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 10:24 A.M. to discuss WS3.

- WS3. Discuss International Fire Code Enhancing Fire Safety in Johnson County; with Potential Action Authorizing the Fire Marshal to Retain a Consultant to Assist with Creation and Adoption of the Fire Code; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-Fire Marshal's Office
- WS5. Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Workshop Sessions

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 10:50 A.M. to take action on WS3.

WS3. Discuss International Fire Code – Enhancing Fire Safety in Johnson County; with Potential Action Authorizing the Fire Marshal to Retain a Consultant to Assist with Creation and Adoption of the Fire Code; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-Fire Marshal's Office

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

All voted aye; motion carried.

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 10:50 A.M. to discuss WS4.

WS4. Discuss Budget Calendar, Budget Process, and Budget Priorities, with Potential Action to Set Budget Calendar and Related Deadlines-County Judge's Office

Comm. Bailey stepped out of the meeting at 10:51 A.M. and returned at 10:53 A.M.

WS5. Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Workshop Sessions

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 11:02 A.M. to take action on WS4.

WS4. Discuss Budget Calendar, Budget Process, and Budget Priorities, with Potential Action to Set Budget Calendar and Related Deadlines-County Judge's Office

MOTION by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Bailey, to approve with those effective changes.

All voted aye; motion carried.

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 11:03 A.M. to discuss WS4.

- WS4. Discuss Budget Calendar, Budget Process, and Budget Priorities, with Potential Action to Set Budget Calendar and Related Deadlines-County Judge's Office
- WS5. Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Workshop Sessions

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 11:31 A.M. to take action on WS4.

WS4. Discuss Budget Calendar, Budget Process, and Budget Priorities, with Potential Action to Set Budget Calendar and Related Deadlines-County Judge's Office

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

All voted aye; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners Court convened into Closed Executive Session at 11:21 A.M. to discuss ES1.

- ES1. Government Code: Sec. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Pending Litigation, James Farmer et al v. United States Environmental Protection Agency et al., Cause No. 24-cy-01654 in the US District Court for the District of Columbia
- ES2. Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Executive Session

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 12:20 P.M. to take action on ES1.

ES1. Government Code: Sec. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Pending Litigation, James Farmer et al v. United States Environmental Protection Agency et al. Cause No. 24-cy-01654 in the US District Court for the District of Columbia

NO ACTION

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Commissioners Court adjourned at 12:20 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 February 24, 2025.

FILED & RECORDED March 24, 2025 **Commissioner Court Minutes**

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