



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 9, 2024 - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT KNOWN that on the 9th day of September 2024, 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. with all members present. The following items, having been lawfully posted and filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk on September 5, 2024, at 11:40 A.M., were considered:

Judge Boedeker stated for the record that all the Members of the Commissioners Court were present.

INVOCATION

Led by County Judge Christopher Boedeker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND THE TAX RATE FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR

BT1. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Judge Boedeker opened the Public Hearing at 9:02 A.M.

Judge Boedeker noted that this was published in the Cleburne Times Review, giving everybody in the County notice that they could appear today and participate in the budget process.

There being no one to speak, Judge Boedeker closed the Public Hearing at 9:03 A.M.

BT2. Public Hearing on Proposed 2024 Tax Rate of \$0.379276 per \$100 Taxable Valuation, which Equals the No New Revenue Tax Rate

Judge Boedeker opened the Public Hearing at 9:03 A.M.

Judge Boedeker noted that this was published in the Cleburne Times Review and that the time was 9:03 A.M.

There being no one to speak, Judge Boedeker closed the Public Hearing at 9:03 A.M.

BT3. Consider and Approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Including Amendments Made After Filing Proposed Budget

Judge Boedeker stated that the proposed budget was filed, provided to all elected officials, and was currently posted on the website for the public to view.

Budget Coordinator for the County Judges Office Rexann Knowles read the amended budget items into the record.

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. White, to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 for Johnson County as presented, including the amendments read into the records by Ms. Knowles, that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$5,298,868.00 or 5.91 percent.

All voted aye; motion carried.

BT4. Consider and Approve **Order 2024-92** – “Order Approving Johnson County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025”

MOTION by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. White, to approve that the Commissioners Court approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 for Johnson County that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by \$5,298,868.00 or 5.91 percent and approve **Order 2024-92**.

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

Motion carried.

BT5. Consider and Approve **Order 2024-93** – “Order Ratifying Property Tax Increase for the 2024 Tax Year”

MOTION by Comm. White, seconded by Comm. Woolley, to approve that the Commissioners Court ratify the property tax increase for the 2024 tax year reflected in the annual budget for Johnson County for fiscal year 2024-2025 and approve **Order 2024-93**.

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

Motion carried.

BT6. Consideration to Adopt the Tax Rate for the 2024 Tax Year of \$0.379276 per \$100 Taxable Valuation

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. White, to approve to adopt the combined property tax rate of \$0.379276 per \$100 taxable valuation for the 2024 tax year.

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

Motion carried.

BT7. Consider and Approve **Order 2024-94** – “Order Setting Tax Rate for the County of Johnson for the 2024 Tax Year and Directing the Assessment and Collection Thereof”

MOTION by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Bailey, to approve to adopt the combined property tax rate of \$0.379276 per \$100 assessed valuation for the 2024 tax year for Johnson County, and to approve Order 2024-94 which sets forth the property tax rate for Johnson County at \$0.379276 per \$100 assessed valuation for the 2024 tax year, consisting of the General Fund M & O Tax Rate of \$0.322595 per \$100 assessed valuation, the Debt Service Tax Rate of \$0.006681 per \$100 assessed valuation, and the FMLR M & O Tax Rate of \$0.050000 per \$100 assessed valuation.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA1. Announcements from County Commissioners Regarding County and Precinct Events

Comm. Bailey presented a slideshow regarding the Old Foamy Road Project to the Court.

Sheriff Adam King presented a Sheriff’s Citation Award to Deputy Brandon Arriola.

PA2. Presentation of Proclamation “POW/MIA Recognition Days” with Marty Peters, American Legion Auxiliary

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

PA3. National Voter Registration Day Announcement by Joy Adams, Elections Office

Interim Elections Administrator Joy Adams presented.

- PA4.** Update on the Status of the Construction/Renovation of County Buildings by Joshua Green, Facilities Management Director

Facilities Management Director Joshua Green presented. He stated that they were on the last roof, which is the Doty House and that it was 80% complete. Mr. Green commented that they are waiting on the final roof inspection at the Historic Courthouse and hopefully, there will be no more leaks. Mr. Green commented that all the doors have been reinstalled at the Courthouse and they have a few hardware issues that they are still trying to work out. He noted that the Constables Office project out in Pct. 1, was about 85% complete and that they should be wrapping that up in the next couple of weeks.

Comm. Woolley commented that the Ag Extension building looks great and that they redid some of the roofing as well.

Mr. Green noted that all of the roofing issues were due to hail storms and that it was covered by insurance.

Judge Boedeker noted that in October or November, Mr. Green might have to come back and give a breakdown of all the projects his office did in the last fiscal year. He added that it had been a very busy year in terms of construction.

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.** Sheriff-Jail – Transfers from Drug & Psych Testing and Detention Services to Equipment Non-Capital-\$1,700.00
- CA2.** Hamm Creek Park – Transfer from Fuels, Additives & DEF to Office Supplies & Furnishings; Small Tools, Equipment & Supplies; Janitorial Supplies, Small Equipment Repair & Maintenance, Building/Property Repair & Maintenance, Safety Loss Control Program, and Uniforms-\$5,500.00
- CA3.** Information Technology – Transfer from Software Subscription Costs (SBITAs) to Equipment Non-Capital-\$118,806.00
- CA4.** STOP Special Crimes Unit – Transfers from Postage; Fuels, Additives & DEF; and Fees & Services to Field Tactical Items, Auto & Property Insurance, and Office Supplies-\$1,400.00
- CA5.** Purchasing – Transfers from Print Shop Supplies, Advertising, Vehicle & Heavy Machinery, and Repair & Maintenance to Fuel, Additives & DEF, Office Supplies & Furnishings, and Dues, Conferences & Training-\$4,340.00
- CA6.** Information Technology – Transfer from Computer Supplies to Office Supplies-\$600.00
- CA7.** Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 – Transfers from Law Books & Publications and Drug & Psych Testing to Office Supplies & Furnishings-\$1,300.00
- CA8.** Jail Medical – Transfer from Medical Supplies to Equipment Non-Capital-\$4,480.00
- CA9.** Sheriff Admin/Patrol – Transfers from Safety Loss Control Program and Crime Scene Supplies to Law Books & Publications and Small Tools, Equipment & Supplies-\$584.00

- CA10. Jury – Transfer from Equipment Capital to Office Supplies & Furnishings-\$350.00
- CA11. Courthouse Security – Transfers from Small Equipment Repair & Maintenance, Equipment Non-Capital, and Equipment Capital to Construction in Progress-\$6,000.00
- CA12. Emergency Management – Transfers from Dues, Conferences & Training, Equipment Non-Capital, Equipment Capital, Postage, and Small Tools, Equipment & Supplies to Dues, Conferences & Training, Equipment Non-Capital, Equipment Capital, Postage, and Small Tools, Equipment & Supplies-\$5,074.00
- CA13. Fire Marshal – Transfers from Uniforms and Fuels, Additives & DEF to Uniforms and Fuels, Additives & DEF-\$1,887.00
- CA14. District Attorney – Transfer from Fees & Services to Office Supplies-\$8,000.00
- CA15. Jury – Transfer from Postage to Office Supplies-\$3,500.00
- CA16. Non-Departmental – Transfer from Health Insurance to Transfers To-\$400,000.00
- CA17. Facilities Management – Transfers from Office Supplies and Pest Control to Small Tools, Equipment & Supplies-\$4,100.00
- CA18. Public Works – Transfers from Law Books & Publications, Maintenance of Office Equipment, and Vehicle & Heavy Machinery Repair & Maintenance to Fuels, Additives & DEF-\$1,500.00

REQUEST TO PAY BILLS

- CA19. Consideration to Pay County Bills for Current Term

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

- CA20. August 26, 2024 – Regular Session

APPOINTMENTS

- CA21. Appointment of Rowena Lawson of Cleburne to the Johnson County Historical Commission for the Remaining One-Year Term Ending December 31, 2024- County Judge’s Office

TRAINING/SEMINARS

- CA22. Request from the Honorable Adam King, Sheriff for Kim Burris to Attend “TAPEIT 2024 Annual Conference”
- CA23. Request from the Honorable Andrew Nolan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 for Himself to Attend “Texas Justice Court Judges Education/Technology Annual Conference”
- CA24. Request from Steve Watson, County Auditor for Himself, Jennifer Lyon, Barbara Abdalla, and Kathy Rice to Attend “79th Annual Texas Association of County Auditors Fall Conference”
- CA25. Request from the Honorable Adam King, Sheriff for Kim Burris and Regina Alcantar to Attend “Bloodstain Pattern Analysis FSA 103”
- CA26. Request from STOP Commander for Investigator to Attend “Basic Narcotic Investigator Course”

MEMORANDUM OF DONATIONS

- CA27. Miscellaneous Items and Pictures by Courtney Carroll Davis to the Johnson County Historical Commission; Historical Value Only
- CA28. The History of Booker T. Washington High School and The History of Black Churches by John Edward Warren to the Johnson County Historical Commission; Historical Value Only

- CA29.** 875 LF of Used Metal Beam Guard Fence and 140 Timber Posts by Rogelio Cuellar, President of Junior Construction Company, Inc. to Precinct 1 for Repairs to Old Foamy Bridge; Estimated Value \$5,250.00

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- CA30.** Acknowledgment of Certificate of Completion of Continuing Education Requirement of the County Tax Assessor-Collector-Tax Office

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- CA31.** Consider and Approve Grant Agreement Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program Award IA-0000000775 in the Amount of \$500,000.00; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-County Judge's Office
- CA32.** Consider and Approve Budget Amendment Pursuant to *Section 111.011* of the Local Government Code, STOP Special Crimes Unit-Forfeitures to Fund the Purchase of STOP Sedan in the Amount of \$19,420.00-Auditor's Office
- CA33.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for Budget Year 2024-2025 for Keene Independent School District Police Department; with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff's Office
- CA34.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for Budget Year 2024-2025 for Venus Independent School District Police Department; with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff's Office
- CA35.** Consider and Ratify Letter Authorizing Reimbursement for Medication/Mental Health Court Hearings Conducted by Wilbarger County for Individual Located at North Texas State Hospital-Vernon Campus, in the Amount of \$860.00-County Judge's Office
- CA36.** Consider and Approve Volunteer in Park (VIP) Bond for Chastity Abeyta, Hamm Creek Park-Precinct 1
- CA37.** Consider and Approve Volunteer in Park (VIP) Bond for James Lynn, Hamm Creek Park-Precinct 1
- CA38.** Consider and Approve **Order 2024-95** – “Order Approving Plat” of **Hidden Oaks Ranch Estates**, Lot 3, Block 1, in Precinct 3-Public Works Department
- CA39.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for Budget Year 2024-2025 for Alvarado Independent School District; with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff's Office
- CA40.** Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Housing City's Class C Misdemeanor Prisoners for Budget Year 2024-2025 with the City of Cleburne; with Authorization for County Judge and Sheriff to Sign-Sheriff's Office
- CA41.** Consider and Approve Amendment to Communications System Agreement Effective October 1, 2024 for the City of Venus; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-Radio Management
- CA42.** Consider and Approve Master Rental Agreement and Johnson County Contract Terms Addendum to Rental Contract with Tejas Equipment Rental; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-Purchasing Department
- CA43.** Consider and Allow Non-Partisan Volunteer Deputy Registrars to Use Lobby Space in the Alvarado Sub-Courthouse to Register Voters on National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 17, 2024 from 10:00am until 2:00pm-Elections Office

- CA44. Consider and Approve Election Agreement for Johnson County and Alvarado Independent School District for the November 5, 2024 Special Election; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-Elections Office
- CA45. Consider and Approve Contract and Agreement Placement of Juvenile Offenders Space Available Garza County; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-Juvenile Services
- CA46. Consider and Approve Grant Agreement for the Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program Award No. IA-0000000698, Between the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Office of the County Attorney of Johnson County, Texas-County Attorney's Office
- CA47. Consider and Approve Payment to Appriss Insights, LLC for the Purpose of the OAG Statewide Automated Victims Notification System (SAVNS) Maintenance Service for the Period of June 2024 to August 2024 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,572.00, upon Verification of Service Provided and Receipt of Invoice; to be Reimbursed from the Office of the Attorney General-Auditor's Office

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

Comm. Woolley asked Comm. Howell if that was as presented.

Comm Howell replied with a yes sir, as presented.

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

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 A2.

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

NO ACTION

- A3.** Consider and Approve Election Agreement for Southard Farm Municipal Utility District No. 1 for the November 5, 2024 Special Election; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-Elections Office

Interim Elections Administrator Joy Adams presented.

MOTION by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. White, to approve to have it on the ballot November 5th, 2024 election.

All voted aye; motion carried.

Judge Boedeker stated for the record that he believes that was carried unanimously.

- A4.** Consider and Authorize Payment for Eight Signature Stamps from Government Forms and Supplies Totaling \$267.65; Purchase made without Securing Purchase Order-District Clerk's Office

District Clerk's Chief Deputy Chris Taylor presented.

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

All voted aye; motion carried.

- A5.** Consider and Authorize Payment of Purchase Order 24-4115 in the Amount of \$1,180.49 for Items Used with Presentations and Community Outreach Programs-Constable, Pct. 3

Constable Pct. 3 Steve Williams presented.

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. White, to approve that this does serve a public purpose and that we should go ahead and pay this expenditure out of small tools as we have done in the past and set a new policy for how we are going to do this.

All voted aye; motion carried.

- A6.** Consider and Approve **Order 2024-96** – “Commissioners Court Order Granting an Exemption Under *Section 262.024*, Local Government Code, from the Bidding Requirements of *Section 262.023*, Local Government Code, Upon the Commissioners Court Finding that the Laboratory Testing Services of Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories Environment Testing, LLC are Professional Services-Purchasing Department

Purchasing Agent Lance Anderson presented.

MOTION by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Bailey, to approve **Order 2024-96**.

All voted aye; motion carried.

- A7.** Consider and Approve Variance to Allow Permitting on a 22.31 and 1.891 Acre Tract of Land in the Isaac Batterson Survey with 60' of County Road Frontage Located in Precinct 1-Public Works Department

Public Works Director Jennifer VanderLaan presented.

MOTION by Comm. Bailey, seconded by Comm. Woolley, to approve that we do approve it and see where it goes.

All voted aye; motion carried.

The Commissioner's Court recessed at 10:26 A.M. and reconvened into Workshop Session at 10:35 A.M. to discuss WS1.

WORKSHOP

- WS1.** Discussion of Proposals and Projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, with Possible Consultation with GrantWorks
- WS2.** Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Workshop Session

The Commissioners Court convened directly from Workshop Session into Closed Executive Session at 11:03 A.M. to discuss ES1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 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-cv-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 11:28 A.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-cv-01654 in the US District Court for the District of Columbia

NO ACTION

Comm. Howell reminded the Court that next month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He asked the Court to wear pink on October 14th to show support for all the ladies with breast cancer.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Commissioners Court adjourned at 11:29 A.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 9, 2024.



FILED & RECORDED
October 15, 2024
Commissioner Court Minutes


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