

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF COKE**

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., the Honorable Commissioners' Court met in regular session in the usual meeting place thereof, the courthouse in Robert Lee, with the following offices of said Court being present and in attendance, to-wit:

Hal Spain	County Judge
Donnie Robertson	Commissioner, Pct. #1
Henry Chisholm	Commissioner, Pct. #2
Kizzie Waggoner	Commissioner, Pct. #3
Danny Webb	Commissioner, Pct. #4

and Jennifer Burdett, Clerk, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit;

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Judge Spain.

Judge Spain announced the presence of a quorum with all members of the court present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Don Dison from Akuo Energy spoke to the court regarding the progress of the Tennyson Solar project, which has a completion date of approximately eighteen months. Cole Bosworth presented a packet to the court regarding the Coke County Library project, and will get on the agenda in the future.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which includes the minutes for prior meetings, and appropriate action on payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggoner. Motion carried. See attachments.

**BURN BAN**

Commissioner Robertson moved to reinstate the burn ban effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried. See attachment.

**PRESENTATION BY JENNIFER BATEMAN WITH ADACCV  
CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING MONETARY  
FUNDING FOR AGENCY**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve a \$3600.00 donation using the opioid settlement money, along with the designated \$2000.00, totaling \$3600.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggoner. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING  
EXTENSION OF WILDFIRE DISASTER DECLARATION FOR COKE COUNTY**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve the extension of the Wildfire Disaster Declaration through August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for Coke County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggoner. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggonner. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ACCEPTING/ DENIAL OF UPDATING THE COUNTY POLICY ON VACATION TIME AS AMENDED**

Commissioner Waggonner moved to approve the amended Coke County policy on vacation time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chisholm. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ACCEPTING/ DENIAL OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR TIME SHEETS**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve county employee acknowledgement for time sheets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggonner. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING BOND FOR STEPHANIE SAMANIEGO**

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the bond for Stephanie Samaniego. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chisholm. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUNDING**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve the application for rural law enforcement funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROHIBITION OF TAXPAYER FUNDED LOBBYING**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve the resolution opposing prohibition of taxpayer-funded lobbying. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggonner. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING SHERIFFS' AND CONSTABLES' FEES**

Judge Spain moved to approve the Constable fees as presented with the addition of \$.70 a mile on writs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chisholm. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING BID FROM HARTMAN ROOFING FOR JP OFFICE**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve the bid for \$19,600.00 from Hartman Roofing for the JP office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggonner. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ACCEPTING/ DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW PURDUE OPIOID SETTLEMENT**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve participation in the New Purdue Opioid Settlement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggoner. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING ACCEPTING THE ABATEMENT APPLICATION AND CHECK FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION FROM CLEARWAY RENEW CONSOLIDATED DEVCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000.00, REPRESENTING GOAT MOUNTAIN RENEWABLES, LLC**

Commissioner Waggoner moved to approve the abatement application and check for further consideration from Clearway Renew Consolidated Devco in the amount of \$1000.00, representing Goat Mountain Renewables, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chisholm. Motion carried. See attached.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION AND COKE COUNTY TEXAS FOR FY 26/27**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation and Coke County, Texas, for fiscal year 26/27. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggoner. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING COUNTY FUSION RENEWAL FOR COKE COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK**

Judge Spain moved to approve the County Fusion Renewal for Coke County and District Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggoner. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING A NEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOM GREEN COUNTY AND COKE COUNTY FOR JAIL SERVICES**

Commissioner Waggoner moved to approve the new Interlocal Agreement between Tom Green County and Coke County for Jail Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chisholm. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THOMSON-REUTERS FOR CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION, TO BE PAID FROM SB-22 FUNDING**

Commissioner Chisholm moved to approve a three-year contract with Thomson-Reuters for criminal intelligence information, to be paid from SB-22 funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggoner. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING EXTENSION OF COKE COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY EMERGENCY**

Commissioner Waggoner moved to approve the extension of Coke County Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health and Safety Emergency through August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chisholm. Motion carried. See attachment.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING  
ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE COKE COUNTY SENIOR  
CENTERS**

Commissioner Waggonner moved to accept a donation to the Coke County Senior Centers in the amount of \$50.00 made by John Organ. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chisholm. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING ACCEPTING  
RESIGNATIONS, NEW HIRES, TERMINATIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC.**

Commissioner Waggonner moved to accept Carolla Orcutt as a new hire in the Clerk's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waggonner. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LINE- ITEM ADJUSTMENTS**

Commissioner Waggonner moved to approve the budget amendments and line-item adjustments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chisholm. Motion carried. See attachment.

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Chisholm reported to the court that the community center is complete and ready for use, and that the senior center work is ongoing. Commissioner Waggonner reported that Wildcat Road is complete, and work will now begin on Mountain Road. Commissioner Waggonner also wants to recognize the Bronte Road Hands for their help blading roads in Robert Lee. Judge Spain reminded the court about the Texas Legislative Summit.

Judge Spain announced a recess at 10:41 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:49 a.m. with the budget workshop.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Judge Spain reported to the court that he has received certified values from the Appraisal District, and County Auditor Mike Knittel went over budgets with all officials present.

Judge Spain adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

As per HB 2931, Section 4:

**I, Jennifer Burdett, County Clerk of Coke County, Texas, do hereby attest that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Meeting that met in Regular Session on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**I hereby set my hand and seal to this record, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

  
Jennifer Burdett, County Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court

