

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION, SEPTEMBER 08, 2025

The Terrell County Commissioners Court met on Monday, the 8th day of September 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the commissioner's courtroom of the county courthouse in the city of Sanderson, Texas. Notices of the meeting place were posted at a site readily accessible to the general public at all times. They remained posted for at least seventy-two hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

The Hon. Dale Carruthers, County Judge, called the meeting to order. The following members of this Court and Officers of the County were present:

Hon. Adam Johnson	Commissioner Pct. 1
Hon. Lupe Garza	Commissioner Pct. 2
Hon. Ele Hagelstein	Commissioner Pct. 3
Hon. Gene Chavez	Commissioner Pct. 4

Hon. Raeline Thompson	County and District Clerk
Hon. Pamela Blaylock	County Treasurer
Hon. Kenneth Bellah	County Attorney
Rosamaria Fuentes - Administrator	County Sheriff

Honorable Thompson gave the Invocation and led the commissioner's court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Republic of Texas Flag.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – Mark Nash-Ford stated that he would like to see the Budget. Judge Carruthers informed him that the Budget had to be approved in today's court. No Action.

Minutes from previous meetings — Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from August 11, 2025, Regular Session; August 13, 2025, Special Session; August 13, 2025, Budget Workshop and August 18, 2025, Budget Workshop. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion, calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

Set salary schedule, expenses and other allowances on all Elected Officials and Precinct Officers for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026 — Commissioner Chavez motioned to approve the salary schedule, expenses and other allowances on all Elected Officials and Precinct Officers for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

Adopt the Terrell County Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve adopting the Terrell County Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion, calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

Adopt the 2025 Tax Rate Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of \$.80/\$100 of taxable value and Interest and Sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate of 0 for a total Tax Rate of \$.80/\$100 per \$100 of taxable value – Commissioner Johnson motioned to order the adoption of the 2025 Tax Rate Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of \$.80/\$100 of taxable value and Interest and Sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate of 0 for a total Tax Rate of \$.80/\$100 per \$100 of taxable value. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion, calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

Order designating the day of the Week on which Commissioner Court will convene in regular session for FY 2025-2026. – Commissioner Johnson motioned to Order the second Monday of the month for Commissioner Court to Convene for the Year 2025-2026 and if Commissioner Court falls on a Holiday, Commissioner Court will be held on the following Tuesday. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

Terrell County 2026 Indigent Healthcare Eligibility Standards for Basic Services – Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the 2026 Terrell County Indigent Healthcare Eligibility Standards for Basic Services. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

Terrell County Indigent Health Care Eligibility Standards

September 2025 –During the 2025-26 Fiscal Year, Terrell County, Texas will use the following rules and procedures to comply with its state-mandated responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act. The Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act is an attempt to address the needs of indigent Texas residents who do not qualify for other health care assistance programs.

Eligibility determinations will be based on residency, income, household composition, and resources. Qualified applicant income will not exceed the amount specified on the gross monthly screening table located in the County Indigent Health Care Program Manual at 21% of the Federal Poverty level.

An application form for the program may be obtained at the Terrell County Judge’s Office in the Terrell County Courthouse in Sanderson, Texas. Eligibility determination will be made within 14 (fourteen) business days after the date a completed application and all required documentation is received by Terrell County Indigent Health Care Program in the County Judge’s office.

Terrell County authorizes the County Judge to negotiate rates with pharmacies that may be greater than state guidelines. Otherwise, Terrell County does not authorize any optional services or payments exceeding the minimum requirements set by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Terrell County will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Handbook which is published by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Terrell County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reevaluate the payment method at any time; all parties will be notified if payment method changes.

Terrell County does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, or gender in administering the Indigent Health Care Program. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions regarding eligibility. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 61.030, Terrell County has designated Sanderson Rural Health Clinic and Pecos County Memorial Hospital as the mandated providers for indigent health care services except under the following circumstances:

1. in an emergency;
2. when medically inappropriate; or
3. when care is not available.

Terrell County has no financial responsibility for non-emergency services rendered to eligible residents by non-mandated providers.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 61.203, this notice will be posted on co.terrell.tx.us web-site and will be posted at a public posting area at the Courthouse.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address: Terrell County Indigent Health Care Program
Terrell County Judge’s Office
P.O. Box 4810, Sanderson, TX 79848

Physical Address: Terrell County Courthouse
County Judge’s Office, Second Floor
105 E. Hackberry St., Sanderson, TX 79848
Phone: 432-345-2421

Holiday Schedule for 2026 – Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the Holiday Schedule for the year 2026. Commissioner Hagelstein seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

ADAM JOHNSON
Commissioner, Pct. 1
Lupe Garza
Commissioner, Pct. 2



Ele Chris Hagelstein
Commissioner, Pct. 3
Gene Chavez
Commissioner, Pct. 4

2026 County Holidays
for
Terrell County, Texas

January 1, 2026	Thursday	New Year's Day
January 19, 2026	Monday	Martin Luther King
February 16, 2026	Monday	President's Day
April 3, 2026	Friday	Good Friday
May 25, 2026	Monday	Memorial Day
June 19, 2026	Monday	Juneteenth
July 3, 2026	Friday	Independence Day
September 7, 2026	Monday	Labor Day
October 12, 2026	Monday	Columbus Day
Nov. 11, 2026	Wednesday	Veteran's Day
Nov.25,26,27, 2026	Wed.,Thurs., Friday	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 23,24,25, 2026	Wed.,Thurs.,Friday	Christmas Holidays

Approved in Commissioners' Court Regular Session on Sept. 8th, 2025
If a Holiday falls on a Commissioners Court Regular Session, Court will be held
the falling day on Tuesday.

Sheriff and Constable Civil Service Fees for 2026 under the Texas Government Code, Section 118.131 –
Commissioner Chavez motioned to approve the Sheriff and Constable Civil Service Fees for 2026 under the
Texas Government Code, Section 118.131. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion calling for a vote; all
members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

SHERIFFS' AND CONSTABLES' FEES
2026 – TERRELL COUNTY

SUBPOENAS	\$75.00
SUMMONS	\$75.00
WRIT OF ATTACHMENT	\$75.00
WRIT OF GARNISHMENT	\$75.00
WRIT OF SEQUESTRATION	\$75.00
ORDERS OF SALE	\$75.00

WRIT OF POSSESSION	\$75.00
FORCIBLE DETAINER	\$75.00
SERVICE FEES	
SMALL CLAIMS CITATION	\$75.00
JUSTICE COURT CITATION	\$75.00
ALL OTHER COURTS' CITATION	\$75.00
OTHER SERVICE FEES	
CITATION BY POSTING	\$45.00
CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT	\$50.00

Resolution for Operation Lone Star FY 26 Grant Program #4376504 for the period September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2026 – Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the Resolution for Operation Lone Star FY 26 Grant Program #4376504 for the period September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Commissioner Chavez abstained. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion calling for a vote; four members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

**TERRELL COUNTY RESOLUTION
OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Terrell County Commissioners Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Terrell County that the **Operation Lone Star-FY26 Terrell County grant #4376504** project to be operated for the period of **September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2026**; and

WHEREAS, the Terrell County Commissioners Court understands that there are no matching funds required for the said period; and

WHEREAS, the Terrell County Commissioners Court agree that in the event of loss or misuse of the office of the Governor funds, Terrell County assures that the funds will be returned to the office of the Governor in full; and

WHEREAS, the Terrell County Commissioners Court designates the **Terrell County Judge** as the Grantee’s Authorized Official. The Authorized Official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of Terrell County; and

Lonestar Investments	\$155,317	\$662.76
TexStar	\$27,137	\$98.43
County CD General Fund	\$25,612	\$47.93
County CD Tornado	\$3,754	\$0.73
TexPool	\$20,414.15	\$297.64
total for all county General Fund money	\$212,786.60	total interest \$1,201.97

Ratified:

Reliant	\$6,633.76
Water	\$1,350.96
Quarles	\$6,714.18
CitiBank	\$0.00
Verzion	\$432.79
Big Bend Telephone	\$3,103.14
W&W Trucking	\$18,648.00
Lone Star Copiers	\$166.83
Dial Tone	\$515.93
Home Depot	\$576.00

Bills for Court

\$73,950.05

Total for bills and Ratifieds

\$112,091.64

Payroll

Both payrolls	\$132,958.37
Both IRS	\$44,050.43
TCDRS	\$15,636.59

Total for the month

\$192,645.39

SB 22

Sheriff's Department	\$48,829.51
Prosecution	\$83,621.92

Total left

\$132,451.43

ANIMAL CONTROL	MARK VERBAL - AUGUST
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	BOTH - AUGUST
COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK	AUGUST
EMS	NONE
ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT	FABIAN - AUGUST
SENIOR CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION	AUGUST
AGRLIFE EXTENSION	NONE
MUSEUM & HISTORICAL COMMISSION	NONE
TERRELL COUNTY LIBRARY	ALAINA / MARK AUGUST
VISITOR CENTER	AUGUST

SANITATION
CLINIC REPORT
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
AIRPORT REPORT
FOOD PANTRY

NONE
NONE
NONE
FABIAN – AUGUST
AUGUST

Adjourn - Commissioner Chavez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

/s/ Raeline Thompson

Raeline Thompson, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk
Terrell County Commissioners Court

ORDER TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION

The above and preceding minutes of the meeting held on September 08th, 2025, are now approved (as amended this 8th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025) as presented IN OPEN COURT this 14TH day of October AD, 2025.

Raeline Thompson Presiding Officer

County Clerk

Attest: Raeline Thompson

