

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TERRELL

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The Terrell County Commissioners Court met on Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 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

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Hon. Raeline Thompson	County and District Clerk
Hon. Pamela Blaylock	County Treasurer
Hon. Kenneth Bellah	County Attorney
Deputy Manuel Jimenez	County Sheriff

Commissioner Chavez 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** – Mary Kay Rose spoke on Senior Citizen and Pantry projects. Cindy Busch spoke on CBD/Marijuana in the County.

**Minutes from previous meetings**—Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2024, Regular Session and January 13, 2025, Regular Session. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion, calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

**Chamber of Commerce upcoming events 2025, asking for funds from the Hotel/Motel line item** – Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the funds from the Hotel/Motel Line item for \$1000.00 for the Pachanga Art Walk, Cinco De Mayo and \$1,500.00 for the Fourth of July. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion, calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

February 1, 2025

Attention: Terrell County Commissioners Court

As we embark on another year in Terrell County, Texas, the Chamber of Commerce is committed to enhancing the visibility of Sanderson through a series of events. We kindly seek the support of the Terrell County Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to assist in the organization of our Pachanga, Cinco De Mayo Festival, and the 4th of July Festival. These events will be accompanied by promotional materials, including posters, aimed at attracting visitors to Sanderson. The Pachanga is scheduled for April 5th and will feature an Art Walk and dinner. On May 3rd, we will host a street dance with a live band, complemented by vendors offering food and various goods. Our annual 4th of July Festival will take place on July 4th and 5th, featuring two street dances, food vendors, a cornhole tournament, and continuous music throughout the day.

We extend our gratitude to the Commissioners' Court for their ongoing financial support through the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, and we eagerly anticipate our events in 2025.

Pachanga Art Walk/Dinner April 5, 2025

Cinco De Mayo May 3, 2025

Fourth of July- July 5-6, 2025

Sincerely

Sanderson Chamber of Commerce

**Roll over Holiday and Vacation time for the Sheriff's department** – Commissioner Chavez motioned to approve rolling over the Holiday and Vacation time for the Sheriff's department. Commissioner Hagelstein seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered "aye," and the motion carried.

**Rules of the Road regarding ATV's, golf carts, and 4 wheelers in town** – No Action.

**Purchasing Flooring in bulk for the Sheriff's, Treasurer's, Clerk's departments and the corridor downstairs** – Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the purchase of Flooring in bulk for \$6,500.00 for the Sheriff's, the Treasurer's, the Clerk's departments, breakroom and the corridor downstairs. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered "aye," and the motion carried.

Total price is \$6470.00

Hallway 1022 sq ft - \$2044

County Clerk office 1428 sq ft - \$2856

Tax assessor 459 sq ft- \$918

Treasurer office 324 sq ft - \$648

Requesting approval for \$6500 road and bridge want extra material for repair and to cover the breakroom also.

**Accepting New Members to the Terrell County Historical Commission** – Commissioner Johnson motioned to accept the new members to the Terrell County Historical Commission. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered "aye," and the motion carried.

**Advertise and Interview for a Part-time Venue Staff at \$12,000.00 a year** – Commissioner Chavez motioned to approve advertising and interviewing for a part-time Venue Staff at \$12,000.00 a year. Commissioner Hagelstein seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered "aye," and the motion carried.

**Resolution authorize Approval of Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreements** – Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the Resolution on the Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreements. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered "aye," and the motion carried.

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**ORDER (RESOLUTION) AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TEXAS  
STATEWIDE OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Terrell County, Texas, held on the 10th day of February, 2025, on motion made by Adam Johnson Commissioner of Precinct 1 and seconded by Gene Chavez Commissioner of Precinct 4, the following Order (Resolution) was adopted:

WHEREAS, Terrell County obtained information indicating that certain drug companies and their corporate affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, and such other defendants as may be added to the litigation (collectively, "Defendants") have engaged in fraudulent and/or reckless marketing and/or distribution of opioids that have resulted in addictions and overdoses; and

WHEREAS, these actions, conduct and misconduct have resulted in significant financial costs in the past to the County and will undoubtedly result in significant financial costs in the future; and



WHEREAS, the County brought or has investigated claims against The Kroger Co. ("Kroger"), and certain other defendants related to potentially released claims; and (2) other defendants in the opioid supply chain on behalf of the County in *In Re: Texas Opioid Litigation*, MDL No. 2018-63587, currently pending in the 152nd District Court of Harris County, Texas and/or removed pending remand; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2024, the Kroger Defendant in the opioid litigation brought by the County, the State of Texas, through the Office of the Attorney General, and a negotiation group for Texas political subdivisions entered into an Agreement entitled Kroger Texas Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter collectively the "Texas Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel and the State of Texas have recommended that the Terrell County Commissioners Court support the adoption and approval of the Texas Agreement in its entirety; and WHEREAS, even though the payments from the settlements reflect partial compensation to Terrell County for the past damages it has suffered or the future damages it is likely to incur, given the risks of litigation, the fact that it is to the benefit of Texas and the County and its residents, and that it reduces

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the risks associated with protracted litigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners Court of Terrell County:

1. Support the adoption and approval the Texas Agreement;
2. Authorizes the County to execute the Texas Release for the Texas Subdivision Participation Form and Release; and
3. Finds as follows:
  - a. There is a substantial need for repayment of past opioid-related expenditures and payment to help abate current and future opioid-related harms in and about Terrell County, Texas; and
  - b. The County Commissioners Court supports in its entirety the Texas Agreement. The County Commissioners Court understands that the purpose of each Settlement is to effectuate resolution of the Opioid Litigation against the Kroger Defendants. We also understand that an additional purpose is to ensure the effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under settlements in Texas and under the jurisdiction of Texas Courts in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic in this County and throughout Texas.

The County is hereby authorized to approve and accept the Texas Agreement as set forth herein.

The County Judge or designated official is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the settlement documents recommended for approval by Special Counsel in the above referenced case and to approve such terms and provisions for the full and final settlement of all matters set forth therein.

DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 10th day of February, 2025.



Dale Carruthers  
TERRELL, County Judge

ATTEST:

Raeline Thompson  
TERRELL, County Clerk



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Participate in the Annual State-Mandated Cybersecurity Training for all employees due July 31, 2025 – Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the participation in the Annual State-Mandated Cybersecurity Training for all employees due July 31, 2025. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

## TEXAS ASSOCIATION of COUNTIES

### Cybersecurity Course Enrollment Form for Counties



Texas Government Code § 2054.5191 requires all county employees, elected officials, and appointed officials who have access to a local government computer system or database and use a computer to perform at least 25 percent of their duties to complete an annual cybersecurity training that has been certified by the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR).

In response to the cybersecurity training mandate and in furtherance of our continued commitment to our county family, TAC is offering a cybersecurity course that has been certified by DIR and fulfills the requirements of the law. This course is available to counties for an annual fee of \$5 per enrolled user. Please note that TAC will not be responsible for monitoring, enforcing, or reporting course completion - this will be performed entirely within your county.

Should your county choose to participate in TAC's cybersecurity training program, **please have your Commissioners Court approve your county's participation and complete the enclosed form and return it via email to [SecurityTraining@county.org](mailto:SecurityTraining@county.org) or fax to (512) 477-1324.** For more information about the underlying legislation and TAC's cybersecurity training course, please visit [county.org/cybersecurity](http://county.org/cybersecurity).

Your course administrator will receive an email notification when your county is enrolled. Counties are required to report their compliance with the mandate by August 31, 2025. Enrollment is available on a rolling basis through July 31, 2025.

**Printed Name**

**County Name**

Dale Carruthers

Terrell

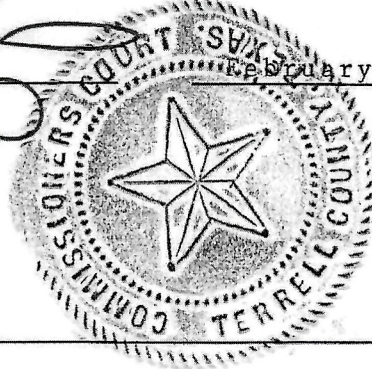


Authorized Signature

Date

*Mollie Canale*

February 10, 2025



Cybersecurity Course Enrollment Form

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**List of Bills, Ratify Bills, and Other Bills** – Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the list of bills, ratify bills, and other bills. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

### Terrell County Treasurers's Office Report

#### Accounts:

Interest Earned

General Fund	\$250,323.27	\$788.89
Outstanding checks not yet cashed	\$81,683.01	
Lonestar Investments	\$678,640	
TexStar	\$150,138	
County CD General Fund	\$55,000	
County CD Tornado	\$11,325	\$34.03
TexPool	\$226,030.11	\$39.80
total for all county General Fund money	<b>\$1,084,635.19</b>	<b>total interest \$828.69</b>

#### Grants:

Bills To be Paid

Money received

OLS	\$21,771.34	\$198,630.10
OPSG		\$152,574.33
LBSP		

#### Ratified:

Reliant	\$6,004.12
Water	\$911.41
Quarles	\$7,264.68
CitiBank	
Verzion	\$475.29
Big Bend Telephone	\$3,063.86
W&W Trucking	\$18,648.00
Lone Star Copiers	\$267.24
Dial Tone	\$136.74
Home Depot	

Bills for February Court	\$25,138.95
<b>SB 22</b>	
Sheriff's Department	\$182,812.38
Prosecution	\$92,275.03
 Total left	 <b>\$275,087.41</b>

**Payroll and Utility bills not yet received** - Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve payroll and utility bills not yet received. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

Both payrolls	\$117,784.93
Both IRS	\$41,464.68
TCDRS	\$14,158.45
<b>Total for the month</b>	<b>\$173,408.06</b>

**Amendments and Transfers** – None. No Action.

**Monthly Reports** – Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the monthly reports. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

Sheriff’s Department

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Treasurer’s Investment Report & Monthly Report

Terrell County- County Treasurer

Quarterly Report of Investments

October- December 2024

		Starting Balance	Interest	Ending Balance
Terrell County CD	October-December	\$41,916.24	3.61%	\$11,212.76
Lonestar Corp Overnight	October	\$6,949.07	5.08%	\$6,978.95
	November	\$6,978.95	4.88%	\$7,006.88
	December	\$7,006.88	4.73%	\$6,949.07
Lonestar Government	October	\$8,464.16	4.90%	\$8,499.31
	November	\$8,499.31	4.70%	\$8,532.06
	December	\$8,532.06	4.54%	\$8,564.85
Lonestar Corp plus	October	\$112,360.87	5.08%	\$12,748.30
	November	\$12,748.30	4.90%	\$12,748.30
	December	\$12,748.30	4.77%	\$12,799.51
TexStar- Records Preservation	October	\$595.45	4.87%	\$597.93
	November	\$597.93	4.71%	\$592.90
	December	\$592.90	4.56%	\$595.45



TexStar- Historical	October	\$7,887.12	4.87%	\$7,919.74
	November	\$7,919.74	4.71%	\$7,950.42
	December	\$7,950.42	4.56%	\$7,981.25
TexStar- Tax Note 2007	October	\$690.54	4.87%	\$693.37
	November	\$693.37	4.71%	\$696.08
	December	\$696.08	4.56%	\$698.80
TexStar- General	October	\$100.79	4.87%	\$101.14
	November	\$101.14	4.71%	\$101.50
	December	\$101.50	4.56%	\$101.85
TexPool	October	\$978.60	4.77%	\$978.73
	November	\$978.73	4.70%	\$982.89
	December	\$982.89	4.60%	\$986.65
Total for all County Investments				\$49,890.19

Permanent School Fund Investments

PCSB CD Monthly Cd	October	\$1,500,244.00	3.87%	\$1,500,244.00
	November	\$1,500,244.00	3.87%	\$1,505,088.54
	December	\$1,505,088.54	3.87%	\$1,509,635.16
New PCSB CD	October	\$2,364,108.96		\$2,371,499.93
	November	\$2,371,499.93		\$2,379,157.90
	December	\$2,379,157.90		\$2,386,592.77
PCSB Money Market	October	\$346,531.28	0.50%	\$347,167.74
	November	\$347,167.74	0.50%	\$347,713.36
	December	\$347,713.36	0.50%	\$348,329.01
Lonestar Government	October	\$395,088.48	4.90%	\$396,758.79
	November	\$396,531.28	4.70%	\$398,317.64
	December	\$398,317.64	4.54%	\$399,882.07
TexStar	October	\$722,487.19	4.87%	\$725,476.86
	November	\$725,476.86	4.70%	\$728,286.09
	December	\$728,286.09	4.54%	\$731,108.86
TexPool	October	\$331,648.31	4.70%	\$331,692.95
	November	\$331,692.95	4.77%	\$333,118.48
	December	\$333,118.48	4.60%	\$334,368.74
Hilltop Securities	October	\$14,460,288.50	4.83%	\$14,450,714.00
	November	\$14,450,714.00	4.83%	\$14,460,624.00
	December	\$14,460,624.00	4.65%	\$14,460,288.50
Total for Permanent Schoo Funds				\$20,155,112.27

Animal Control	None
Justice of the Peace	January (Both)
County & District Clerk	December & January
EMS	None
Road & Bridge	Verbal from Fabian Orozco
Senior Citizens Transportation	January
AgriLife Extension	None
Museum & Historical Commission	Verbal Mary Kay Rose


Terrell County Library	January
Visitor Center	None
Sanitation	None
Clinic Report	January
Volunteer Fire Department	None
Airport Report	None
Food Pantry	January

**Adjourn** - Commissioner Chavez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hagelstein 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 PUBLIC HEARING**

The above and preceding minutes of the meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, are now approved (as amended this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March AD, 2025) as presented IN OPEN COURT this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of March AD, 2025.

 Presiding Officer  
 Attest:  County Clerk

