

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
HELD IN THE HISTORIC HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MARSHALL, TEXAS
THIS THE 19TH DAY OF JULY, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:00 a.m. on the 19th of July 2024, Regular Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Historic Harrison County Courthouse in Marshall, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same. The meeting was open to the public and notices of said meeting were posted as required by law.

Invocation was led by County Judge Chad Sims

Pledge of Allegiance:

American Flag

Texas Flag: "Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State under God, One and Indivisible"

The following were present:

Chad Sims,	County Judge
William Hatfield,	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Zephaniah Timmins,	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Phillip Mauldin,	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jay Ebarb,	Commissioner, Precinct #4
Liz James,	County Clerk
Becky Haynes,	County Auditor

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Declare A Quorum Present:

When the following were heard and the following Orders passed:

Call to Order by the County Judge, Chad Sims, at 9:04 a.m.

Item A: County Auditor: Becky Haynes gave Administrative Report: No action to be taken concerning Submission of financial reports.

Motioned by Comm. Mauldin
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-335

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve Line Item Transfers in the amount of \$ 10,073.08. Exhibit A-1

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Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Hatfield
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-336

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the payment for Regular Bills in the amount of \$362,637.33. Exhibit A-2

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-337

Item #3. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve Payroll for July 1, 2024. Exhibit A-3

For the record: Correction made in open court date should be July 4, 2024.

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Item B: Road and Bridge Department Administrative Report: Luke Davis gave report on 2024 Construction Completed & in Progress—On the west side R&B are finishing on Driskell Bridge Road and will mobilize to Davidson Road. On the east side Piney Grove School Road has been completed and Tom Woodley Road will be completed today. R&B will move to Homer Cooper Road. Tom Woodley and Piney Grove Road had road damage, oil field will pay for damages. R&B continues to do routine maintenance patching and picking up trees from storm. Exhibit B

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-338

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the personnel changes for June 26, 2024, through July 10, 2024 for the Harrison County Road & Bridge Department. Exhibit B-1

NEW HIRES: None

RESIGNATIONS: 1

TERMINATIONS: None

RETIREMENTS: None

TRANSFER: None

Full Time Employees (53)	48 (the Road Administrator)
F/T Vacancies:	4
Part Time Employees (3)	3
Part Time Vacancy:	0
Temporary (6)	6
Temp. Vacancies:	0

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Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
 Seconded by Comm. Mauldin
 All members voting in favor
 Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
 Order #2024-339

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners’ Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the utility applications submitted to the Harrison County Road & Bridge Departments as follows:
 Exhibit B-2

Etex Telephone Cooperative

Law Road, CR 4010

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Item C: Sheriff’s Department: No Administrative Report

No action to be taken --- concerning statistics reflecting law enforcement activity; execution of civil responsibilities, jail population, and location of and turnover in prisoners. No Exhibit

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
 Seconded by Comm. Hatfield
 All members voting in favor
 Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
 Order #2024-340

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve and accept a donation from Texas Eastern 911 of approximately \$29,937.60 to Harrison County Sheriff's Office which includes: Exhibit C-1

- (8) Defense Technology 40MM single shot less lethal launchers \$1131.00 each
Total: \$9048.00.
- (8) Vortex red dot optics for each of the 40MM launchers \$150.00 each
Total: \$1200.00
- (40) Sponge Foam 40MM Less Lethal rounds \$33.00 each round Total: \$1320.00
- (32) Crushable Foam Direct Impact 40MM OC Chemical Less Lethal rounds \$35.05 each
Total: \$1121.60
- (Stop the Bleed Training Kit for jail nurse to instruct Deputies for new Stop-bleed kits
\$1225.00
- (25) Point Blank 10x12 Plate Carrier Body Armor with SHERIFF Velcro patch for front/rear
\$479.52 each Total: \$11,988.00
- (15) WatchGuard Body Camera holders for the V300 body cameras \$69.00 each
Total: \$1035.00
- (3) WatchGuard V300 Body Cameras \$1000.00 each Total: \$3000.00

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Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-341

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve and accept a \$100 cash donation for Jimmy E. Smith to be used by the Harrison County Sheriff's Office. Exhibit C-2

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Item D: Purchasing:

Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-342

ITEM #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve to declare listed fixed assets as salvage and or surplus and to appropriately dispose of said items.

Exhibit D-1

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Motioned by Comm.
Seconded by Comm.
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-343

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the Harrison County Treasurer's Investment Report for the month of May 2024. Exhibit D-2

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Item E: Elections:

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Mauldin
Comm. Hatfield no vote
Motion carried (4-1)
Order #2024-344

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the request by the Elections Administrator to enter into a contract for the one time use of the Experian Credit Bureau to gain accurate voter addresses at the flat fee of \$1864.00 (46,590 transaction) or 0.55 per hit (\$1,364.00 + decreased scrub quantity a \$0.55 per hit) to be paid from the Elections Expense, 100.407.4488.25. Exhibit E-1

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Item F: New Business:

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-345

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the roofing proposal from Paragon Multi Family Roofing Inc, contract number 22010702 – Claim #PR20240186-1, for \$1,376,898.27 to replace the shingles of county buildings, including labor and materials. Exhibit F-1

For the record: Judge Sims commented on hail damage to multiple County buildings in February 2024. The Counties Insurance is with TAC, a/k/a Texas Association of Counties, TAC came out

and reviewed damages. TAC set aside some funds to repair buildings. They use 4T as well as the county has in the past. 4T Company is owned by Scott Franklin the same Company that put the roof on the Historical Court House. Texas Association of Counties continues to use 4T for their good work. 4T came in under the dollar amount they had set aside for the whole project. Working with Brett Anderson which is the claim adjustor at TAC, Mr. Anderson recommended 4T be the overseer of the project. PMR is the Contractor under 4T. The County will only be out the deductible expense of \$25,000 for all the projects. Willoughby will be first on the list and then move to the main jail. They will also look at the roof at the Annex jail. Commissioner Ebarb inquired about the difference in the dollar amount being under the amount set aside. Judge Sims said they will use a higher quality material than original planned.

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Motioned by Comm. Mauldin
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-346

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners’ Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the ratification for the purchase of a desktop for the Justice of the Peace Pct 3, PO #142914 to be paid from the JP Fund. Exhibit F-2

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Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Mauldin
Comm. Hatfield and Comm. Ebarb Opposed
Motion carried (3-2)
Order #2024-347

Item #3. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners’ Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Marshall and Harrison County for the 2024-2025 Courthouse Light Display for a period of one hundred and sixty-six (166) days beginning on September 1, 2024 and ending January 31, 2025. Exhibit F-3.

For the record: Comm. Hatfield commented that he doesn’t understand why the County has to give up the Courthouse for 166 days. And he’s still waiting on the City to come out and put up handicap signs around the courthouse. Comm. Hatfield commented that Ms. Graff called years ago for the signs. Comm. Hatfield commented that the city put up signs but put Sack Crete around the base and it looked horrible. Maintenance department took them down. Comm. Hatfield said he cannot support 166 days for something that doesn’t benefit the County one bit. Judge Sims commented that they ask for a little more time to use the man lift to put the lights up. Comm. Ebarb ask that the city not start on the start date and take over the east parking lot and half of the other parking lot. It’s a cluster when Juror’s or called for Jury duty or when the Federal Court holds court in the building.

Judge Sims stated that the agreement is only for the Courthouse and light display. It is not for the merry go round and skating rink. Comm. Ebarb ask that the city wait as long as possible because of the need for parking. Comm. Timmins commented to remember that Marshall is also the County Seat.

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-348

Item #4. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the Bid in Trust Property, to include the Stipulation of Ownership, Oil and Gas Lease and Memorandum of Oil and Gas Leases well as a Form W9 between Harrison County, Texas and TGNR EAST TEXAS II LLC COVERING certain lands in Harrison County, Texas containing 1.865 acres more or less said lands situated in the Henry Harper Survey, Abstract No. 11.
Exhibit F-4.

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For the record: Judge Sims stated that the Stipulation of Ownership is divided out as follows.

73% goes to EFISD, 20% to the County, and .7% to ESD.

Court recessed at 10:01 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Item G: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Departmental Budget Workshop/Hearings

The following Departments Spoke:

1. Road and Bridge Dept.

Court recessed at 10:50 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

2. Sheriff/License and Weight Officer

3. Building Maintenance

Court recessed at 12:00 p.m.

Court reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

4. Information Technology

5. Juvenile Services


6. Indigent Health

7. Extension Office

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Court for consideration and action, the motion was made by Commissioner Hatfield and seconded by Commissioner Timmins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth James, County Clerk
Harrison County, Texas

Date:

7/30/2024