

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court will be held on the 16th day of February, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Hockley County Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit:

1. Read for approval the minutes of the Special Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024.
2. Discussion and potential action to approve the Resolution for the Community Mental Health Grant through Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS.

BY: Sharla Baldrige
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse, and at the east door of the Courthouse of Hockley County, Texas, as place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 12th day of February, 2024, and said Notice remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2024.

Jennifer Palermo
Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio
Clerk of Commissioners' Court, Hockley County, Texas



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AT _____ O'CLOCK ____ M.

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Jennifer Palermo
County Clerk, Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

IN THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT
OF HOCKEY COUNTY, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING

February 16, 2024

Be it remembered that on this the 16th day of February A.D. 2024, there came on to be held a Special Meeting of the Commissioners Court, and the court having convened in Special session at the usual meeting place thereof at the Courthouse in Levelland, Texas, with the following members present to-wit:

Sharla Baldrige	County Judge
Alan D. Wisdom	Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Larry Carter	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Seth Graf	Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Thomas R "Tommy" Clevenger	Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

Motion by Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Clevenger, 4 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that the Minutes of a Special meeting of the Commissioner's Court, held on February 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. be approved, and stand as read.

Motion by Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Wisdom, 4 votes yes, 0 votes No, that commissioners court approved the Resolution for the Community Mental Health Grant through Texas Health and Human Services Commission. AS per Resolution recorded below.

PAT PHELAN

OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
Nydia "Myra" Chapa

District Judge
286th Judicial District

COURT COORDINATOR
Jami Newsom

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February 16, 2024

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attn: Michele Rivers, Grant Specialist, HHSC Procurement and Contracting Services
Procurement and Contracting Services Building
1100 W 49th St. MC: 2020
Austin, TX 78756

RE: Letter of Support – Community Mental Health Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

The 286th District Court in Hockley County, Texas, is eager and excited to collaborate with Lubbock Regional MHMR Center, doing business as StarCare Specialty Health System (StarCare), for the purpose of improving outcomes for inmates with mental illness in the Hockley County Jail. StarCare has made a significant impact in Hockley County over the last several years by improving access to outpatient mental health services and diverting people with mental illness from incarceration to more appropriate settings of care. Expanding Hockley County's relationship with StarCare to include jail-based mental health care, competency restoration, and re-entry support is a much-needed and next logical step to ensure the wellbeing of the citizens of Hockley County. With that said, the 286th District Court in Hockley County, Texas, fully supports StarCare's application to obtain funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for a Community Mental Health Grant (CMHG) program.

I understand StarCare's CMHG program will support the Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan by mitigating specific gaps in Texas' behavioral health system at the community level. The strategies outlined in StarCare's application will demonstrate a comprehensive approach to addressing Gap 1, *Increasing Access to Appropriate Behavioral Health Services for Underserved Populations*, and Gap 5, *Enhancing Continuity of Care and Systemic Coordination for Justice-Involved Individuals*.

I also understand StarCare's CMHG program will expand its existing relationship with Hockley County to focus on: conducting mental health screenings and assessments to ensure early identification and treatment of inmates in need of psychiatric treatment and medication management services while incarcerated; providing Jail-Based Competency Restoration (JBCR); and providing community re-entry supports to ensure continuity of mental health care upon release and lessen the likelihood of deterioration and/or recidivism.

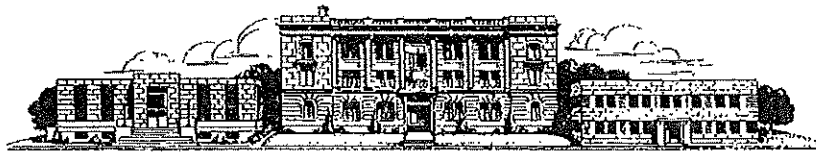
Again, the 286th District Court in Hockley County is proud to expand its existing partnership with StarCare to continue to meet the urgent needs of Hockley County citizens living with mental illness. Thank you for considering this letter of support.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via Court Coordinator, Jami Newsom, at (806) 894-8240 or jami.newsom@hockleycounty.org.

Respectfully,



Honorable Pat Phelan,
286th District Court Judge: Hockley and Cochran Counties



Hockley County

Levelland, Texas

Sharla Baldrige
County Judge

802 Houston, Suite 101
LEVELLAND, TEXAS 79336
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If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (806) 894-6856 or at [sbaldridge@hockleycounty.org](mailto:sbaldrige@hockleycounty.org).

Respectfully,

Sharla Baldrige
Hockley County Judge

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COMMITTING HOCKLEY COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE MATCH REQUIRED BY LUBBOCK REGIONAL MHMR CENTER DBA STARCARE SPECIALTY HEALTH SYSTEM'S APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION FOR THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH GRANT TO SUPPORT JAIL RE-ENTRY SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LEVELLAND FOR INMATES IN THE HOCKLEY COUNTY JAIL.

WHEREAS, the Hockley County Commissioner's Court recognizes the importance of providing comprehensive mental health services to individuals in the Hockley County Jail and upon community re-entry.

WHEREAS, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is currently accepting applications for the Community Mental Health Grant (CMHG) Program. The CMHG Program is a behavioral health matching grant project authorized by the Texas Legislature, which is administered by the HHSC Behavioral Health Services Department.

WHEREAS, the CMHG Program's design and operational purposes are directed by State statute and must fulfill the goals and strategies identified by the Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan. The goals of the CMHG Program are to mitigate specific gaps in Texas' behavioral health system at the community level. StarCare Specialty Health System's CMHG Program application will address Gap 5, *Enhance Continuity of Care and systematic coordination for justice-involved individuals*.

WHEREAS, the CMHG Program will be used for the sole purpose of supporting community programs that provide mental health care services and treatment to individuals with mental illness. StarCare Specialty Health System's CMHG Program application will focus on providing jail in-reach and re-entry services to inmates at the Hockley County Jail. Mental health screenings and assessments will be conducted to ensure early identification and treatment of inmates in need of psychiatric treatment and medication management services while incarcerated. Re-entry services will help ensure continuity of mental health care upon release.

WHEREAS, the CMHG Program projects providing or coordinating services in a county with a population of less than 100,000 must **match twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of state funds awarded**. The CMHG Program allows local match to take the form of either "in-kind" or cash contributions.

WHEREAS, the Hockley County Commissioner's Court deems it necessary and appropriate to authorize the County to provide the match for StarCare Specialty Health System's CMHG Program application (if awarded).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. The Hockley County Commissioners' Court hereby authorizes the County to provide the program match for StarCare Specialty Health System's application for the Community Mental Health Grant Program from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
2. The Hockley County Commissioners' Court hereby authorizes the County to provide in-kind match at any level sufficient to complement the total application amount.
3. The Hockley County Commissioners' Court hereby authorizes the County provide cash match up to \$ 125,000.00 to complement the total application amount.

4. The County Judge of Hockley County, Texas, is hereby authorized to administer all matters on behalf of Hockley County, Texas, relating to said grant application and to execute all necessary documents needed for the success of the grant application, award and program administration.

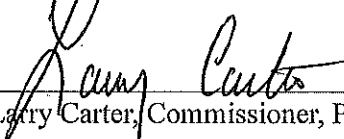
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.



Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge



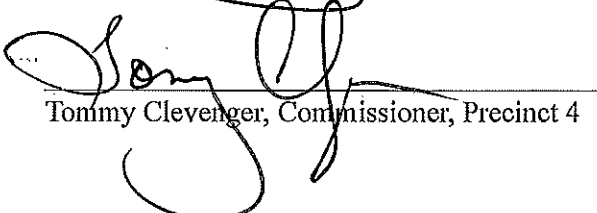
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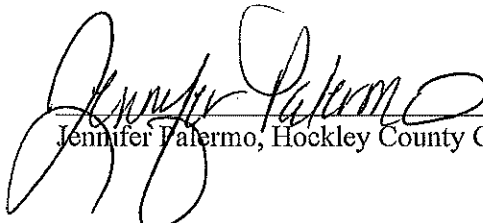


Seth Graf, Commissioner, Precinct 3



Tommy Clevenger, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Attest:



Jennifer Palermo, Hockley County Clerk



There being no further business to come before the Court, the Judge declared Court adjourned, subject to call.

The foregoing Minutes of a Commissioner's Court meeting held on the 16th day of February, A. D. 2024, was examined by me and approved.

Alan Wisdom
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

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Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

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Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

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Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

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County Judge

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JENNIFER PALERMO, County Clerk, and
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court
Hockley County, Texas

