

# Minutes

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUDSPETH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

April 23, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

HUDSPETH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COUNTY COURTROOM

109 W. MILLICAN ST. SIERRA BLANCA, TX 79851

Item # 1- Determination of Quorum and Certify the posting of the Agenda.

Judge Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present:

Joanna Mackenzie	County Judge-Present
H.A. Virdell	Commissioner Pct. 1-Present
Sergio Quijas	Commissioner Pct. 2-Present
Johny Sheets	Commissioner Pct. 3-Absent
Canuto Mariscal	Commissioner Pct. 4-Absent
Brenda Sanchez	County & District Clerk

Item #2- Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Item #3- Commissioner Quijas moved to approve the March 26, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #4-Citizen's Communication: None

Item #5-Commissioner Virdell made a motion to accept the following monthly reports from the following County Departments. Commissioner Quijas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- County Judge
- County Commissioner Pct 1.
- County Commissioner Pct 2.
- County Landfill Director
- County Administrator/CIHCP
- County JP Precincts 1-4

Item #6-Commissioner Quijas made a motion to approve a Proclamation from Center against Sexual and Family Violence (CASV) recognizing the Month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #7-Commissioner Virdell made a motion to approve a Proclamation from the Community Council of South-Central Texas, Inc. (CCSCT) recognizing the month of May as Community Action Month and CCSCT as a Community Action Agency. Commissioner Quijas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #8-Commissioner Quijas made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable, paid bills report, and budget from the Hudspeth County Auditor. Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item #9-Commissioner Quijas made a motion to approve the renewal lease for the Pitney Bowes Postage Machine at the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #10-Commissioner Quijas made a motion to approve the use of ARPA Funds to purchase Texas Supreme Court approved equipment required for a County Court recording system in the amount of \$4,000.00. Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Break at 9:52 a.m.**

**Back in Regular Session at 10:03 a.m.**

Item #11-Commissioner Quijas made a motion to approve the proposed FY'25 County Budget Calendar for the month of September. Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #12-Commissioner Virdell made a motion to approve the enrollment list for the annual Cyber Security Training 2024 for all Public Officials and Office Staff that use County Computers as per the Texas Local Government Code 2054.5191. Commissioner Quijas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item#13-Discussion Item, there was discussion regarding information on the CDL Driving Skills Test Waiver Employer Certifications for County Employees. No action required.

Item #14- Commissioner Quijas made a motion to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Freedom Reunion Celebration to take place on July 6, 2024 at the Sierra Blanca Park. Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #15-Commissioner Quijas made a motion to approve the use of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds for Countywide Events and to repair the Rail Road Depot Museum roof up to \$5000.00 subject to insurance coverage. Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #16 and #17 combined-No action on both items, regarding County work on outside property and increasing hourly rate for non-county road and bridge work from \$75.00 to \$125.00, no action.

Item #18-Informational item, Judge Mackenzie spoke to Commissioner Sheets regarding ADA ramps for Road & Bridge Trailer requesting \$17,000.00 for County trailer and office and requesting \$8,000.00 for fuel containment area build for 500-gal fuel tank, Judge Mackenzie applied for unclaimed funds through the State Comptroller for potential funding, Judge Mackenzie is waiting for a response on whether or not funds belong to the County.

Item #19-Commissioner Virdell made a motion to appoint Judge Mackenzie to the County Historical Commissioner to replace Judge Neely. Commissioner Quijas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item #20-Discussion Item, there was discussion regarding updates/information from Judge Mackenzie on the County Courthouse landscaping preservation and renovation. No action required.

Item #21-Commissioner Quijas made a motion to accept the order to extend the Hudspeth County Burn Ban. Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #22- No action was taken on the approval of completed Certificate of Compliance Application following determination regarding plat and utility status of Texas Local Government Code, Section 232.028 (b). No applications to present.

#### Executive Session

Commissioner Virdell made a motion to leave Regular session and into Executive Session to discuss item #23 at 10:51 a.m... Commissioner Quijas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Quijas made a motion to leave Executive Session at 11:34 am and back into Regular Session at 11:38 am... Commissioner Virdell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #23- Commissioner Virdell made a motion to remove the County Treasurer and approve finding that the County Treasurer has failed to comply with County Commissioners Court Resolution of February 27, 2024 and that the Commissioners Court continues to have no confidence in the County Treasurer. Therefore the County Judge and legal counsel are directed to explore all action necessary to have the County Treasurer removed from office. Commissioner Quijas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item #24-Commissioner Virdell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Quijas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The foregoing minutes being read and approved in open court. There being no further business, Court adjourned at @ 11:39 a.m. Sine die.

SWORN AND ATTESTED TO BY:

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Brenda Sanchez,  
County Clerk

