

THE STATE OF TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING

COUNTY OF MCCULLOCH

MARCH 18, 2026

The Commissioner's Court of McCulloch County met in Special Session on the 18th day of March 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present:

Frank Trull	County Judge
Carol Anderson	Commissioner Pct. #1
Randy Deans	Commissioner Pct. #2
Rod Young	Commissioner Pct. #3
Gary Maricle	Commissioner Pct. #4
Mikkie Williams	County Treasurer
Greg Torres	County Attorney
Matt Andrews	County Sheriff

Invocation was given by Commissioner Young followed by the Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Public Comment: Dave Edmiston spoke regarding endangered species located in the San Saba River. He reported that there are seven species of mussels identified in the river. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has designated the portion of the San Saba River from Menard to San Saba as critical habitat for these endangered species.

Mr. Edmiston stated that violations under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) may carry assessed penalties ranging from \$1,566.00 to \$61,000.00. He also reported that, under the USFWS final rule issued July 6, 2024, the San Saba River was recognized as the third pristine river in the United States.

MINUTES:

BILLS:

Elected Officials/Department Heads:

Discussion: Discussion regarding the Friends of the San Saba and Kinnan Golemon's request for McCulloch County to contact the Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species per Government Code Chapter 490 E to review state and local governmental efforts to address endangered species issues and provide recommendations to make those efforts more cost effective in regards to the proposed route for the 765 kV transmission line through McCulloch County. Mr. Golemon reported that he has represented Friends of the San Saba for approximately 20 years. He stated that during the last legislative session, he secured \$500,000.00 from TCEQ to monitor the flow of the San Saba River.

Mr. Gerald Nobles added that ONCOR stated they "just drew a straight line" for the proposed 765kV transmission line route and did not take other factors into consideration.

Action:

1. The Court acted and approved a closed Executive Session in accordance with the Government Code Chapter 551 Section 551.071 consultation with Attorney in regards to the Friends of the San Saba and Kinnan Golemon's request for McCulloch County to contact the Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species per Government Code Chapter 490 E to review state and local governmental efforts to address endangered species issues and provide recommendations to make those efforts more cost effective in regards to the proposed route for the 765 kV transmission line through McCulloch County. Commissioner Anderson made the motion to move to Closed Executive Session with Commissioner Deans seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION AT 10:02 AM

2. The Court acted and approved to reconvene Open Session. Commissioner Deans made the motion to reconvene with Commissioner Maricle seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

OPEN SESSION AT 10:33 AM

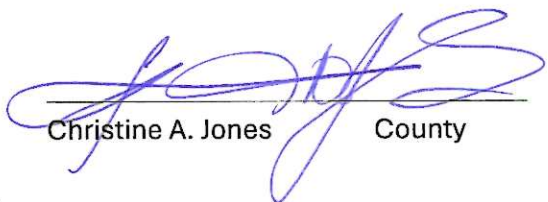
3. The court acted and approved the Friends of the San Saba and Kinnan Golemon's request for McCulloch County to contact the Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species per Government Code Chapter 490 E to review state and local governmental efforts to address endangered species issues and provide recommendations to make those efforts more cost effective in regards to the proposed route for the 765 kV transmission line through McCulloch County. McCulloch County will provide a Resolution. Commissioner Young made the motion to contact the Task Force with Commissioner Anderson seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM with Commissioner Anderson making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Young. All in favor motion carried. 5-0



Frank Trull County Judge
Clerk





Christine A. Jones County