# TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

May 12, 2025 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 12th day of May, 2025 the Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the Commissioners Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

MILTON POWERS

JOE BLACKSHER

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1

DOUG HUGHES

MIKE MARSHALL

BUCK HUDSON

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4

KELLY JOBE DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

The following were absent: none thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

STEPHANIE VOTH ASST. COUNTY AUDITOR LEANN MONK COUNTY TREASURER

MELISSA CARSON TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

RENEE CREWS DISTRICT CLERK

JOHN SETTLOCKER EMERGENCY MNGT. COORDINATOR SONDRA WILLIAMS TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMN.

After calling the meeting to order by Judge Powers, Commissioner Blacksher led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Blacksher.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Michael Silberstein – Current Hwy 69 Expansion concerns: contractor trespassing and damaging his property, he felt his 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights had been violated, yard had been used as a parking lot without permission, blocked access to the county road

**B. Marci Silberstein** – Current Hwy 69 Expansion concerns: expressed the people of Tyler County deserve to be treated with dignity and respect

**Tara Roe-Sanchez** – Hwy 69 Expansion concerns: Lawsuit in Supreme Court against TxDOT concerning loss of property due to flooding on I-10 expansion in Winnie, damage to her property, some people don't have legal means to hire attorney, children cannot access the bus stop, \$588 water bill due to line break

**Colleen Vera** – No services for abandoned dogs, requested an agenda item for next month for public discussion

#### TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to table consideration to accept the Dedication of Road Easements on PR 7110 to county maintained by Precinct #3 and given a county road number using new documentation, including resolution and petition information and map. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher.** All commissioners voted yes and none no.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Minutes were not presented.

Commissioner Hughes made a motion to receive the monthly reports from the Juvenile Probation Departments, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Auditor, County Extension and Nutrition Center. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

### PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/ORDERS:

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to proclaim May 12<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> as **National Hospital Week in Tyler County**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. He read aloud a proclamation expressing appreciation for outstanding healthcare. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Hughes motioned to give recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tyler County Hospital District. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. Christina Hood gave an invitation to the celebration on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Blacksher presented a certificate from the office of Congressman Babin for special congressional recognition. Judge Powers gave accolades to the staff for the wonderful job they do for the Tyler County Hospital.

### **CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to approve the budget amendments/line item transfers, as presented. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to approve the accounts payable/county bills, as submitted. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to table approval the County Treasurer's monthly report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

No action was taken to accept the monthly **donation** from Riley Funeral Home for **senior activities** at the **Tyler County Nutrition Center.** 

Commissioner Hughes motioned to approve the TAC HEBP Interim COBRA Administration Agreement. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to pay for the meals for **Tyler County Government Day** out of **contingency for miscellaneous.** All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to cancel Forte payment services used by the **tax office. Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blacksher and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve payment services by Certified Payments for the tax office. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the lease renewal of office space for Congressman Brian Babin in the Tyler County Courthouse for two years pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 272.005. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to ratify the Service Agreement for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS). All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Tyler County Precinct #4 and Emergency Services Board #2/SpurgerVFD. Commissioner Hughes stated that he was unable to use a MOU in the past. Commissioner Blacksher suggested the memorandum be reviewed by the Criminal District Attorney. A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall to table consideration of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Tyler County Precinct #4 and Emergency Services Board #2/SpurgerVFD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hudson. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to table consideration of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Tyler County Precinct #4 and **Spurger ISD.** All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to table consideration of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Tyler County Precinct #4 and **Warren ISD.** All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to table approval of the County Auditor's Annual Report to give time for reviewing. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the Resolution designating authorized signatories for the contractual and financial documents pertaining to the GLO Community Development Black Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program (LHMPP), Contract #22-130-082-F136. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Marshall motioned seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to amend to designate the County Auditor, County Treasurer and County Judge as authorized signatories. All commissioners voted yes and none to the amendment. A motion was made by Commissioner Blacksher and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the Resolution designating the County Auditor, County Treasurer and County Judge as authorized signatories for the contractual and financial documents pertaining to the GLO Community Development Black Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program (LHMPP), Contract #22-130-082-F136. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to approve the renewal agreement with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS) for OPEB services. This is for GASB auditing services. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

## COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Renee Crews- updated the court as to the records preservation project. She reported the cost was \$5000 under what was budgeted. Mrs. Crews want to use the \$5000 toward the "pre-preservation project" on the shuck case files. She also reported i3Verticals has gone to a web-based jury summons system.

**Leann Monk-** announced "Safety and Employee Benefits Fair" on the courthouse lawn. She plans a large event with a foo truck and other vendors.

Commissioner Blacksher- rebuttal for public comments: With TxDOT there is little the commissioners can due other than help to get the people in contact with TxDOT representatives. Abandoned dogs- checked with Hardin County and Jasper doesn't have a leash law. Very expensive approx. two and half million dollars plus a \$500,000 - \$600,000 yearly budget for it. Judge Powers said he was looking for grants for this issue. Commissioner Marshall stated a veterinarian has to be on staff and suggested possible workshop in the future. Also, need to post a workshop for Memorial Day Celebration. Judge Hudson added a workshop posted for the Tyler County Hospital event.

Judge Powers- schedule for budget time and budget workshops

Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Hudson- MOU vs. contracts.

Executive Session: Not held

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher that the meeting adjourn. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:02 AM

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk and ex officio member of the Tyler County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify to the fact that the above is a true and correct record of the Tyler County Commissioners Court session held on May 12, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025.

Donece Gregory, County Clerk

Attest: