

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 10, 2025 --- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS                      ON THIS THE 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
DOUG HUGHES	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2
MIKE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
JANET BROWN	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
BROOKE MONTALBANO	ASST. CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TERRY ALLEN	JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER CO HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR
DONALD CALHOON	DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR

After calling the meeting to order by Judge Powers, Commissioner Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Barbara S. Justice with Workforce Solutions, Deep East Texas**, updated the court with opportunities that Workforce Solutions has. The first is Red, White & You! A job fair hiring event that connects veterans, transitioning military members, and military spouses to employers across Texas. To be held on November 12, 2025, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center in Lufkin, Texas. Also, a job fair in Tyler County on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, located at the Nutrition Center. **RoyOMartin** is willing to hire people from this area for the production operator and will be having interviews every 30 minutes. Potential hirees will need to have resume and work authorization documentation. Ms. Justice is also working with **Dogwood Manor** and **Mr. Mann** for possible position openings. Also, handling a job fair for **Georgia Pacific**, which is hiring for production operators. **Judge Powers** thanked Ms. Justice for bringing job opportunities to Tyler County.

**TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** none

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to receive the minutes of October 14, 2025. All commissioners voted yes none no.

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

**RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS:**

Judge Powers read aloud the Veteran's Day Proclamation for Tyler County on November 11, 2025. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to proclaim November 11, 2025 as a day to honor all veterans and wear an article of red clothing as recognition. He requested all veterans present in the meeting to stand for an applause of appreciation. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:**

**Budget Amendment/Line-Item Transfer:**

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the budget amendments. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **Accounts Payable/County Bills**. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to accept the County Treasurer's Monthly report. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to accept the monthly donation from **Riley Funeral Home** for senior activities at the Tyler County Nutrition Center. All commissioners voted yes none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to set the **2026** regular term days and dates for **Commissioners Court fiscal year**. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Hughes** motioned to approve the deputation of Sara Russell, in the **District Clerk's Office**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the reappointment of **Kathy Attaway** to serve on **Emergency Service District 8**, Board of Members. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to accept the resignation of **Veterans Service Officer, Tina Cleberg**. **Commissioner Blacksher** commented that Ms. Cleberg had been struggling with health issues and he really hated to lose her, as she has done a lot for the veterans of Tyler County. **Commissioner Blacksher** and **Madam Treasurer** will inform the court of when and where the recognition will take place. A committee will be formed to fill the statutory position for the replacement of Ms. Cleberg. **Judge Powers** mentioned that per the statutes, that a veteran is preferred for that position. **Commissioner Blacksher** stated that the recommended person would have to be appointed. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to approve the agreement with **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department** for boat storage at the Tyler County Nutrition Center. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Blacksher** commented that this agreement is for a two year term. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to consider/approve the ClearGov annual subscription services for financial data for Tyler County website. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. **Judge Powers** explained that this is to help get our transparency star from the Comptroller's office and make the website user friendly with less clicks. **Treasurer Monk** commented that her office and the County Auditor is in support of this action. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to renew the contract with **Southern Software, Inc.** for the Sheriff's department for records management system, jail management system, and the computer aided dispatch. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to consider/approve the regional public defender for Capital Cases FY 2026/27 Interlocal Agreement. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Hudson** motioned to consider/approve the non-exclusive license and Service Agreement with **Local Government Solutions, L.P.** for all 4 JP Courts. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. **Keven Dutton**, Attorney with **Linebarger** explained that this was a preamble that i3Verticals price were enormous and that it would be a savings of \$32,000.00 annually to change the software. The system would be a better integration with Linebarger's system, getting the data needed to perfect the collection of the JP's fines and fees for Tyler County. **Elizabeth Gardner**, **Business Development Director of LGS** commented that she was present to answer any questions. **Judge Powers** and **Commissioner Blacksher** commented on the prior company having delayed response to software issues. **Ms. Gardner** confirmed that LGS would be providing prompt customer support and that their surveys scored 98% satisfaction. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to accept the donation of \$5,000.00 in **memory of Squire Cruse** for the **Williams Travis Plaque**. All commissioners voted yes none no.

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to consider the TIDC FY2026 Formula Grant Indigent Defense. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Judge Powers commented that this is a normal procedure that has been approved through District Court for the County Plans of prompt magistrate and the Tyler County Juvenile Board Plan and must be approved through the Commissioner Court. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to discuss and take action to change order 6 for GLO CDBG MIT Grant contract no. 22-119-009-D419. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. **Nick Hoelscher, PE Civil Engineer** discussed that this was a change order on the first grant, HUGP Grant in Precinct 3 with a time extension. A walk through on finishing a bridge and extending a culvert 10' (feet) longer for better flow. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to discuss and take action on change order 1 GLO CDG REGIONAL HUD MID GRANT-GLO contract No. 24-065-047-E539. **Mr. Nick Hoelscher** commented that this is the Second Round Grant, the HUD bid. This change order is working with Precinct 1, on a couple of roads that weren't going to be stabilized under the subgrade that are going to be taken care of. Also, other roads are going to have quick set oil sand upgraded to type D hot mix, which is a longer lasting, better life and less maintenance cost. Also, one (1) road in Precinct 4, will have the quick set oil sand upgraded to the hot mix. This grant has \$781,440.12 remaining in construction budget. This change order obligates \$384,998.00, leaving funds available to discuss with Precinct 2 and Precinct 3, to spend the balance. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to discuss and take action on change order 1 for GLO CDBG REGIONAL state MID Grant, GLO contract no. 24-065-046-E538. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. **Mr. Nick Hoelscher** commented that this was the smaller grant, the State Mid, with work being done in Precinct 4. **County Road 477** changed from the quick set oil sand to the hot mix. This grant had \$279,654.55 left, with this order being \$38,140.90. Mr. Nick will confer with the Commissioner on how to utilize the remaining balance. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to make changes to the Treasurers bank account signature cards, removing Courtney McHenry and Donece Gregory. With the following to remain or to be added, Leann Monk, County Treasurer, Jackie Skinner, County Auditor, Janet Brown, County Clerk, Melanie Calhoon, Chief Deputy, Treasurers Office, Angie Butler, Deputy, Treasurers Office, Stephanie Voth, Chief Deputy, Auditors Office. All commissioners voted yes none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to add 100' (foot) of right-of-way to County Road (CR) 1040, Tyler County, Pct. 2. Additional footage for safety purposes. Doug Hughes commented that in 2014, Charlie Branch, Gardner Oil gave the 100' (foot) right-of-way easement on County Road 1040, near Señor Toros to give cars better access. With the court's approval, the county will abandon the first ROW, reverting back to the property owner. A new Right-of-Way approximately, 100 yards long, making it safer for Tyler County citizens turning in and out of that road. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the renewal of **ES&S 2026 Contract for Election Site Support**. Ms. Brown commented that prices will be higher in January, 2026. The county will receive this years prices, if check is received by December 31, 2025. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve the **Tyler County Airport Hanger Lease Agreement** between Victor Ballard III and Emily Ballard. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Marshall** commented that there was a discrepancy with the paperwork listing of 60'X60' with prior discussion stating 40'X60', and that is what it is going to be, and if any changes, then it will be presented to court. **Commissioner Blacksher** questioned the twenty (20) year, thinking it should be ten (10) years. **Commissioner Marshall** confirmed that it is twenty (20) years and that it was, two (2) ten (10) years terms, and now it is straight twenty (20) years. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to accept the **resignation of Commissioner Mike Marshall** from the **Allan Shivers Library Board**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Marshall** commented that he was honored to have been on the board, just not doing any justice with being on several other boards. He mentioned that **Commissioner Hughes** would be willing to take the spot. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** made a motion to appoint **Doug Hughes** as a replacement member for the **Allen Shivers Library Board**. **Commission Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the **CDL contract** to be used in the Road & Bridge Department with the option to utilize the contract being at the discretion of the Commissioner and with the constraints of their budget. **Commissioner Blacksher** expressed his concerns, asking an employee decides to quit, how would the county have the ability to recover, and then commented that it should be discussed with the Assistant District Attorney, Brooke Montalbano. **County Treasurer, Leann Monk** commented that the county has it in a contract for the Sheriff's Office and there would need to be some type of attempted compensation, since we provide the job and pay \$5,000.00 for school. **Judge Powers** commented that the county does the same with the Sheriff's Office and possibly getting a contract and letting the D.A. review it. **Ms. Monk** reiterated that it is at the discretion of the commissioner. **Commissioner Marshall** commented that it should be placed in the policies. **Commissioner Hudson** commented that it was good experience for the young man that he had sent and he has no problems driving any of the trucks. Mr. Hudson feels like it was money well spent and he is an awesome employee and doesn't look for him to go anywhere. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to ratify event insurance for the second **Saturday on the Square** with Eventsured funded through the **Economically Development Fund**. **Judge Powers** commented that this is for the Second Saturday on the Square, and there have been large crowds attending. Tyler County Chamber of Commerce will be reimbursing the monies paid by the county for the event insurance. Judge Powers also mentioned that the county is working with Texas Association of Counties (TAC), with yearly premiums at a lower rate. **Commissioner Blacksher** commented that the reason for this policy is that our regular policy doesn't cover this type of event. **Judge Powers** then commented that TAC Legal recommended the event insurance. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

**CANVASS THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION  
RESULTS:** no action

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

**Commissioner Blacksher** stated that the Air Show had been postponed. After making phone calls, the fuel truck will allow the county to have the remainder of time not used. The fee will have to be paid for bringing it back, however, that is still a total savings of \$5,000.00. Also, the insurance will be reimbursed. The Air Show will be rescheduled for spring.

**Judge Powers** stated that Christmas on the Square is scheduled for November 22, 2025 and that it is an all-day event from 9:00 a.m through 9:00 p.m. Being fully booked with vendors, wood chopping contest, pie contest, fun games for kids. **Judge Powers** praised the **Madam Treasurer** for a job well done on the gingerbread house. **County Treasurer, Leann Monk** commented on how the county has an outstanding **Maintenance Department** and that **Hickory Hills Tree Farm** will be donating 10-15 trees with one (1) large tree being decorated red, white and blue, in honor of the tree farm donating 25 trees to troops and their families that are stationed here. **Judge Powers** mentioned that there will also be a Christmas parade and if anyone is interested in participating, to get in touch with Commissioner Blacksher.

**Terry Allen, Juvenile Probation Office** reported that the purse auction raised \$17,000.00 for the Child Welfare Board and thanked the court for their support.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** not held

Formal action following Executive Session: none

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 10:50 a.m.

I, Janet Brown, 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 November 10, 25.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janet Brown, County Clerk