

The County Auditor announced there was only one bid received for grant administrator: David J. Waxman, Inc. **Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to award David J. Waxman, Inc. as grant administrator/professional services for the application development and grant administrative services for the **2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program (2025-2026 TxCDBG)**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

The County Auditor announced bids submitted for engineering services: AWC/Arceneaux Wilson & Cole, Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong, WTC Engineers, Schaumburg & Polk, Leavins Engineering & Design and Fittz & Shipman. Commissioner Blacksher reported the rating committee recommends Good-Lasiter-Strong due to past work experience, with Tyler County, and which had only a one point difference in the rating process. A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to award

Good-Lasiter-Strong as the engineering firm for services for the **2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program (2025-2026 TxCDBG)**, as recommended by the rating committee. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

The County Auditor announced there were two bids received for grant administrator: David J. Waxman, Inc. and Black Grey Gold. **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to award David J. Waxman, Inc. as grant administrator and professional services for the application development and grant administrative services for the **Texas General Land Office Disaster Reallocation Program (DRRP)**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

The County Auditor announced bids submitted for engineering services: Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong, Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., Leavins Engineering & Design and Fittz & Shipman. **Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to award Good-Lasiter-Strong, as recommended by the committee due to scoring results, as the engineering firm for services for the **Texas General Land Office Disaster Reallocation Program (DRRP)**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the **Temporary Construction Easement for CR2300** for the TxDOT Bridge Project. He stated that when the project is completed it will revert back to the original county right-of-way. **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 Hudson** to re-appoint Herbert Odom and Johnny Page as commissioners to the Emergency Services District #5 Board. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **official bonds** for Anthony Ross, Melissa Carson, Tony Reynolds, Mike Marshall, Tina Self, Tim Scroggins, Bryan Weatherford and Joe Blacksher. There will not be a new bond for Commissioner Blacksher. It is a continuation of his original bond. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to select a **Christmas Committee for the Tyler County Courthouse/Offices**: Commissioner Joe Blacksher, John Settlocker, Burtis Conner, Connie Gibson, Justin Gregory, Danita Skinner and Judge Milton Powers. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve Change Order #1 for Aaron Davis Construction on the **GLO CDBG MIT Project**, GLO Contract No. 22-119-009-**D419**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. The change order gives an extension for the time of completion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve Change Order #2 for Apeck Construction on the **GLO CDBG MIT Project**, GLO Contract No. 22-119-009-**D419**. The change order gives a contract extension. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the annual **contract renewal for Cummins Allison** for the **Tyler County Tax Office**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to appoint **Jackie Skinner to the office of County Auditor** for the term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to amend by inserting “affirm” the appointment of Jackie Skinner to the office of County Auditor for the term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve members for 2025 **Tyler County Historical Commission**: Chuck Davidson, John Gazzaway, John P. Hadnot, Amanda Haralson, Billie Matthews, Lyn McMillan, Ola Morris, Mary Nell Rainey, Charles Smith, Roschelle Springfield, Fred Sullivan, Kay Timme, Debbie Walker and Barbara Worsham. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to discuss and take possible action regarding **Tyler County Complex and Dollar General Lease Agreement #3**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. The County Auditor stated she had spoken with an attorney about the lease; there is not a way to terminate without giving at least 30 days’ notice, preferably 90 days, of the intent not to renew the lease. She stated her reservations about giving the County’s account number to them for electronic payments. Judge Powers added the county does not receive property taxes from Dollar General; and, the county is responsible for the maintenance on the building. The lease is \$2700 per month. Judge Powers stated he hoped for a possible relocation because “we don’t want to lose them”. **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to give Judge Powers the authority to discuss a new lease agreement with Dollar General. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY

GOVERNMENT: Commissioner Blacksher- announced an event, sponsored by Texas Forest County Partnership at the state capitol addressing economic development and rural issues. It will be Tyler County Day at the capitol on February 17th and 18th.

Commissioner Marshall- reported leaking roof at the Justice Center. He has contacted Monument Construction from Beaumont who repaired the roof a few years ago.

Commissioner Hughes- encouraged all to drive out to the rodeo arena to see the new changes.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to enter into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter, at 10:36 am. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 10:51 a.m. due to a delay.

BACK IN REGULAR SESSION:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to return to regular session, out of executive session. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to take a recess. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to come out of recess. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to go back into executive session at 11:26 a.m. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to return to regular session, out of executive session. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

BACK IN REGULAR SESSION: 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to put in the policy manual that: Longevity pay is based on the number of years of unbroken service to the county; however, if a person breaks service but returns to county employment within 14 business days, regardless of what caused the break in service, the employee's time will be reinstated. Longevity pay is in addition to normal merit raises and other compensation that may be provided for by this policy. This policy is retroactive back to January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 11:32 a.m.

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 January 13, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 14th day of January, 2025.

Attest: _____
Donece Gregory, County Clerk