

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 10th day of February, 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
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
RENEE CREWS	DISTRICT CLERK
JOHN SETTLOCKER	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER CO. HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

After Judge Powers called the meeting to order, he led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The invocation was delivered by Tonya Sheffield.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: none

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to receive the minutes of January 13, 2025. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/ORDERS

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to authorize the **sale of fireworks during Texas Independence Day** beginning February 25, 2025 and ending midnight, March 2, 2025. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **budget amendment/line item transfer** for Road & Bridge #4. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to approve the **Accounts Payable/County Bills**, as presented by the County Auditor. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to accept the **County Treasurer's monthly report**. Mrs. Monk reported first time the county had earned one point four million dollars had been earned in interest. Commissioner Blacksher added this interest was off all investments combined, which included road & bridge accounts. **Commissioner Hughes** 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 accept the monthly donation from **Riley Funeral Home** for senior activities at the **Tyler County Nutrition Center**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to appoint Andrew Cook for renewal to the **ESD #3 Board of Commissioners** for the 2025-2026 term. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the amended contract with Goodwin-Lassiter-Strong for the **GLO Regional MIT Program 24-065-046-E538**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

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A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the **deputation of Amy Jordan in the County Clerk's office**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to ratify the **Pitney-Bowes lease** for the Tyler County Courthouse post office meter machine. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the service area concurrence letter for **Texas Forest Country Partnership (TFCP)**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Representatives, Nancy and Tonya Dora, from TFCP delivered a presentation encouraging the county to adopt a "foreign trade" zone. The zone will assist companies that at import and export goods creating a "safe haven" for parts without paying tariffs until they are assembled. Commissioner Blacksher stated this would be an economic development tool in our "toolbox". Commissioner Marshall inquired about the \$30,000 commitment. Nancy responded the 2025 commitment as already been verbally committed by an organization in the region. A sponsor is needed for the 2026 commitment of \$30,000. TFCP representatives will be available for the workshop following this meeting. SEE ATTACHED

No action was taken on item K: Order Special Election Services for the City of Chester. *The City of Chester will be ordering the election.*

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **contract for election services** by the County Clerk for the **City of Chester**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hughes motioned to acknowledge compliance with continuing education requirements per Local Government Code statutes, as well as the **Tyler County Investment Policy** for the Office of the County Treasurer with discussion of the importance of opposing SB411 in the 89th Legislature. Treasurer, Leann, stated the bill SB411 would do away with continuing education for elected officials. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Hughes motioned to add Courtney McHenry to the Tyler County Health Employee Benefits (HEB) access profile. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to remove Amy Jordan from the bank signature cards at First State Bank and **add Courtney McHenry to the signature card**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to authorize the contract with or for **Positive Pay at First State Bank Livingston**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. This is an added process to protect from counterfeit checks. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the contract extension between **Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Tyler County Aging**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion and added this was an extension for the meals program. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to accept the resignation of Randy Gibson and Rodney Krebs as commissioners on the **Emergency Services District #4 Board**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Commissioner Blacksher expressed appreciation for their service. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to appoint Phillip Spearman and Richard Kasko as commissioners to the **Emergency Services District #4 Board**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to re-appoint Krystal Redden and Matt Mentzel as commissioners to the **Emergency Services District #4 Board**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to table consideration of appointing Kagen Pitre to serve on the **Emergency Services District #1 Board**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

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A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to re-appoint B. A. Smith as commissioner to the **Emergency Services District #1 Board**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve travel and hotel expenses of officials attending **Legislative Day** in Austin to be paid out of **legislative services budget line-item**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Blacksher** and **Judge Powers** encourage officials to attend and speak toward the bills filed concerning their office including unfunded mandates All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to transfer **DETCOG 911 equipment** ownership to Tyler County, as requested by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Commissioner Blacksher encouraged people to go look at the improvements to the rodeo arena: new sewer, new restrooms, air conditioning and heating. Good lighting without worries of getting electrocuted. Investment to the future for "the kids".

County Auditor- added to **Commissioner Blacksher** and **Commissioner Hughe's** comments. She stated dealing with federal funds requires the county to "go by their regulations" which requires engineers, grant administrators, contractors which makes to projects cost much more. The upgrade keeps kids from falling through bleachers and the roof from falling, handicap accessibility

Commissioner Blacksher and Commissioner Hughes will be scheduling a workshop to get rust off and paint beams, etc. **Commissioners Blacksher and Hughes** have torn down buildings out there to save the county money.

Judge Powers stated that he and **Commissioner Marshall** will be speaking to the Naskila Casino Resort representatives. He stated that he had met the man that is over the construction of the casino resort at the Alabama Coushatta reservation. He announced the Lunch and Learn, sponsored by the Agrilife Extension, will be about couponing presented by himself and his sister-in-law.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to enter into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

COURT BACK IN REGULAR SESSION:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to go back into regular session. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

No formal action was taken.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 11:04 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 February 10, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 3rd day of March, 2025.

Attest: 
Donece Gregory, County Clerk