

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS                      ON THIS THE 10th day of March, 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:

STEPHANIE VOTH	ASST. COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
RENE CREWS	DISTRICT CLERK
BROOKE MONTALBANO	ASST. CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JOHN SETTLOCKER	EMERGENCY MNGT. COORDINATOR
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER CO HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

Judge Powers opened the meeting and recognized those present volunteers of the American Red Cross. Commissioner Marshall led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The invocation was delivered by James Broussard.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: none**

**TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to take from Tabled: Appoint Kagen Pitre to serve on Emergency Services District 1 Board of Commissioners. All commissioners voted yes and none no. **Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to appoint Kagen Pitre as Commissioner to the Emergency Services District 1 Board. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to receive the Minutes of February 20, 2025. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Hudson** made a motion to receive the monthly reports from the **Juvenile and Adult Probation Departments, 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:**

Judge Powers read aloud a Proclamation presented by Kimberly Cline. She is the new Executive Director for the Southeast Deep East Texas Chapter. A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to declare March as **American Red Cross Month** in Tyler County. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:**

**Budget amendments/line item transfers**, were not presented by the County Auditor.

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve the **accounts payable/county bills** as submitted by the County Auditor. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the **County Treasurer's monthly report**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** 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.

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to ratify the purchase of a **document scanner** to be paid for by the **County Clerk's Records Management Fund**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned the ratification of the **TCDRS Confidentiality Agreement** for **CPEB Liability Report** with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS). **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the annual software maintenance renewal of **NetData i3 Verticals** for county offices. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve advertising for bids for **petroleum products, Road & Bridge materials, hauling of road materials, and scrap metals**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Blacksher** stated that if the court was not seeing results by advertising on a six-month basis to save money due to the "market swing" then consider going back to taking bids once a year. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to receive the end of year 2024 **budget report from Emergency Services District #3 (ESD3)**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to table consideration of the renewal of the **Child Welfare Services Non-Financial Agreement HHS0015826**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to add two names: **Milton Powers** and **Cathy Bennett** to the **Tyler County Airport Committee**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **Jail Interlocal Cooperation Agreement** for 2025 between the **Tyler County Sheriff's department** and **Jasper County**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. The sheriff explained the original contract amount was \$60 and has now gone up to \$75. He added that he is also housing inmates in Louisiana at a cheaper rate, but they do not house women. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Hudson** motioned to consider the request for a line-item transfer from an existing line-item to the **salaries line-item of the chief deputy in the Treasurer's office** in the amount of \$5,775.32. The motion died for lack of a second.

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to adopt **County Investment Policy and Funds Strategies Resolution** presented by County Treasurer. **Commissioner Blacksher** 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 adopt the **Tyler County Investment Policy for 2025**, as recommended by the **Tyler County Investment Committee**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the submission of a **USDA-FS-20240CWDG-SGSF project application** to the USDA, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and, authorizing the Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in the USDA-FS-2025-CWDG-SGSF program. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. Judge Powers stated this is pertaining to a wildfire grant which would grant five employees for five years. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to allow **Texas Parks and Wildlife** to have an office space at the Tyler County Nutrition Center, upon approval of an Interlocal Agreement or MOU by legal counsel. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. A wildlife biologist would be housed in the office space. It was a consensus of the court that rent not be charged at this time. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to accept the donation of the use of a JLG manlift from Texas Materials. Members of the court expressed appreciation to Wayne Sweet for the use of the manlift. Commissioner Blacksher explained public comments of why painting the beams was not part of the project. He reported the cost would have been \$30,000. He and Commissioner Hughes have been painting the beams to save money on the project. The cost of paint and supplies thus far has been \$1000. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to hire Jed Morris with Goodwin Lasiter Strong (GLS) for a site inspection of **Lakeland Ranch** infrastructure. Commissioner Blacksher explained a person had bought property there and was unhappy with the road width. Mr. Morris will also look at road widths from washouts and make recommendations. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to attach the **bond information** to the November 12, 2024 agenda item BB for informational purposes only. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve Change Order 2 for the **GLO MIT Construction Contract** with Aaron Davis Construction, GLO Contract No. 22-119-009-D419. Nick Hoelscher with GLS stated additional culverts and an additional 37days are needed to complete the project. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve Change Order 3 for the **GLO MIT Construction Contract, No. 22-119-009-D419** with Apeck Construction. This change order is for a time extension of 117 days to complete the bridge on CR 3910. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the disposition of a decedent at Riley Funeral Home through a **pauper's burial** by cremation, at a cost of \$870 plus transportation of decedent at a cost of \$375.00. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the removal of a hyperlink to the **financial software login** from the 2025 budget posted on the website. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. The County Treasurer stated the link goes to a sign-on screen and needs to be fixed for security purposes. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT: Judge Powers-** expressed appreciation to Commissioners Blacksher and Hughes for painting the beams at the rodeo arena. He called attention to public allegations that some county funds are "in the negative" financially. He presented a report and explained the county is not in the negative; those funds are invested. **Leann** added documentation is published every month in the treasurer's report and made part of the commissioners court agenda.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to enter into Executive Session. All voted yes and none no.

COURT IN REGULAR SESSION:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to enter back into Regular Session. All voted yes and none no.

No action was taken.

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- 11:21 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 March 10, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 11th day of March, 2025.

Attest:

  
Donece Gregory, County Clerk

