

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 2025 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS                      ON THIS THE 14th day of April, 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
MIKE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

The following were absent: Commissioner Hughes thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

BROOKE MONTALBANO	ASST. CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
MELONIE CALHOUN	ASST. COUNTY TREASURER
RENE CREWS	DISTRICT CLERK
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
TERRY ALLEN	JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER
TINA SELF	JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. #1
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER CO HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: Colleen Vera, Ivanhoe-** Lack of resources in Tyler County for abandoned dogs and funding solutions. Volunteer for a committee to seek a solution.

**Bethany Olson-** Stray and dumped dogs on her road. No options for the dogs or people trying to help them. Reached out to other caring residents all have spent thousands of dollars of "our own money". Come together as a community for a long-term solution

**Margie Silverstine-** if more resources in the county could help decrease the epidemic of stray dogs for a cleaner and safer community

**Melissa Ruddy-** read a statement of her dad, a veterinarian in Port Arthur of over 50 years. Need a veterinarian to volunteer and help with a facility such as "Pups in Peril" a facility operated in Port Arthur, Texas.

**Cynthia Trumble-** RN and President of "Fosters & Ferrels" for 10 years. People don't want to live in communities where there is no control over stray and dumped animals.

**TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Judge Powers** motioned the renewal of County Child Welfare Services Non-Financial **Agreement HHS0015826** for 2025 and remained tabled to the next meeting. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to receive the minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All commissioners vote yes and none no.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/ORDERS:**

After reading of the whole by Judge Powers, **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to proclaim April 2025 as **National Child Abuse Prevention Month** and Sunday, April 27, 2025 to be “Blue Sunday”. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to declare April 2025 as **County Government Month** in Tyler County. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to allow the sale of **fireworks for Memorial Day** period May 23 through midnight May 2625. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to declare Thursday, May 1, 2025, as **Tyler County National Day of Prayer**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:**

**Budget amendments/line-item transfers** were not presented.

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

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to approve the **County Treasurer’s monthly report**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT

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. Commissioner Blacksher expressed appreciation for their consistent donations. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **OTIS Service Contract** effective April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. **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 accept the resignation of Andrew Cook from the **Emergency Services District #3**, effective immediately. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve the renewal of i3Verticals **IBM Service Suite Onsite Repair/Exchange Services**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve the addition of Tyler County's portion of **Hubert Cemetery Road in Precinct 2** and assign it as **County Road 2177** per 911 mapping. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Commissioner Marshall explained that a previous Polk County Commissioner had maintained the road. The new commissioner would maintain but not rock the road. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to recognize April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> as **Telecommunications Week**. Leann Whitworth and Amy Jordan (new hire) were recognized as dispatchers. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve the addition of residential solar permits to the **County Procedures for Electrical Service Permits** in the amount of \$25 for basic and \$50 for flood zone. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to review the **county election precinct boundaries, population, incorporated/unincorporated territory**. No change is required as reported by the County Clerk. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to open sealed bids for **road and bridge materials, petroleum products, hauling and scrap metal**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to discuss the award for sealed bids for **road and bridge materials, petroleum products, hauling and scrap metal**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. No bids were received for hauling or scrap metal. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to accept all bids for **road materials**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. A motion was made by and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to award bids for **culverts** to Rural Pipe. All commissioners voted yes and none no. After review of the "markup" prices, **Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to award the bid for **petroleum products** to Gardner Oil. **Judge Powers** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to renew the copier leases with **Texas Document Solutions** for county offices. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Hudson** motioned to ratify the **property renewal schedule and liability renewal questionnaire** with Texas Association of Counties for 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to authorize Pay Request #6, for **Construction Zone of Southeast Texas LLC** that releases the retainage for the **rodeo arena project**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to discuss and take action on the **GLO CDBG MIT Project Change Order #3** (Aaron Davis Construction), GLO Contract No. 22-119-009-D419. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to consider TIPS and approve TIPS Interlocal Agreement. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. TIPS is similar to BuyBoard. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to consider and approve the **Resolution with TIPS**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to ratify the signature to renew the **TAC 2025 ARTS Agreement Contract** for TACHEBP to produce the 1095-C forms deadline for filing March 31, 2025. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to appoint **Courtney McHenry as Deputy Treasurer** for the Tyler County Treasurers Office. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to accept the donations from Lesley Waxman (\$250) and Leavins Engineering & Design (\$250) for the **cost of the rodeo arena ribbon cutting reception**. **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 enroll in the state mandated cybersecurity course provided by TAC. The phone number should be changed. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to accept the resignation of Kagen Pitre as commissioner of **Emergency Service District #1/Pct. 1**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to approve the appointment of Fred Trask to Serve as a commissioner for **Emergency Service District #1/Pct. 1**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to purchase a 2025 Mack Truck P164R with ox dump body with Bruckner's to be financed with First National Bank Wichita Falls for **Road and Bridge Precinct 4**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve expensing local assistance and **Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF)**, in the amount of \$192,822.64 for the **Rodeo Arena Project** to help offset the costs of sewer/water construction. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Judge Powers** motioned to authorize Kay Timme, Director of the **Allan Shivers Library and Museum** to enter legal contracts and sign the required financial certifications for the Allan Shivers Library and Museum. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to approve adding two members to the **Tyler County Historical Commission Membership Roster**: Catherine Penner and Keelin Parker, Bringing Membership to 16 (Maximum per By-Laws). The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Aaron Swink, attorney, reported that over \$800,000 in sales - the county should be receiving 3%. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to authorize Iglesias Law Firm to follow up on negotiations with the **Dollar General Store contract extension**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

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

**Judge Powers** announced a program on May 1<sup>st</sup> for National Day of Prayer. He also announced the TxDOT has made changes to the highway expansion project public. He thanked the commissioners for their hard work getting the changes made for a better route for Woodville. **Commissioner Blacksher** stated they did not put the intersection where they were talking about: spot by La Enchilada to access Woodville. The judge said they were still working on that with Rep. Trent Ashby's office.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 11:15 a.m. County entered into executive session to discuss property acquisition. The County Auditor and Assistant Criminal District Attorney were invited to Executive Session. No action was taken in executive session.

**BACK IN REGULAR SESSION:** 12: 14 p.m.

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

No formal action was needed.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 12:16 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 April 14, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 30th day of April, 2025.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donece Gregory, County Clerk