

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2026 --- 10:00 a.m.

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:

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
BROOKE MONTALBANO	ASST. CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
STEVE HOLLOWAY	CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF
JOHN SETTLOCKER	EMERGENCY MNGT.COORDINATOR
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER CO HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR
DONALD CALHOON	DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR

Judge Powers called the meeting to order. Commissioner Marshall led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jackie Skinner delivered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: none

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to receive the minutes of December 18, 2025. All commissioners voted yes none no.

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

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS: none

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

Budget Amendment/Line-Item Transfer:
A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the budget amendments. The motion

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

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to accept the County Treasurer's November 2025 Monthly report. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. **Treasurer Leann Monk** commented that the seven (7) year report indicates the accomplishments made by the Treasurer and investment committee. **Auditor Jackie Skinner** noted that counties our size are not as diversified as Tyler County, due to the Treasurers' investments bringing more interest to our county. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

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Commissioner Blacksher made a motion to discuss and approve the In-County reimbursement for the Fire Marshall's mileage to and from scenes. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Auditor Jackie Skinner stated that the **IRS rate is .72 cents per mile**. All Commissioners voted yes none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to amend the cell phone allowance budget for the Fire Marshall to \$600.00 per year. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. Judge Powers introduced the **Tyler County Fire Marshall, Justin Dilbeck**. Justin stated that he appreciated the opportunity to be able to work with the County. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to ratify the **TXDOT Advanced Funding Agreement** for bridge replacement or rehabilitation off the State System. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to accept the resignation of **Treasurer, Jennifer Miller** from ESD #3 board. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Hughes** commented that he has the letter of resignation, and working on getting a replacement. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the Property Tax Abatement/Exemption for Saline Saloom **County Road 4260** in Commissioner Precinct 1. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Blacksher** commented that the property line goes through the middle of the road and the Tyler County Appraisal needs signature on documentation. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to change order 2 and plan sheets for the **GLO CDBG, Regional MIT State MID, GLO Contract No. 24-065-046-E538**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. **Nick Hoelscher, PE Civil Engineer**, gave update on the two (2) remaining roads in Precinct 4, increasing the limestone thickness from 6 inches to 8 inches on the county roads with the heaviest logging trucks usage. Also, change order number one (1), changing the oil sand over to hot mix, leaving balance \$8.13 in the construction budget. Nick commented that the grant money was used wisely for the County. **Commissioner Blacksher** commented that if all grant money is not spent, then the state will ask for it to be returned. All Commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to ratify price change agreement for ambulance and emergency medical services between Tyler County and **Bluebird Medical Enterprise**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. **Judge Powers** commented that the original contract states \$150,000.00, and needs to be changed to \$200,000.00, until grant is approved. This must be put in the contract for ratification. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to accept the **SART Biennial Report**. Paula Nash, Felony Coordinator with the District Attorney's office reported that the 87th legislation mandated that each county have a sexual assault response team that provide reports for adult sexual assault. The report is due every two (2) years on how many cases were reported, investigated and how many cases were turned over to the District Attorney's office. The team consisting of the DA's office, Sheriff's office, Police Departments, Family services, and Forensic services, collects information for the report. This report is submitted to the County, and then the County submits it to the State. Judge Powers thanked the District Attorney's office for completing this report. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to change the District Court additional case fees to a flat rate of \$275.00 per case. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes none no.

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Commissioner Blacksher motioned to recognize the Tyler County employees who reached their tenure milestones during the year 2025. Five (5) years: Timmy Russell, Cory LeBlanc, Andrew Kight, Anthony Ross, Kassie Moffett, Melinda Ard, Amanda Stephens, Leonard Conner, and Jose Alonso-Nieves. Ten (10) years: Lekisha Betts, Judge Delinda Gibbs-Walker, Kimberly Murray, Vance Champagne, and Jessica Harp. Fifteen (15) years: Leigh Ann Whitworth. Twenty-Five (25) years: Donald Calhoon IV. Thirty (30) years: Dean Rivers. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to consider and approve **Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Angelina County** for housing inmates. Bryan Weatherford, Sheriff, explained that the state regulations and jail commission requirements must be met. With an example, that with eight (8) female inmates, costing the county the total of twelve (12) male inmates. With this agreement the county will be able to house twenty (20) females, and with crime at an all-time high and surrounding counties and TDCJ being at capacity. Tyler County will be able to house in Angelina County at the cost of \$75.00 per day for twenty (20) beds. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to consider removing the diseased magnolia tree in the front, east side/corner of the courthouse lawn. The **Historical Commission** has been consulted per the attachment on item 5P. All commissioners voted yes none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to consider and approve planting a donated cypress Christmas tree in the front lawn of the courthouse. The tree is to be planted on the east side of the lawn facing Highway 190, in between the sidewalk and the District Attorney's office as to not block the view of the courthouse. The cypress tree donation is being made by **Hickory Hills Christmas Tree Farm** for generations of Tyler County residents to permanently enjoy. The **Texas Historical Commission** has been consulted. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Judge Powers, along with Treasurer Leann Monk and Commissioner Blacksher, thanked Hickory Hills Christmas for all the donations for the Christmas on the Square. All commissioners voted yes none no. SEE ATTACHED

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Auditor, Jackie Skinner mentioned that on behalf of **Commissioner Hughes, Pct. 2**, that a workshop would be needed to discuss the policy on the rental of the Rodeo Arena. **Judge Powers** mentioned that the workshop could be combined with the responsibilities of the Fire Marshall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to enter the Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to enter back into Regular Session at 11:10 a.m. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

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

Formal action following Executive Session: no action taken

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED – 11:13 a.m.

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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 January 12, 2026.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 12th day of January, 2026.

Attest: Janet Brown
Janet Brown, County Clerk

