

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TERRELL

Terrell County Commissioners Court Regular Session
Minutes of March 14, 2022

A quorum of the Terrell County Commissioners Court convened in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom of the Terrell County courthouse, 105 Hackberry Street, Sanderson, Texas. Notices of this meeting were timely posted for at least seventy-two hours preceding the scheduled time of this session.

1.- Call to Order/Invocation -The Hon. Dale Carruthers, Terrell County Judge, called this meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Sanchez gave the Invocation.

The following members of this Court were present.

Hon. Adam Johnson	Commissioner Pct. 1
Hon. Mike Sanchez	Commissioner Pct. 2
Hon. Arnulfo Serna	Commissioner Pct. 3
Hon. Heather Gully	Commissioner Pct. 4

Other Public Officials and Appointees of this county included:

Hon. Rebecca Luevano	County Treasurer
Hon. Joe Juarez	Interim Sheriff
Hon. Ken Bellah	County Attorney
Hon. Kelli Ellis	Justice of the Peace Pcts. 3&4
Martha Allen	Interim Clerk

2.- The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag were recited, followed by the general order of business, in accordance with the Court's Agenda.

3.- Public Comments on Agenda items: Mr. Damon Harrison, local resident, voiced his concern about the county's website page being outdated and also that the Court's minutes have not been published on the website since December 2021. Commissioner Gully said she will publish what is available as of this date.

4.- Consider approving minutes of previous meeting(s) - Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the Emergency Session held on February 25, 2022 and the Emergency Session held on March 2, 2022, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Serna. Motion carried 5-0. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT.

5.- Discuss and take action on the renewal of Big Bend Telephone contract previously tabled. The Court will continue to review the proposed contract. No action was taken.

6.- Discuss and take action on issuing check from the Permanent School Fund to pay for the approved projects, previously tabled. The following invoices were presented for payment by Terrell County ISD Superintendent Ms. Amanda Magallan:

McCoys Building Supply for basketball goals purchased on 9/14/21	\$ 440.86
VGI Technology for building control replacements at kitchen and gymnasium doors	385.00
Stockton Glass & Mirror for replacement windows at Junior High Bldg. (to be processed upon completion of project)	31,885.80
Stockton Glass & Mirror for replacement of front doors at Junior High entrance. (\$10,281.26 to be processed upon project completion)	20,562.53
BSN Sports for High Jump Pit replacement and cover, for Pole Vault Pit replacement and cover	27,015.00
TOTAL PAYMENT REQUEST:	\$80,289.19

Superintendent Magallan explained that the old pole vault was deemed unsafe due to incorrect level size. She also informed that approximately six bid packages have been sent out to prospective bidders for resurfacing the track field and tennis courts. The old school tax building will be put out for bids and the prospective purchase of the teacher housing complex is pending appraisal. Since the Superintendent will be relocating to another position, Board Members Cleveland, Sanchez and Ortiz will take charge of these projects on June 30, 2022.

Commissioner Johnson requested that large ticket items such as the pole vault, be presented to the Court in advance of purchase and in lieu of purchase orders. Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to approve this payment request from the Permanent School Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Commissioner Serna did not support the project since its inception and abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT TO APPROVE THIS PAYMENT REQUEST.

7.- Discuss and take action on choosing a roofing company from the bids received to repair the roofs from the hail storm. The County Judge informed that the insurance claim has been approved in the amount of \$358,003.04, after depreciation factors. As to the bid process, the Court requested estimates from contractors in the Fort Stockton, Del Rio, San Angelo and Alpine areas.

This item was tabled until the insurance company reviews the repairs to the courthouse, since it is an historical building.

8.- Discuss and take action on participating in the annual State mandated Cybersecurity training for all county employees. The County Judge informed that this training is at no cost to the county and is required for the county to continue seeking grant funds from Federal and State sources.

Motion made by Commissioner Serna to participate in the 2022 Cybersecurity State required training for all county employees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried 5-0. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT.

9.- Discuss and take action on adding to the Employee Handbook - Mental Health Leave for Law Enforcement under SB 1359 Chapter 614 subchapter A-1. The Court proceeded to deliberate at length on the following concerns regarding this policy: circumstances that lead to necessitating such policy and establishing applicable guidelines, leave without loss of income, duration of the leave period, mental health services available in the area, contact information on policy, emergency resource counseling, etc. Due to its population size, Terrell County is not required to implement this policy; however, the Court concurred that law enforcement officers are very deserving of this benefit.

This item was tabled until further review by the County Attorney.

10.- Discuss and take action on adding to the Employee Handbook-Paid Quarantine Leave for First Responders Chapter 773. This item was tabled pending further review by the County Attorney subject to the provision of the Local Government Code Sec. 180.008.

11.- Discuss and take action to reinstate the Covid-19 Policy. No action was taken pending further review thereof by the County Attorney.

12.- Discuss and take action on paying list of bills. Motion made by Commissioner Gully to approve payment of the regular invoiced bills totaling \$5,412.65. Motion seconded by Commissioner Serna. Motion carried 5-0. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT.

13.- Discuss and take action on paying list of other bills and ratify bills. Motion made by Commissioner Gully to pay the list of **other bills** totaling \$1,184.39, the list of **un-invoiced ratified** totaling \$11,242.07. Motion seconded by Commissioner Serna. Motion carried 5-0. Motion made by Commissioner Serna to pay the additional special bill for the visitor center in the amount of \$608.84. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried 5-0. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT.

14.- Consider authorizing the Treasurer to pay: payroll, utility bills not yet received from previous months: Rio Grande Electric; Reliant; AT&T; West Texas Gas Card; W&W Trucking; Lone Star Copiers; Kyocera (copiers); Dial Tone; Verizon and Big Bend Telephone.

Motion made by Commissioner Serna to authorize the Treasurer to pay these bills upon receipt of statements. Motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried 5-0. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT.

15.- Discuss and take action on any needed amendments and transfers in the budget. There were none needed at this time.

16.- Consider approval of the following monthly reports:

- a).- Sheriff's Department/Animal Control/written report
- b).- Justices of the Peace Pct. 1 & 2 and 3& 4/written report
- c).- County and District Clerk/ oral report by Interim Clerk
- d). Constable/no report
- e).- EMS/oral report
- f).- Road and Bridge Superintendent/oral report
- g).- Senior Citizens Transportation/written report
- h).- AgriLife Extension/oral report
- i).- Museum and Historical Commission/written report
- j).- Terrell County Public Library/no report available
- k).- Visitor Center/no report available
- i).- Sanitation/written report
- m).- Health Clinic/written report
- n).- Treasurer's Office/written report with copy of letter from Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts re: one time audit collection of \$532,471.17 for Terrell County for March 2022 sales tax allocation
- o).- Volunteer Fire Department/no report available
oral report given by Mr. Bruce Balderston d/b/a Arson Track LLC
re: extreme fire danger conditions for Terrell County
- p).- Airport/written report
- q).- Food Pantry/no report available

Motion made by Commissioner Serna to accept the monthly reports received by the Court. Motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried 5-0. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT.

17.- Adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Serna to adjourn this meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried 5-0. THIS REGULAR SESSION OF THE TERRELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT STANDS ADJOURNED AT 12:30 P.M.



Martha Allen, Interim County Clerk
Terrell County Commissioners Court
Terrell County, Texas

ORDER TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION

The above and foregoing minutes of the Regular Session held on the 14th day of March, 2022 have been read and examined and the same are hereby approved as ✓ presented, _____ amended this 11th day of April, 2022 in Open Court.

Dale Carruthers

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Jonathan Alb

