

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TERRELL**

**IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION, MAY 11TH, 2026**

The Terrell County Commissioners' Court convened in regular session on Monday, May 11th, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom of the Terrell County courthouse in the city of Sanderson, Texas, the regular meeting place thereof. Notices of this regular session were timely posted at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times and remained posted for at least three business days preceding this meeting. Notice of this meeting was also published on the County's webpage.

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, **The Hon. Dale Carruthers, County Judge**, with the following members of this Court attending:

<b>The Hon. Adam Johnson</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 1</b>
<b>The Hon. Lupe Garza</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 2</b>
<b>The Hon. Ele Hagelstein</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 3</b>
<b>The Hon. Gene Chavez</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 4.</b>
<b>Mr. Kenneth D. Bellah</b>	<b>County Attorney</b>

**Public Comments** - During the Public Comments portion of the meeting, Mrs. Nashford inquired as to why the proposed Animal Control Ordinance Policy was not included on the agenda, as previously discussed during the prior regular session meeting. Honorable Carruthers responded that the necessary information and materials had not been gathered in time to place the item on the current meeting agenda.

**Minutes** - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular session held on April 13th, 2026, the special session held on April 14th, 2026, the two special sessions held on April 30th, 2026, and the public hearing on April 30th, 2026. Commissioner Chavez seconded, and the MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED THAT THESE MINUTES STAND APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**Extension of hunting and grazing lease** - County Attorney Mr. Bellah spoke briefly on the matter and stated that the original lease agreement had been in place for approximately ten years. Mr. Bellah further advised that Mr. Yates had previously requested an additional five-year lease extension; however, the County preferred to approve only a six-month extension at this time in order to allow the Court sufficient time to review the property and ensure that all lease terms, conditions, and County policies are being properly met and maintained on the property. Commissioner Johnson discussed the importance of personally visiting the property to inspect and photograph the premises, noting that the property had not been reviewed or inspected by the County within the past ten years. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve and sign the 6 month extension of grazing and hunting lease from June 1st, 2026, to November 30th, 2026, to Joe David Yates. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED 6 MONTH GRAZING AND HUNTING LEASE WITH MR. JOE DAVID YATES BE APPROVED AND SIGNED.

**Proposed public use closure of Kerr St. & West of First St. - NO ACTION.**

**Consolidation of constable position to one constable position for all precincts -** A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to consolidate all constable positions to one constable position for all precincts. Commissioner Chavez seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO CONSOLIDATE ALL CONSTABLE POSITIONS TO ONE CONSTABLE POSITION FOR ALL PRECINCTS.

**Constable position status -** A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to declare the constable position “Dormant” in Terrell County. Commissioner Chavez seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO DECLARE THE CONSTABLE POSITION “DORMANT” IN TERRELL COUNTY.

**Sheriff’s Office SB 8 Grant -** A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Treasurer, Mrs. Pamela Blaylock, to open an interest-bearing account on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office for their SB 8 Grant. Commissioner Chavez seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT THE TREASURER OPEN AN INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE SB 8 GRANT.

**Addition of the Treasurer to accounts -** A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to have the Treasurer, Mrs. Pamela Blaylock, on all of the accounts that are tied to the County’s Tax ID number. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO HAVE THE TREASURER ON ALL OF THE ACCOUNTS THAT ARE TIED TO THE COUNTY’S TAX ID NUMBER.

**2016 Ambulance -** The Court discussed the disposition of the County’s old 2016 ambulance. Commissioner Johnson stated that the funds received from the auction sale of the ambulance should first be deposited into the County General Fund and subsequently distributed back into the EMS payroll fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve Troy Sparks to sell the old 2016 ambulance at auction, with the proceeds to be deposited into the General Fund and thereafter allocated to the EMS payroll fund. Commissioner Chavez seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO ALLOW MR. TROY SPARKS TO SELL THE OLD 2016 AMBULANCE AT AUCTION AND FUNDS RECEIVED BE ALLOCATED AS HEREIN STATED.

**Upcoming Budget Workshops -** A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to schedule a budget workshop for June 11th, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT A BUDGET WORKSHOP BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 11TH, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

**Bills -** A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to pay and ratify the list of bills, as well as the other bills presented. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO PAY AND RATIFY THE LIST OF BILLS AND OTHER BILLS PRESENTED HEREIN.

**Authorizing Treasurer -** A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the Treasurer’s office to pay: payroll, and utility bills not yet received from previous months: Rio Grande Electric; Lone Star Copiers; Dial Tone; Citibank (for credit card); Desert Treads; Alvin E. Stock Contractor LLC; Verfurth Electrical LLC ; and Sadie Burche LLC. Commissioner Chavez seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED.

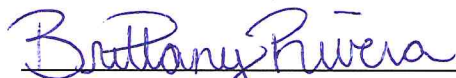
IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE TO PAY PAYROLL AND THE UTILITY BILLS HEREIN LISTED NOT YET RECEIVED FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS.

**Amendments and Transfers in Budget - NO ACTION.**

**Monthly Reports** - Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the following monthly reports. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion. Upon calling for a vote, all members voted "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS BE APPROVED.

Sheriff's Department	Verbal - Rosamaria Fuentes
*Ms. Fuentes informed the Court that the inmates from Terrell County have been returned to our facility and the AC is now working properly.	
Animal Control	Verbal - Mark Nashford
Friends of the Shelter	Verbal - Mark Nashford
Treasurer's Investment Report and monthly report	April
Justices of the Peace	April
County & District Clerk-	April
EMS	Verbal - Troy Sparks
Road & Bridge Superintendent	April
Senior Citizens Transportation	April
AgriLife Extension	No Report
Museum & Historical Commission	Verbal- Jerry Brotherton
Terrell County Library	April
Visitor Center	Verbal - Judge Carruthers
Sanitation	April
Clinic Report	No Report
Volunteer Fire Department	No Report
Airport Report	No report
Food Pantry	April

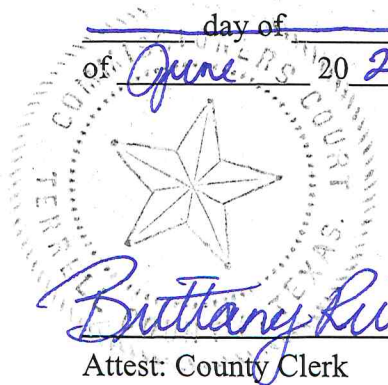
THERE BEING NO OTHER ORDER OF BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COURT AT THIS TIME, COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING, AND COMMISSIONER GARZA SECONDED. THIS REGULAR SESSION NOW STANDS ADJOURNED AT 9:44 A.M.



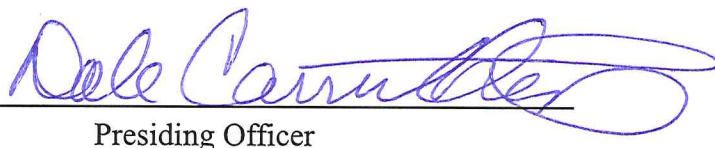
Brittany Rivera, County Clerk and Ex officio Clerk  
Terrell County Commissioners' Court

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION**

The above and foregoing minutes of the regular session held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of ~~April~~<sup>May</sup>, 2026, have been read and examined, and the same are hereby approved ~~(as amended this~~ day of ~~April~~<sup>May</sup> 2026 as presented IN OPEN COURT this ~~13<sup>th</sup>~~<sup>8<sup>th</sup></sup> day of ~~April~~<sup>June</sup> 20 ~~26~~<sup>26</sup>.



  
Attest: County Clerk

  
Presiding Officer