

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TERRELL

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION, APRIL 13TH, 2026

The Terrell County Commissioners' Court convened in regular session on Monday, April 13th, 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:

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

Commissioner Johnson gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Public Comments -During public comments, Mr. Mark Nashford expressed his appreciation to the Court for its assistance with the cleanup efforts.

Minutes - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular session held on March 9th, 2026, the public hearing held on March 9th, 2026, the special session held on March 9th, 2026, and the financial workshop on March 30th, 2026. Commissioner Chavez seconded, and the MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED THAT THESE MINUTES STAND APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Food Pantry Director Reimbursement - Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the reimbursement of travel expenses to Andrea Chavez, Director of the Terrell County Food Pantry, for fuel costs she incurs while attending the West Texas Food Bank Annual Rural Directors Conference in Marfa on April 24th, 2026. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT TO REIMBURSE ANDREA CHAVEZ FOR THE FUEL COSTS SHE INCURS WHILE IN ATTENDANCE OF THE WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK ANNUAL RURAL DIRECTORS CONFERENCE.

Museum - Mr. Jerry Brotherton submitted a request to the Court seeking approval for the Terrell County Heritage Museum to utilize \$5,000 in donated funds to purchase a partition in the amount of \$4,160 and to acquire four signs in the amount of \$470 to complete the Native American exhibit. After reviewing the request, Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the aforementioned purchases utilizing the \$5,000 donation. Commissioner Chavez seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT JERRY BROTHERTON IS GRANTED PERMISSION TO USE THE \$5,000 DONATION TO PURCHASE THE PARTITION AND 4 SIGNS FOR THE TERRRELL COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,630.00

Satellite Phones - Commissioner Garza made a motion to discontinue the County's satellite phone services. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO DISCONTINUE THE SATELLITE PHONE SERVICES FOR TERRELL COUNTY.

Bills - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to pay and ratify the list of bills, as well as the other bills presented. Commissioner Chavez 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; US Bank (for credit card); Desert Treads; TCEQ; and Sadie Burche LLC. Commissioner Garza 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 - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the county treasurer to make the necessary Amendments and Transfers in the budget: \$2,000 from 30-720-520 to 30-720-316, and \$4,000 from 30-740-556 to 30-720-316, and \$1,500 from 30-750-565 to 30-720-316, per the sheriff's department request, and move \$9,617.38 from the PCSB county CD to the Senior Building account. Commissioner Garza 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 MAKE THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS HEREIN LISTED.

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.

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| Sheriff's Department | Verbal - Rosamaria Fuentes |
| *Ms. Fuentes informed the Court that the Terrell County Sheriff's Office is still experiencing issues with the air conditioner; to remain compliant with state requirements, the county is having to house inmates elsewhere. | |
| Animal Control | |
| *Citizens voiced concerns and raised questions regarding loose dogs and the responsibilities of the Sheriff's Department in relation to animal control. | |
| Friends of the Shelter | Verbal - Mark Nashford |
| Treasurer's Investment Report and monthly report | March |
| Justices of the Peace | March |
| County & District Clerk- | March |
| EMS | Verbal - Troy Sparks |
| Road & Bridge Superintendent | March |
| Senior Citizens Transportation | March |
| Agrilife Extension | No Report |
| Museum & Historical Commission | Verbal- Jerry Brotherton |
| Terrell County Library | March |
| Visitor Center | Verbal - Judge Carruthers |
| Sanitation | No report |
| Clinic Report | Verbal - Troy Sparks |
| Volunteer Fire Department | Verbal- Jerry Brotherton |
| Airport Report | No report |
| Food Pantry | March |

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 JOHNSON SECONDED. THIS REGULAR SESSION NOW STANDS ADJOURNED AT 9:44 A.M.

Brittany Rivera
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 13th day of April, 2026, have been read and examined, and the same are hereby approved ~~(as amended this~~ of May 20 20 as presented IN OPEN COURT this 11th day

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Presiding Officer

