

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TERRELL

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026

The Terrell County Commissioners' Court convened in regular session on Monday, February 9, 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 special session were timely posted at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times and remained posted for at least seventy-two hours 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:

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
Carl Esser, via ZOOM	Grant Writer

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

Public Comments - Maggie Banner Kerr presented a handout to the court and briefly spoke about readvertising bids within the next 6 months for a project that could potentially increase the appraised value in Terrell County and increase revenue. Judge Carruthers requested that this discussion be tabled for further consideration at a special session.

Minutes - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular session held on January 12, 2026, the public hearing on January 12, 2026, and the special session held on January 21, 2026. Commissioner Chavez seconded, and the MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED THAT THESE MINUTES STAND APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

4H Presentation - Abigail Blaylock, a longstanding 4H member and District 6 officer, presented a slideshow to the court as a My Plate Ambassador. Miss Blaylock has been educating younger students on the values of making healthy lifestyle choices.

Texas General Land Office - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson for Terrell County to request proposals to submit applications to the Texas General Land Office for Pre-Funding Administration Services and Post-Funding Administration Services due to the impact of the July 2024 Tornado Event before the deadline of March 23, 2026. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT TERRELL COUNTY REQUEST PROPOSALS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE FOR PRE-FUNDING ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AND POST-FUNDING ADMINISTRATION SERVICES.

Texas General Land Office Proposals - The two major projects discussed for the proposal applications were the emergency alarm system and the large 911 generator that was

damaged during the tornado event in July 2024. Each project proposal must include an estimated cost and be certified by a professional engineer. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson for Terrell County to accept the proposals to repair or replace the alarm system and the large 911 generator and submit them to the Texas General Land Office. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT TERRELL COUNTY ACCEPT AND SUBMIT 2 PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE FOR PRE-FUNDING SERVICES AND POST-FUNDING SERVICES.

Carl Esser exited the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Resolution of AEP transmission line project - NO ACTION.

Texas Indigent Defense Commission Grant Program (TIDC) - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to pass the FY2026 Terrell County Resolution pertaining to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission Grant Program (TIDC), approving the grant, and ordering the County Judge to be the Authorized Official for the grant. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT TO APPROVE THE GRANT FOR THE TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION GRANT PROGRAM (TIDC) AND THE COUNTY JUDGE, DALE CARRUTHERS, IS ORDERED TO BE THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR SAID GRANT.

Resolution for Operation Lone Star Grant - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to accept the Resolution for Operation Lone Star Grant # 4376505 for the period of September 01, 2026, through August 31, 2027, as presented. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION FOR OPERATIONAL LONE STAR GRANT #4376505 FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2027, as herein presented.

Operation Lone Star Grant #4376505 - A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to approve the Amended Resolution for Operation Lone Star Grant #4376505 to include the financial officer, Pamela Blaylock, Terrell County Treasurer. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT #4376505 TO INCLUDE PAMELA BLAYLOCK, TERRELL COUNTY TREASURER.

SB 8 GRANT - A motion was made by Commissioner Hagelstein to approve the Resolution for the SB 8 Grant to operate from September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2027, for the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SB 8 GRANT TO OPERATE FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2027, FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Operation Stonegarden Grant - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Resolution for the Resolution for Operation Stonegarden Grant Program #3209310 to operate from March 01, 2026, through February 28, 2027, for the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT PROGRAM #3209310 TO OPERATE FROM MARCH 01, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2027, FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Accounts - A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to remove non-bonded volunteer agents from checking accounts. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO REMOVE NON-BONDED VOLUNTEER AGENTS FROM CHECKING ACCOUNTS.

Gaines County School Lands - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the extension of the lease for the Gaines County School Lands lease with Joe David Yates for a 24 month period. Commissioner Hagelstein seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO EXTEND THE GAINES COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS LEASE WITH JOE DAVID YATES FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS.

Generator responsibility - NO ACTION.

Moving Big Bend Road Race - NO ACTION.

Chamber of Commerce 2026 events - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Chamber of Commerce's three upcoming events for 2026, the Pachanga, Cinco de Mayo, and the Fourth of July, and to authorize a donation of \$1,000 per event from the Hotel/Motel tax line item, for a total contribution of \$3,000. Commissioner Hagelstein seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S 3 UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026, THE PACHANGA, CINCO DE MAYO, AND THE FOURTH OF JULY, ARE HEREBY APPROVED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 PER EVENT, FOR A TOTAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$3,000.00, SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND PAID FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX LINE ITEM.

Cybersecurity Training - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve participation in the annual State-Mandated Cybersecurity Training for all employees, due July 31, 2026. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT ALL EMPLOYEES OF TERRELL COUNTY ARE APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL STATE-MANDATED CYBERSECURITY TRAINING. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT COMPLETION OF THIS TRAINING IS REQUIRED NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2026.

Bills - A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to pay and ratify the list of bills and 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 Chavez 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 Johnson 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 amendments or transfers needed at this time. NO ACTION.

Monthly Reports - Commissioner Chavez 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.

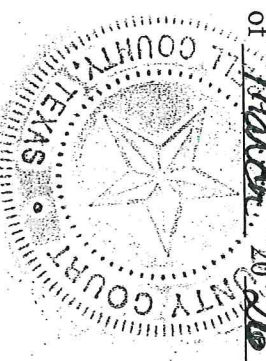
Sheriff's Department	Verbal - Rosamaria Fuentes
Animal Control	No report
Friends of the Shelter	Verbal - Alex Nashford
Treasurer's Investment Report and monthly report	January & Verbal - Pamela Blaylock
Justices of the Peace	Verbal - Corina Castro
County & District Clerk- OCA Final report	January & Verbal - Brittany Rivera
EMS	No Report
Road & Bridge Superintendent	January
Senior Citizens Transportation	No report
AgriLife Extension	Verbal - Pamela Blaylock
Museum & Historical Commission	January & Verbal - Jerry Brotherton
Terrill County Library	January
Visitor Center	No report
Sanitation	No report
Clinic Report	Verbal - Dale Carruthers
Volunteer Fire Department	Verbal - Jerry Brotherton
Airport Report	No report
Food Pantry	No report


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 10:25 A.M.

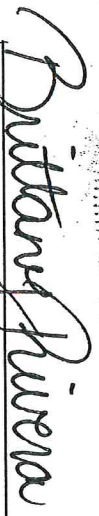

Brittany Rivera, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk
Terrell County Commissioners' Court

ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION

The above and foregoing minutes of the regular session held on the 9th day of February, 2026, have been read and examined, and the same are hereby approved ~~as amended~~ ^{as amended this} 9th day of March, 2026 as presented IN OPEN COURT this 9th day




Mike Carruthers
Presiding Officer


Attest: County Clerk