

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TERRELL

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION, JANUARY 12, 2026

The Terrell County Commissioners' Court convened in regular session on Monday, January 12, 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

Commissioner Garza 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 spoke briefly in regard to a project that could possibly improve the appraised value in Terrell County and potentially increase revenue. Judge Carruthers requested to table this discussion for consideration at a special session.

Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program - A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez for Terrell County to apply to the Texas Comptroller's Office for the Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program House Bill 3000. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." **MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT TERRELL COUNTY APPLY TO THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE FOR THE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM HOUSE BILL 3000.**

Esser & Company Consulting LLC Contract - A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez for Terrell County to accept the Esser & Company Consulting LLC Contract for Administrative Services for the Terrell County Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program HB 3000. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." **MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT TERRELL COUNTY ACCEPT THE ESSER & COMPANY CONSULTING LLC CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE TERRELL COUNTY RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM HB 3000.**

Clinic - Dr. Toby Hamilton, Chief Executive Officer of Hamilton Health Box presented a "Rural Health Transformation Program" to the court. Dr. Hamilton requested Terrell county to submit a letter of support for the West Texas Rural Integrated Network plan for funding and integration. If funding is approved, Sanderson Clinic would reopen as Bravo Health, as a part of the West Texas Rural Integrated Network. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson for Dr. Toby Hamilton in and for Bravo Health to establish and use the Clinic for Terrell County.

Commissioner Chavez seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.”
MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT

Winkler CO. Vehicles - A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez for Terrell County to purchase 6 vehicles from Winkler Co. for \$1.00. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT TERRELL COUNTY PURCHASE 6 VEHICLES FROM WINKLER CO. FOR \$1.00.

Sanitation Rate - NO ACTION. Will revisit this item at a later date.

Gaines County School Lands Lease - NO ACTION. Judge Carruthers tabled the item for the special session.

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.

Museum - A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to reimburse Jerry Brotherton in the amount of \$1,670.46 for Museum purchases made throughout 2025. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT TERRELL COUNTY REIMBURSE JERRY BROTHERTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,670.46 FOR MUSEUM-RELATED PURCHASES.

Executive Session - The Court retired into executive session at approximately 10:12 a.m., under the provision of the Texas Government Code Sec. 551.074 Gov't Code, V.A.T.S. to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, and/or to hear complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit: County/District Clerk.

Report of Executive Session - The Court adjourned from Executive Session and reconvened in Open Session at 12:14 p.m. Upon reconvening, the Court considered the resignation of Raeline Thompson from the office of Terrell County & District Clerk, effective immediately. The County Judge called on each Commissioner to vote to accept or reject the resignation. All Commissioners voted to accept the resignation of Raeline Thompson. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to accept the resignation of Raeline Thompson from the office of Terrell County & District Clerk, effective immediately. Commissioner Garza seconded. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered “aye.” MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RAELENE THOMPSON FROM THE OFFICE OF TERRELL COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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; Citibank (for credit card); Desert Treads; Alvin E. Stock

Contractor LLC; Verfurth Electrical LLC; 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 appropriate amendments and transfers in the budget from Supervisor Insurance (20-610-210) to Overtime Hours (20-610-451), and from Part-Time Road and Bridge (20-635-461) to Overtime Hours (20-610-451). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez. Upon calling for the vote, all members voted "aye." MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT THE COUNTY TREASURER IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE HEREIN STATED AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS TO THE BUDGET.

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
Animal Control	No report
Friends of the Shelter	No report
Justices of the Peace	December
County & District Clerk- OCA Final report	Online (approved Dec. 8, 2025)
EMS	Verbal - Troy Sparks
Road & Bridge Superintendent	December
Senior Citizens Transportation	December
AgriLife Extension	December
Museum & Historical Commission	December (Pam Blaylock - Verbal)
Terrell County Library	December
Visitor Center	December
Sanitation	December
Clinic Report	No report
Volunteer Fire Department	No report
Airport Report	(generator up and running) No report
Food Pantry	November & December

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 12:38 P.M.



By: Heather Gordon, Deputy County Clerk
Raeline Thompson, 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 12th day of January, 2026, have been read and examined, and the same are hereby approved ~~(as amended this~~ 9th day of February 20 26.

Dee Carnwell
Presiding Officer



Brittany Fiverson
Attest: County Clerk