

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES, SPECIAL SESSION, JUNE 12TH, 2026

The Terrell County Commissioners' Court convened in special session on Friday, June 12th, 2026, at 10:00 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 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:

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 via ZOOM

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

New World Screwworm - Judge Carruthers presented the agenda item regarding the extension of the Declaration of Local State of Disaster and Order concerning the threat of the New World Screwworm.

Commissioner Chavez made a motion to approve extending the Declaration of Local State of Disaster and Order Regarding the Threat of New World Screwworm. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion. Upon calling for a vote, all members answered "aye." **MOTION CARRIED. IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT TO EXTEND THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER AND ORDER REGARDING THE THREAT OF THE NEW WORLD SCREWORM.**

Following approval, Judge Carruthers provided updates regarding the Governor's proclamation addressing the New World Screwworm threat. Judge Carruthers advised that Mr. Josh Blanek, District Extension Administrator for District 6, has provided five (5) New World Screwworm test kits to Terrell County. Terrell County falls within the Laredo Region for response purposes. Judge Carruthers stated that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) website contains valuable information regarding the New World Screwworm and encouraged the public to utilize the website for current guidance and educational resources. The Court discussed emergency response preparations should a local infestation occur and the need arises. It was noted that the Terrell County 4-H Barn would be utilized as an emergency holding and treatment area for small animals, if needed, while the county helicopter pad would serve as the designated location for large animals. Judge Carruthers also advised that she had requested from Mr. Chriesman, Terrell County Chief Appraiser and Tax Assessor-Collector, a list of agricultural exemption properties with livestock and exotic game to assist with emergency planning and notification efforts. The Court recognized Mr. Josh Blanek as Terrell County's primary point of contact for matters relating to the New World Screwworm response. Commissioner Hagelstein advised that one symptom livestock owners should be aware of is an unusually foul odor associated with an infected wound and noted that the condition can be successfully treated if identified early. Additional local resources were identified, including Mr. Chase McCrory, Wildlife Biologist for Terrell County, who will serve as a local point of contact, and Mr. Robby Cabezuela, USDA Quarantine Enforcement Officer, who will also be available as a resource for quarantine and enforcement matters.

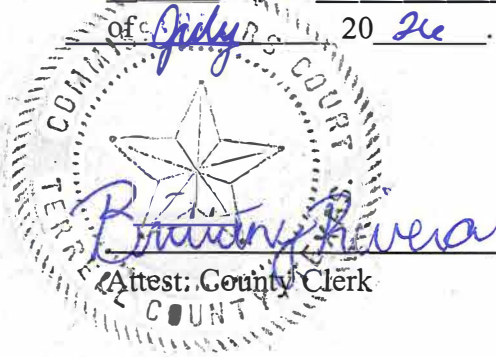
THERE BEING NO OTHER ORDER OF BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COURT AT THIS TIME, COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING, AND COMMISSIONER GARZA SECONDED. THIS SPECIAL SESSION NOW STANDS ADJOURNED AT 10:19 A.M.

Brittany Rivera

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

ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION

The above and foregoing minutes of the special session held on the 12th day of June, 2026, have been read and examined, and the same are hereby approved (~~as amended this~~ day of July 20 26) as presented IN OPEN COURT this 13th day



Dale Carruthers
Presiding Officer