

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TERRELL

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT
FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, FINANCIAL WORKSHOP,
MARCH 30TH, 2026

The Terrell County Commissioners Court met on Monday, the 30th day of March 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the commissioner's courtroom of the county courthouse in the city of Sanderson, Texas. Notices of the meeting place were timely posted at a site readily accessible to the general public at all times. They remained posted for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.


The **Hon. Dale Carruthers, County Judge**, called the meeting to order. The following members of this Court and Officers of the County were present:

Hon. Adam Johnson	Commissioner Pct. 1
Hon. Lupe Garza	Commissioner Pct. 2
Hon. Ele Hagelstein	Commissioner Pct. 3
Hon. Gene Chavez	Commissioner Pct. 4
Hon. Kenneth D. Bellah	County Attorney, via ZOOM
Hon. Brittany Rivera	County and District Clerk
Hon. Pamela Blaylock	County Treasurer
Mr. Blain Chriesman	Chief Appraiser and Tax Assessor-Collector
Ms. Rosamaria Fuentes	Jail Administrator
Mr. Troy Sparks	Ems Chief of Operations

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

Current Financial Status (All Departments) – The commissioners thoroughly reviewed each department's financial status. The Honorable Carruthers informed the Court of an upcoming unfunded mandate requiring the Terrell County website to be brought into compliance with ADA accessibility standards. She further advised that compliance will necessitate scanning documents in specific formats and that the estimated cost for converting the website is expected to increase from \$3,500 to \$9,000. Mr. Chriesman, Chief Appraiser/Tax Assessor-Collector, addressed the Court and stated that he anticipates having the certified estimate for taxes prepared by April 30, 2026. He indicated that projected figures are expected to be comparable to those of the previous year and reported no anticipated unfunded mandates within his department. The Court discussed the potential review and analysis of Terrell County tax data in comparison with state figures, expressing concern that current revenues may be lower than expected. The discussion included possible evaluation of taxpayer exemption qualifications and the consideration of increased outreach regarding delinquent taxes. Mr. Bellah, County Attorney, disconnected from the meeting via Zoom at 12:03 p.m. and participated in the remainder of the meeting via Judge Carruthers' cell speakerphone. Troy Sparks, EMS Chief of Operations, provided an update to the Court regarding the progress of a grant he has been pursuing, noting that a proposal was submitted to the appropriations committee and that letters of support were obtained. **NO FORMAL ACTIONS WERE MADE DURING THIS SESSION.**

Adjourn - 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 WORKSHOP NOW STANDS ADJOURNED AT 12:18 P.M.

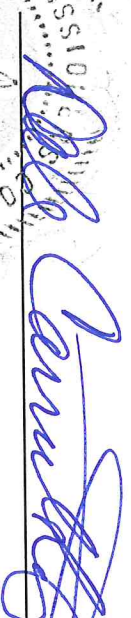


Brittany Rivera, County Clerk, and Ex Officio Clerk



Terrell County Commissioners Court

ORDER TO APPROVE MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

The above and preceding minutes of the workshop held on March 30th, 2026, are now approved ~~as amended~~ this 13th day of April, 2026, as presented IN OPEN COURT this 13th day of April, 2026.



Presiding Officer


Attest: 

County Clerk