

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, SPECIAL SESSION, DECEMBER 15, 2023

The Terrell County Commissioners Court met on Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in the commissioner courtroom of the county courthouse in Sanderson, Texas. Notices of the meeting place were timely posted at a site readily accessible to the general public at all times and remained posted for at least seventy-two hours 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 - Zoom	Commissioner Pct. 1
Hon. Lupe Garza	Commissioner Pct. 2
Hon. Arnulfo Serna	Commissioner Pct. 3
Hon. Gene Chavez	Commissioner Pct. 4
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Hon. Raeline Thompson	County and District Clerk
Pam Blaylock	County Deputy Treasurer
Hon. Kenneth Bellah – Zoom & Phone	County Attorney
Absent	County Sheriff

Commissioner Chavez gave the Invocation and led the commissioner’s court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Republic of Texas Flag.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items** – Damon Harrison asked about line item #5 on applications for the Interim Treasurer Position. Judge Carruthers answered stating that everyone that is interested has the right to apply for the position. Leila Cash asked the court to consider abolishing the County Treasurer position and hire a county government auditor with accounting knowledge.

**Commissioners Executive Session** – The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:08 a.m. and resumed Commissioners Court at 11:00 a.m.

**Applications for Interim Treasurer** – Commissioner Serna motioned to accept applications for Interim Treasurer by January 19, 2024, to be the last day to apply. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

**Acknowledging Bonds for Deputy Clerks** – Commissioner Serna motioned to acknowledge Bonds for Deputy Clerks. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

**Hiring Rosa Benavidez from Val Verde’s Auditor Matt Weingardt’s office** – Commissioner Chavez motioned to approve hiring Rosa Benavidez from Val Verde’s auditor Matt Weingardt’s office as temporary contract with an hourly wage of \$45.00 an hour plus lodging starting the second week of January to assist the Deputy Treasurer using the County Treasurer salary. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

**Adjourn** - Commissioner Serna made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered “aye,” and the motion carried.

/s/ Raeline Thompson

Raeline Thompson, County Clerk, and Ex-officio Clerk

**ORDER TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION**

5The above and preceding minutes of the meeting held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, are now approved (as amended this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023) as presented IN OPEN COURT this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of January, AD, 2024.

*Wale Carruthers* Presiding Officer

Attest: *Raeline Thompson* County Clerk

