IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT
Regular Meeting August 5th, 2025

A **Regular** Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 5th day of August at 2 PM in the Robertson County Historic Courthouse, County Courtroom, 3rd Floor, Franklin, Texas.

The following members were present:

Joe David Scarpinato, County Judge

Ty Rampy, Commissioner Precinct #1

Donald Threadgill, Commissioner Precinct #2

Chuck Hairston, Commissioner Precinct #3

James Taylor, Commissioner Precinct #4

Stephanie M. Sanders, County Clerk

Candace Anderson, County Auditor

- 1. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PRAYER AND PLEDGES
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - A. Maximum of 3 minutes and must have the completed Public Participation Form turned into the County Judges or County Clerk's Office by 2pm the day before the meeting of the Court.

    No action taken.

### 4. STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK

- A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from July 18, 2025 special meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2025 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously. Judge Scarpinato abstained.
- B. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from July 22, 2025 regular meeting.

  Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from July 23, 2025 special meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2025 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from July 24, 2025 special meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2025 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for July 2025.
  Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the monthly report for July 2025, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Approve bonds and oaths. No action taken.

## 5. BARBARA AXTELL, DISTRICT CLERK

A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for July 2025. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the monthly report for July 2025, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

## 6. REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

A. Discuss and take action on Order of November 4, 2025 Special Election.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Order of Special Election to be held on November 4, 2025 to adopt the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas (Exhibit "A" attached), to be held at the Robertson County Election Center and the Hearne Public Safety Building with the dates and times being as stated below and to allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

October 20th through October 24th 2025 8AM - 5PM

October 27th through October 29th 2025 8AM – 5 PM

October 30th through October 31st 2025 7 AM - 7 PM

B. Discuss and take action on election related matters. Discussion was held.

### 7. DEE DEE FERRELL, 911 ADDRESSING COORDINATOR

Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for July 2025.
 Discussion was held.

# 8. BILLY HUGGINS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

- A. Discuss and take action on EMC related matters. Discussion was held.
- Discuss and take action on County Burn Ban.
   No action taken.

# 9. CHARLES PALCER, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE/MAINTENANCE

Discuss and take action on maintenance related matters.
 Discussion was held.

### 10. JAMES TAYLOR, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

A. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase a 15-foot bush hog shredder from WCT Tractor. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the purchase of a 15-foot bush hog shredder from WCT Tractor in the amount of \$24,750.00(\$3,000.00 will be used from a trade-in), pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

#### 11. BILL RULAND, SHERIFF

- A. Discussion and possible action on any Sheriffs' Office & Jail related matters. Discussion was held.
- B. Discussion and possible action on any Courthouse Security related matters. No action taken.

## 12. JOE DAVID SCARPINATO, COUNTY JUDGE

- Discussion and possible action on any budget related matters or county business.
   Discussion was held.
- B. Discussion and possible action on awarding bid for employee benefits. Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to renew our Guardian Insurance for our dental, vision, life, and disability, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a Wireless Bluetooth Microphones for Constables.

  Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the purchase of Wireless Bluetooth

  Microphones for the Constables 1,3, & 4 in the amount of \$1,628.91 (to be paid out of overall capital outlay),
  seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a WIFI Extender at the Courthouse for all constables. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the purchase of a WIFI Extender at the Courthouse for all law enforcement in the amount of \$2,462.24, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of MDT for Constable, Precinct 3.

  Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the purchase of MDT for Constable, Precinct 3 in the amount of \$3,246.44, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discuss and take action to place of record the UBEO Rental Agreement with the Robertson County Extension Office that was approved in Commissioners Court on July 8, 2025.

  Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the UBEO Rental Agreement with the Robertson County Extension Office that was approved in Commissioners Court on July 8, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- G Discuss and take action to sign the Resolution Authorizing Advance Funding Agreement for Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Pavement Markings and Signs (Off-System); Spur 231 DOT#743184E in Robertson County, Precinct 2.
  - Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to allow the Judge to sign the Resolution Authorizing Advance Funding Agreement for Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Pavement Markings and Signs (Off-System); Spur 231 DOT#743184E in Robertson County, Precinct 2, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- H. Discussion and possible action to execute and place of record the revised information from the Texas Department of Transportation for the federal off-system bridge program for Equivalent Match Projects (EMP) that was previously approved:
  - a. Resolution
  - b. Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program Project Affidavit Sunnyside Road (FCR123) at Walnut Creek
  - c. Economically Disadvantage Counties Program Project Affidavit Kitty Kat Lane (FCR 385) at Draw
  - d. Waiver Kitty Kat Lane (FCR 385) at Draw

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve and place of record the revised information from the Texas Department of Transportation for the federal off-system bridge program for Equivalent Match Projects (EMP) that was previously approved, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

- Discuss and take action to place of record the Annual Confirmation of Cybersecurity Training Certification STV-23267 for Fiscal Year 2025 for Robertson County. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the Annual Confirmation of Cybersecurity Training Certification STV-23267 for Fiscal Year 2025 for Robertson County, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- J. Discuss and take action on approval to send a check made out to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for unused SB-22 funds in the amount of \$10,895.78.
  - Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve to send a check made out to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for unused SB-22 funds in the amount of \$10,895.78(to be paid out of the Sheriff's Office SB22 Funds), seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

K. Discuss and take action to approve updates for County Road Inventory (CRI) to Texas Department of Transportation for 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve updates for County Road Inventory (CRI) to Texas Department of Transportation for 2024 and allow the Judge to sign, pending any other necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

L. Discuss and take action to accept and allocate pilot payment from the Housing Authority of the City of Bremond

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to accept and allocate pilot payment in the amount of \$2,401.93 from the Housing Authority of the City of Bremond (to be deposited into the pilot payment line), seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

- M. Discussion and possible action for authorization to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for grant administration and plan development services on an update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan under the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP) administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) or other related FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for grant administration and plan development services on an update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan under the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP) administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) or other related FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- N. Discuss and take action to approve the Non-Financial Child Welfare Services Contract #HHS0015826 that will begin on October 1, 2025 and end September 30, 2032.
  Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the Non-Financial Child Welfare Services Contract #HHS0015826 that will begin on October 1, 2025 and end September 30, 2032, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

### 13. CANDY ANDERSON, COUNTY AUDITOR

A. Discuss and take action on approving budget adjustments, budget amendments, credit applications, lease agreements, or cell phone allowances.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the budget adjustment for R & B Precinct 1 (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the budget adjustment for the Sheriff's Office (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the budget adjustment for the Jail (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the budget adjustment for R & B Precinct 4 (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the budget adjustment for the District Clerk (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the budget adjustment for the County Clerk (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

B. Settlement of Accounts: Discussion, consideration and possible action to settle and pay all accounts against the county as per Texas Local Government Code Section 115.021.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$208,898.37 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment in the amount of \$740.00 to Custom S Services (to be paid out of the County Judges contract services line), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve payment in the amount of \$2,017.35 to Summus Industries (to be paid out of 911 addressing capital outlay for laptop), pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve reimbursement payment in the amount of \$149.14 (travel expense) to the Elections Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

#### 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Closed meeting (Executive Session) pursuant to Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code Consultation with Attorney Discussion with attorney regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Texas Government Code Section 551 Open Meetings Act; or discussion with attorney regarding a matter of contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or both; to wit: \_No action taken.
- Announcement of time and date closed meeting (executive session) for this matter ends and reconvene in open session:
   No action taken.
- C. The Robertson County Court reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Properties), 551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations).
  No action taken.

# 15. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

A. The Robertson County Commissioners' Court will reconvene in a public meeting to discuss and take action on related matters.

No action taken.

# 16. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

Robertson County Judge

Commissioner Precinct #1

Commissioner Precinct #3

County Clerk

Commissioner Precinct #2

Commissioner Precinct #4

**County Auditor**