

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
HELD IN THE HISTORIC HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MARSHALL, TEXAS
THIS THE 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023**

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:00 a.m. on the 10th of October, 2023, Regular Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Historic Harrison County Courthouse in Marshall, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same. The meeting was open to the public and notices of said meeting were posted as required by law.

Invocation was led by County Judge

Pledge of Allegiance:

American Flag

Texas Flag: "Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State under God, One and Indivisible"

The following were present:

Chad Sims,	County Judge
William Hatfield,	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Zephaniah Timmins,	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Phillip Mauldin,	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jay Ebarb	Commissioner, Precinct#4
Liz James	County Clerk
Becky Haynes,	County Auditor

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 4-H VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD – MRS. TERI LAMB.

“PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2023 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN HARRISON COUNTY.”

For the record: Judge Sims made announcement that he would like to update the County Commissioners Web page, and ask Commissioner's to get picture made.

Commissioner Timmins wanted to let everybody know that last week they had open house. The Chamber was at the NAACP and for all of you that were there with us to celebrate open house, Commissioner Timmins thanked everyone and said it was a great success. He also thanked Commissioner Hatfield for being there and others from the County. There was great food and great conversation.

Declare A Quorum Present:

When the following were heard and the following Orders passed:

Call to Order by the County Judge, Chad Sims, at 9:10 a.m.

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ITEM A: County Auditor: Becky Haynes gave Administrative Report submitted: No action to be taken concerning Submission of financial reports. Exhibit A

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Motioned by Comm. Mauldin
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-402

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve Line Item Transfers as submitted by County Auditor Becky Haynes \$314,409.48. Exhibit A-1

For the record: These line Item Transfers are for FY 2023 County is still allowed to post expenses until the last meeting in November. County Auditor Becky Haynes has ask the purchasing agent to go through and see what outstanding P.O.'s so they can be posted to the appropriate year instead of posting into FY 2024.

Commissioner Ebarb inquired about \$60,000.00 in auto maintenance spent for vehicles in the Sheriff's department. County Auditor Becky Haynes said there has been two wrecked vehicles, which is also auto related maintenance, only thing that does not go on there are tires. Judge Sims inquired about another clean up. County Auditor Becky Haynes responded that she expects cleanup to go through the end of November.

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-403

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the payment for Regular Bills in the amount of \$987,761.40 Exhibit A-2

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Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Hatfield
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-404

Item #3. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the Payroll for September 29, 2023. Exhibit A-3.

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Item B: Road and Bridge Department: Bi-weekly Shop Report for September 6 – October 3, 2023. Issued 76 road permits. Rayford's Truck & Tractor started cutting cement on Macedonia today. Should finish cementing Monday or Tuesday and will go back and apply the chip seal. They will do the same thing on Airlite. Then they will mobilize to Mt. Pleasant Cutoff doing prep work to replace a lot of cross pipes and remove a bunch of tree debris. Judge Sims inquired about weather and temperatures. Mr. Davis said the temperatures were just about perfect for doing work. The type of oil used is for cold weather. If weather gets below 40 degrees project will have to wait until next spring. Rayford's Truck and Tractor has mobilized all his equipment and crews and dedicated them to these projects.

H B Caver still hasn't come back to complete their warranty work on the chip seal program from 2021. Mr. Davis has been in contact with them twice a week. Still claiming to have equipment failures. Crews are continuing to pick up storm debris. Commissioner Hatfield received phone calls of trees that needed to be moved out of the way. Commissioner Hatfield thanked Mr. Davis along with his crews for doing an outstanding job. Still have another 4.55 miles of progress.

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Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-405

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the personnel changes for September 21, 2023 through October 4, 2023, for the Harrison County Road & Bridge Department. Exhibit B-1.

NEW HIRES: 1
RESIGNATIONS: None
TERMINATIONS: None

RETIREMENTS: None

TRANSFER: (1)
Full Time Employees (53) 48 (Includes the Road Administrator)
F/T Vacancies: 5
Part Time Employees (3) 2 (Including one floating slot)
Part Time Vacancy: 1
Temporary (6) 0
Temp. Vacancies: 6

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Motioned by Comm. Mauldin
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-406

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the utility applications submitted to the Harrison County Road & Bridge Departments as follows: Exhibit B-2.

West Harrison WSC	Galilee Rd CR 3110
West Harrison WSC	Noonday Rd. West CR 3600
West Harrison WSC	Young Rd. CR 3800

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ITEM C: Sheriff's Department: Administrative Report submitted:
For the record: Judge Sims gave brief on Sheriff's report, stating that they had 2349 calls for September 6, 2023 to October 3, 2023. Jail Population was 271 inmates in jail, which is probably 30 or 40 more than normal.

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Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-407

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the jail contract between the City of Marshall and Harrison County, Texas. Exhibit C-1.

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Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Hatfield
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-408

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the jail contract between the Marshall Independent School District and Harrison County, Texas. Exhibit C-2.

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Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Mauldin
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-409

Item #3. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the jail contract between the City of Hallsville and Harrison County, Texas. Exhibit C-3.

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Motioned by Comm. Mauldin
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-410

Item #4. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the jail contract between Hallsville Independent School District and Harrison County, Texas. Exhibit C-4.

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-411

Item #5. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the jail contract between the City of Waskom and Harrison County, Texas.
Exhibit C-5.

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-412

Item #6. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the jail contract between the Waskom Independent School District Harrison County, Texas.
Exhibit C-6.

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Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Hatfield
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-413

Item #7. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the jail contract between Shelby County and Harrison County, Texas.
Exhibit C-7.

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Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Hatfield
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-414

Item #8. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the jail contract between Marion County and Harrison County, Texas.
Exhibit C-8.

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Item D: Maintenance Department: No Administrative Report Submitted:

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Item E: Information Technology: No Administrative Report Submitted:

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Item F: Purchasing

Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-415

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve to amend the Harrison County Fixed Asset Policy, changing the date inventory will be distributed and how inventory will be distributed... Exhibit F-1

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-416

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve to declare listed fixed assets as salvage and/or surplus and to appropriately dispose of said items. Exhibit F-2

Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-417

Item #3. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve to remove the listed fixed assets from Harrison County's inventory. Each asset listed is under the \$500.00 threshold required by Harrison County Fixed Asset Policy. Exhibit F-3

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ITEM G: Human Resources: No Items Submitted

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ITEM H: Treasurer: No Report Submitted

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ITEM I: Elections:

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-418

ITEM #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve the Lead Judges for the November 7th Election Day. Exhibit I-1

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ITEM J: New Business:

Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Mauldin
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-419

ITEM #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve the 2024 Harrison County resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program. Exhibit J-1

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Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2023-420

ITEM #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve the three year contract, beginning October 1st, 2023 and ending September 30th, 2026, between Harrison County Airport and Terry Fyffe, as an independent contractor to maintain the Grounds at the Harrison County Airport. Exhibit J-2

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ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Court for consideration and action, the motion was made by Commissioner Mauldin and seconded by Commissioner Ebarb to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

ATTEST:



**Elizabeth James, County Clerk
Harrison County, Texas**

Date: 10/19/2023



**County Judge
CHAD SIMS
Harrison County**

#1 Peter Whetstone Square, Room 314
Marshall, Texas 75670
903-935-8401
903-935-4853 Fax
Charlene Graff, Judicial Admin. Assist.

FILED FOR RECORD

2023 OCT -6 AM 11:03

ELIZABETH JAMES
CO. CLERK HARRISON CO.

BY JB DEPUTY

Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code requiring governmental bodies to give notice of their meetings, this is to advise that a **REGULAR meeting of the Harrison County Commissioner's Court will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 10th day of October, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Harrison County Historic Courthouse in Marshall, Texas**, at which time the Commissioners' Court will consider all matters pertaining to Harrison County business and grant authorization for the County Judge to execute any and all documents as may come before said Commissioner's Court for approval, including by way of information but not limitation, the following matters:

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

AMERICAN FLAG

TEXAS FLAG: "Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State Under God, One and Indivisible"

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award – Mrs. Teri Lamb.

"PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN HARRISON COUNTY."

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

DECLARE A QUORUM PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

AGENDA

A. AUDITOR:

Administrative Report: No action to be taken – Submission of financial reports

1. Consideration and approval regarding Line Item Transfers.
2. Consideration and approval of payment of Regular Bills.
3. Consideration and approval of Payroll for September 29, 2023.

B. ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Administrative Report: No action to be taken – Concerning status of construction, maintenance and repairs of county roads, bridges, and right of ways; also concerning condition of equipment.

1. Consideration and approval of personnel changes for the Harrison County Road & Bridge Department.
2. Consideration and approval of the utility applications submitted to the Harrison County Road & Bridge Department as follows:

West Harrison WSC	Galilee Rd CR 3110
West Harrison WSC	Noonday Rd. West CR 3600
West Harrison WSC	Young Rd. CR 3800

C. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Administrative Report: No action to be taken – Concerning statistics reflecting law enforcement activity; execution of civil responsibilities; jail population and location of and turnover in prisoners.

1. Consideration and approval of the jail contract between the City of Marshall and Harrison County, Texas.
2. Consideration and approval of the jail contract between the Marshall Independent School District and Harrison County, Texas.
3. Consideration and approval of the jail contract between the City of Hallsville and Harrison County, Texas.
4. Consideration and approval of the jail contract between the Hallsville Independent School District and Harrison County, Texas.
5. Consideration and approval of the jail contract between the City of Waskom and Harrison County, Texas.
6. Consideration and approval of the jail contract between the Waskom Independent School District and Harrison County, Texas.
7. Consideration and approval of the jail contract between Shelby County and Harrison County, Texas.
8. Consideration and approval of the jail contract between Marion County and Harrison County, Texas.

D. MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Administrative Report: No action to be taken – Concerning repairs and maintenance performed upon county owned premises and equipment; status of ongoing projects, and information concerning planned projects.

E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

Administrative Report: No action to be taken – Concerning the status of all existing/required communication and information services and equipment, including phones, computers, audio/visual aids and security equipment.

F. PURCHASING:

1. Consideration and approval to amend the Harrison County Fixed Asset Policy, changing the date inventory will be distributed and how inventory will be distributed.
2. Consideration and approval to declare listed fixed assets as salvage and or surplus and to appropriately dispose of said items.
3. Consideration and approval to remove the listed fixed assets from Harrison County's inventory. Each asset listed is under the \$500.00 threshold required by Harrison County Fixed Asset Policy.

G. HUMAN RESOURCES:

H. TREASURER:

I. ELECTIONS:

1. Consideration and action to approve the Lead Judges for the November 7th Election Day.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and approval of the 2024 Harrison County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program.
2. Consideration and approval of the three year contract, beginning October 1st, 2023 and ending September 30th, 2026, between Harrison County Airport and Terry Fyffe, as an independent contractor to maintain the Grounds at the Harrison County Airport.

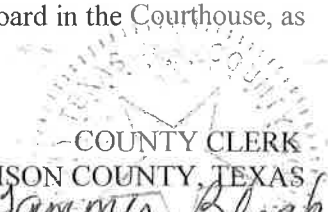
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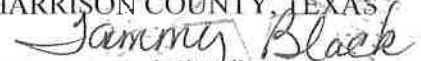
CHAD SIMS, COUNTY JUDGE

This is to certify that at the time and date stamped hereon, the notice of a meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, has been filed in my office, and posted on my official bulletin board in the Courthouse, as is required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Executed on: October 6, 2023



-COUNTY CLERK
HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS



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