

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
HELD IN THE HISTORIC HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MARSHALL, TEXAS
THIS THE 2ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd of January 2024, 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 Chad Sims

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: "RECOGNITION OF HARRISON COUNTY RETIREE JANICE HUFFMAN, DEPUTY TAX CLERK, TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OFFICE, FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, 10 YEARS AND 3 MONTHS TO THE CITIZENS OF HARRISON COUNTY"

Declare A Quorum Present:

When the following were heard and the following Orders passed:

Call to Order by the County Judge, Chad Sims, at 9:04 a.m.

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

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Mauldin
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-01

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve Line Item Transfers in the amount of \$1,985.83. Exhibit A-1

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-02

Item #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the payment for Regular Bills in the amount of \$401,007.56. Exhibit A-2

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-03

Item #3. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve Payroll for December 22, 2023. Exhibit A-3.

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Item B: Road and Bridge Department: Luke Davis gave Administrative Report: -- concerning status of construction, maintenance and repairs of county roads, bridges and right-of-ways also concerning condition of equipment. Exhibit -B

Mr. Davis gave report for November 28, 2023 – December 26 2023.

Road and Bridge issued 83 road permits. Rayford's Truck & Tractor continue working on Airlite and. Macedonia Rd. They plan on starting on Mt Pleasant Cutoff on the primary.

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Motioned by Comm. Mauldin
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-04

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the personnel changes for December 14, 2023 through December 27, 2023, for the Harrison County Road & Bridge Department. Exhibit B-1.

NEW HIRES: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

TERMINATIONS: 1

RETIREMENTS: None

TRANSFER: None

Full Time Employees (53) 47 (Includes the Road Administrator)

F/T Vacancies: 6

Part Time Employees (3) 3

Part Time Vacancy: 0

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 #2024-05

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

Rockcliff Energy Operating LLC 1202 Old Town Road
Gum Springs Water Supply Corp CR 3531 N Page Rd

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-06

Item #3. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve to rescind order #2023-470 for private road issuance order #75-PR 3722 due to clerical error and road number duplication. Exhibit B-3

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Motioned by Comm. Mauldin
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-07

Item #4. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve private road issuance order #76 for PR #3723, located in Precinct 3, approximately 1065 feet southwest of the intersection of Walkers Mill Road (CR 3705), and Hardy Holcomb Road (CR 3710), running northwest off of Walkers Mill Road in the Mill Creek Estate Subdivision. Exhibit B-4

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-08

Item #5. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve of the "County Maintenance Certificate" as of December 27, 2023 for the Harrison County Road and Bridge Department. Exhibit B-5

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ITEM C: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Administrative Report submitted:
No action to be taken --- concerning statistics reflecting law enforcement activity, execution of civil responsibilities, jail population, also location of and turnover in prisoners. Exhibit-C

For the record: Sheriff's report was deferred until next time.

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-09

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve and acceptance of the 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Work Truck 4x2 Crew Cab, (Weight & Measures Truck). Exhibit C-1.

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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. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-10

Item #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the award of Bid #2023-16 RFQ to Cammack Funeral Homes, LLC. For the Removal and Transport of Remains of Deceased Persons for Harrison County and Direct Cremation for Harrison County Deceased Paupers. F-1

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ITEM G: Human Resources: No Report Submitted

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ITEM H: Treasurer: No Administrative Report Submitted:

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ITEM I: Elections: No Report Submitted

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ITEM J: New Business:

Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-11

ITEM #1. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve the Resolution of Support for County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption. Exhibit J-1

For the record: Judge Travis Ransom from Cass County came to speak about the Non-binding resolution support for a proposed piece of Legislation.

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Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Mauldin
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-12

ITEM #2. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Contracts and authorization of payment of budgeted amounts in the FY 2023-2024 budget for the contract and authorization for the County Judge to execute said contract for: Exhibit J-2

ESD 1

ESD 6

ESD 4

ESD 7

ESD 5

ESD 8

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Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2024-13

ITEM #3. IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve the Resolution of Intent to establish the "Harrison County PACE Program" as set forth in Texas Local Government Code Chapter 399 and to set a Public Hearing for January 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for discussion regarding said program and publication in the local newspaper and Harrison County Economic Development website.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Court for consideration and action, the motion was made by Commissioner Hatfield and seconded by Commissioner Mauldin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth James, County Clerk
Harrison County, Texas

Date:

1/9/2024



**County Judge
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 DEC 29 AM 9:38

ELIZABETH JAMES
CLERK OF COURTS

BY  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 2nd day of January, 2024 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:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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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 December 22, 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:

Rockcliff Energy Operating LLC 1202 Old Town Road

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3. Consideration and action to rescind order #2023-470 for the private road issuance order #75-PR 3722- due to clerical error and road number duplication.
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5. Consideration and approval of the “County Maintenance Certificate” as of December 27, 2023 for the Harrison County Road and Bridge Department.

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 action regarding the approval and acceptance of the 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Work Truck 4x2 Crew Cab,(Weight & Measures Truck).

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 of the award of Bid #2023-16 RFQ to Cammack Funeral Homes, L.L.C. for the Removal and Transport of Remains of Deceased Persons for Harrison County and Direct Cremation for Harrison County Deceased Paupers.

G. HUMAN RESOURCES:

H. TREASURER:

I. ELECTIONS:

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and action regarding the approval of the Resolution of Support for County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption.
2. Consideration and approval of 2023-2024 Annual Contracts and authorization of payment of budgeted amounts in the FY 2023-2024 budget for the contract and authorization for the County Judge to execute said contract for:

- ESD 1

- ESD 6

- ESD 4

- ESD 7

- ESD 5

- ESD 8

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ADJOURN



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: December 29, 2023

COUNTY CLERK
HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS

(In accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we invite all attendees to advise us of any special accommodations due to disability. Please submit your request as far as possible in advance of the program you wish to attend.)

