

Hall County, Texas
Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting

April 11, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on April 11, 2022 with the following members present: Ray Powell, County Judge, presiding; Ronny Wilson, Commissioner Precinct #1; Terry Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #2; Gary Proffitt, Commissioner Precinct #3; Troy Glover, Commissioner Precinct #4; Olivia M. Fisher, County Clerk; and Pauline Johnsey, Judge's Assistant. Also present were Tom Heck, County Sheriff; Kristen Dwight, County Sheriff Deputy; Sherrie Stone, County Justice of Peace, Precincts 1, 2, & 3; Janet Bridges, County Treasurer; and John Wiley.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

1. Opening prayer.

The opening prayer was led by Pauline Johnsey.

2. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2022. Motion passed, unanimously.

3. Reports.

Reports of Treasurer, Sheriff/EMC, Road & Bridge, Tax Assessor-Collector, County & District Clerk, Justice of the Peace 1, 2, & 3, Tax Appraisal District, and County Judge. Extension Office did not present a report.

From Justice of the Peace report:

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to approve a civil court fee increase of \$8.00, as mandated by the state. Motion passed, four ay to one nay.

4. Approve reports.

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to approve the monthly reports as presented. Motion passed, unanimously.

5. Approve payment of bills.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the payment of the monthly bills. Motion passed, unanimously.

6. Discuss and/or action on burn ban. (Currently ON as of 11-8-21)

No action taken. Burn ban remains on.

7. Discuss and consider whether to move communication tower from courthouse property to another location, or dismantle, as part of restoration of courthouse plan.

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to table the agenda item until the next Regular Commissioners' Court meeting. Motion passed, unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on approval of enrollment of county employees for cybersecurity training.

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve enrollment for all county employees with access to a county computer and elected officials to participate in the cybersecurity training certified by the Texas Department of Information Resources. Motion passed, unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on approval of civil filing fees and costs as budget income items for Justice of the Peace.

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to approve the civil filing fees, costs, and funds, as budget income items for Justice of the Peace. Motion passed, unanimously. (Exhibit A)

10. Discuss and take action on approval of civil filing fees and costs as budget income items for County/District Clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the civil filing fees, costs, and funds as budget income items for County/District Clerk. (Exhibit B)

11. Discuss and consider disposing of furniture and equipment no longer used.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve and allow Judge Powell to publish notice of a sale of surplus or salvage property in the Red River Sun. Motion passed, unanimously.

12. Katie Paul with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to discuss available funding opportunities with American Rescue Plan Program (ARP).

Discussion held. No action taken.

13. Discuss and consider projects for American Rescue Plan Funding.

1. Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to accept the Hall County Preliminary American Rescue Plan, pending bids for future consideration by the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed, unanimously.
2. Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to accept the \$86,178.00 bid through Buy Board, from Warren Cat for Skid Steer and attachments, to be purchased with American Rescue Plan Funding. Motion passed, unanimously.
3. Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and Second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to present Hall County Meals and Wheels with \$12,000.00 from American Rescue Plan Funding. Motion passed, unanimously.
4. Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the hiring of a fifth dispatcher/jailer to be paid with American Rescue Plan Funds for a 6-month period at \$21,000.00. Motion passed, unanimously.

14. Discuss, consider, and take necessary action on use of equipment, materials, purchases, county work projects, extra help or hiring of road employees on county roads and bridges by commissioners in each precinct.

No action was taken.

15. Public comments.

No public comments.

16. Adjournment.

By Order of County Judge Powell, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 P.M.



Olivia M. Fisher

Hall County Clerk

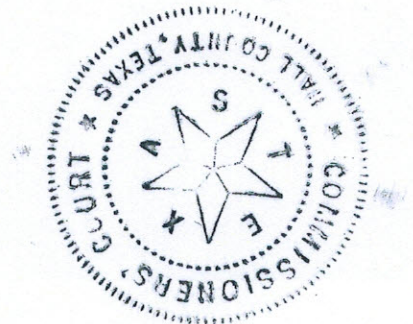


EXHIBIT A

Civil Filing Fees and Costs Cheat Sheet Eff. 1/1/22

Small Claims Case	\$54
Debt Claim Case	\$54
Eviction Case	\$54
Repair & Remedy Case	\$54
Truant Conduct Case	No fee
Tow Hearing	\$54
Toll Hearing	\$54
ODL Application	\$54
Nondisclosure Order	\$54 (some that are not filed in justice court are different)
Writ of Sequestration	No fee
Writ of Attachment	No fee
Writ of Execution	\$5 per page writ fee
Writ of Garnishment (pre-judgment)	No fee
Writ of Garnishment (post-judgment)	\$54 + \$5 per page writ fee
Writ of Re-Entry	\$54
Writ of Restoration	\$54
Writ of Retrieval	\$54
Writ of Possession	\$5 per page writ fee
Motion for New Trial	\$54 (if case type doesn't require a filing fee, this fee is not assessed on motion for new trial either)
Motion to Set Aside Default	No fee
Motion to Reinstate	No fee
Other Misc. Motions	No fee
Appeal	\$54 (if case type doesn't require a filing fee, this fee is not assessed on appeal either)
Transcript Fee	\$10
Abstract of Judgment	\$5

***All fees waived upon filing of Statement of Inability, unless Statement is contested and denied at a hearing.**

***Filing fees do not include service fees for citations or writs, which vary by county.**

***Fees assessed on initial suit, as well as on counterclaim, cross-claim, third-party action, intervenor action, or interpleader.**

***\$54 fee is made up of \$33 Local Consolidated Civil Fee and \$21 State Consolidated Civil Fee, see Fines, Fees, & Costs Deskbook for details.**

EXHIBIT B

CLERKS' CIVIL FILING FEES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2022

PAGE / LINE	EXISTING BASE STATUTES REPEALED	EXISTING FEE 12/31/2021	NEW BASE STATUTES - CONSOLIDATED LGC Subchapter C Section 135.101(b)	NEW FEE BREAKDOWN 1/1/2022
7/7	Appellate judicial system fund GC Chapter 22	\$5.00	appellate judicial system fund (1) 2.3474%	\$5.00
7/9	New for most counties	\$15.00 to \$20.00	Court facility fee fund (2) 9.3897%	\$20.00
7/10	Clerk of the court GC 51.317(b)(1); LGC 118.052(1)(A)(ii), 118.055	\$50/\$40	Clerk of the court account (3) 23.4742%	\$50.00
7/11	Records management and preservation account - District GC 51.317(b)(4), (c)(1) and (c)(2), and County LGC 118.0546 (118.052).	\$10/\$5	County records management and preservation account (4) 14.0845%	\$30.00
7/13	Court Reporter Service Fee GC 51.601(a), (a-1), (b), (e)	\$15.00 to \$30.00	Court reporter service fund (5) 11.7371%	\$25.00
7/14	County law library fund LGC 323.023	\$35.00	County law library fund (6) 16.4319%	\$35.00
7/15	Courthouse security fund LGC 291.008	\$5.00	Courthouse security fund (7) 9.3897%	\$20.00
7/16	New	\$-	Language access fund (8) 1.4085%	\$3.00
7/17	New	\$-	County jury fund (9) 4.6948%	\$10.00
7/18	County dispute resolution fund - optional CPRC 152.004	\$15.00	County dispute resolution fund (10) 7.0423% (If none, send to State)	\$15.00
6/21	LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE			\$213.00
2/16	STATE CONSOLIDATED FEE (State will break down-page 3/4)			\$137.00
	TOTAL FILING FEE			\$350.00

ACTIONS WITHIN EXISTING CASES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2022

PAGE / LINE	EXISTING BASE STATUTES REPEALED	EXISTING FEE 12/31/2021	NEW BASE STATUTES - CONSOLIDATED LGC Subchapter C Section 135.101(b)	NEW FEE BREAKDOWN 1/1/2022
7/27	Clerk of the court GC 51.317(b)(2)	\$15.00	Clerk of the court account (1) 42.8571%	\$15.00
7/11	Records management and preservation account - District GC 51.317(b)(4), (c)(1) and (c)(2), and County LGC 118.0546.	\$10.00	County records management and preservation account (2) 57.1429%	\$20.00
6/23	LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE			\$35.00
2/19	STATE CONSOLIDATED FEE	(State will break down-3/4)		\$45.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$80.00

PROBATE, GUARDIANSHIP, MENTAL HEALTH CASES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2022

PAGE / LINE	EXISTING BASE STATUTES REPEALED	EXISTING FEE 12/31/2021	NEW BASE STATUTES - CONSOLIDATED LGC Subchapter C Section 135.102(b)	NEW FEE BREAKDOWN 1/1/2022
8/22	Appellate Court Fee GC 22.2021(b) for the 1st & 14th Appeals District	\$5.00	Appellate judicial system fund (1) 2.2422%	\$5.00
8/24	New for most counties	\$20.00	Court facility fee fund (2) 8.9686%	\$20.00
8/25	Clerk Fee LGC 118.052(2)(A)(i), 118.0645	\$40.00	Clerk of the court account (3) 17.9372%	\$40.00
8/26	Records Management LGC 118.0645 (118.052)	\$10.00	Records management and preservation fund (4) 67.265%	\$15.00
9/1	Court Reporter Fee GC 51.601	\$15.00	Court reporter service fund (5) 11.2108%	\$25.00
9/2	Law Library LGC 323.023(a)	\$35.00	County law library fund (6) 15.6951%	\$35.00
9/3	Courthouse Security fee LGC 291.008(a)	\$5.00	Courthouse security fund (7) 8.9686%	\$20.00
9/4	NEW	ZERO	Language access fund (8) 1.3453%	\$3.00
9/5	NEW	ZERO	County Jury fund (9) 4.4841%	\$10.00
9/6	NEW	ZERO	County dispute resolution fund (10) 6.7265% (if none send to State)	\$15.00
9/8	Court-initiated guardianship fee LGC 118.052 (2)(E) 118.067	\$20.00	Court-initiated guardianship fund (11) 8.9686%	\$20.00
9/10	Judicial Training LGC 118.052((2)(A)(vi) 118.064 and Judge Fee LGC 118.101	\$5.00 + \$2.00	Judicial education and support fund (12) 2.2422%	\$5.00
9/12	NEW	ZERO	Public probate administrator fund (13) 4.4843% (for Statutory Probate Courts per GC 25.00251. All other Probate Courts will collect the fee under Court-initiated guardianship fund) *****	\$10.00
8/8	LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE			\$223.00
2/16	STATE CONSOLIDATED FEE	(State will break down)		\$137.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$360.00

ACTIONS WITHIN EXISTING CASES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2022

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9/21	Clerk of the court LGC 118.052(2)(C) and 118.057	\$40.00	Clerk of the court account (3) 53.3333%	\$40.00
9/22	Records Management Fee LGC 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00	County records management and preservation account (4) 6.6667%	\$5.00
9/24	Court-initiated guardianship fee LGC 118.052 (2)(E) 118.067	\$20.00	Court-initiated guardianship fund (11) 26.6667%	\$20.00
9/26	NEW	ZERO	Public probate administrator fund (13) 13.3333% (for Statutory Probate Courts per GC 25.00251. All other Probate Courts will collect the fee under Court-initiated guardianship fund) *****	\$10.00
8/10	LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE			<u>\$75.00</u>
2/19	STATE CONSOLIDATED FEE	(State will break down 3/4)		\$45.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$120.00