

Hall County, Texas

Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting

September 11, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET AT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING ON September 11, 2023, 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; Lucheryl Speed, County Deputy Clerk; Teresa Altman Tax A/C; Sherrie Stone, Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1, 2 & 3; Janet Bridges, Treasurer; Steve Bartley, Chief Deputy and guests, Joe Dunn, Bertha Dunn and Sean Wylie.

1. OPENING PRAYER

- a. The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Judge Powell.
- b. The opening prayer was led by Commissioner Wilson.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS REQUESTS

None at this time.

3. TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt.
Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning OCTOBER 1, 2023 and Ending SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

4. TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF TAX RATE OF 0.7150 PER \$100 VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

Motion from Commissioner Wilson: I move that we approve a tax rate of 0.7150 per \$100 valuation which is effectively a 10.84% over the no-new

revenue tax rate of 0.659357 per \$100 valuation. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operation than last year's tax rate of 0.7077. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 0.007300. The tax rate will effectively raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home approximately \$7.30. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Glover. Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the tax rate of 0.7150.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2023 and PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET MEETING, AUGUST 30, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt. Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023 and Public Hearing for Budget Meeting, August 30, 2023.

6. REPORTS

- a. **TREASURER**
- b. **SHERIFF/EMC**
- c. **ROAD & BRIDGE**
- d. **TAX A/C**
- e. **COUNTY CLERK**
- f. **J. P. REPORTS, PRECINCTS 1, 2, & 3**
- g. **TAX APPRAISAL**
- h. **JUDGE 'S REPORT**

7. APPROVE REPORTS

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Lindsey. Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the reports.

8. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS.

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

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BURN BAN. (Currently Off AS OF 12/13/22).

No action taken BURN BAN remains OFF.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WHERE TO APPLY THE 2023 CAPITAL CREDIT CHECK OF \$9,173.62 FROM THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to deposit the check from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$9,173.62, to the HALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD. Commissioner Proffitt second the motion. Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the deposit of the check to the Child Welfare Board.

11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY REGARDING RESTORATION OF HALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Discussion only/no action taken.

12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE 2022 OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE INVENTORY, INSPECTION AND APPRAISAL PROGRAM REPORT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CHILDRESS DISTRICT.

Motion was made by Judge Powell: I move that we accept the 2022 Off-System Bridge Inventory, Inspection and Appraisal Program Report, reported on any and all bridges. Commissioner Lindsey second. Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the report from the Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District.

13. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION NAMING SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH IN HALL COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER GLOVER made the motion that we approve the Proclamation naming September as Hunger Action Month in Hall County.

Commissioner Proffitt second. Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the Proclamation. See Exhibit A

14. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON CHANGE OF OCTOBER COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING TO ALTERNATE DATE, BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lindsey to change the October 9, 2023 Commissioners' Court Meeting to, Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Commissioner Glover second. Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve change the October's meeting to October 10, 2023.

15. ORDER DESIGNATING DAY OF WEEK ON WHICH COURT WILL CONVENE IN A REGULAR TERM; TEX.LOC.GOV'T. CODE 81.005(a).

Commissioner Lindsey made the Motion to designate the 2nd Monday of every month for the Regular Term Meetings. Commissioner Wilson second. Motion passed unanimously and it is the Order of the Court to Designate the 2nd Monday of every month as the meeting date for the Regular Term of the Commissioners' Court Meetings.

16. TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF POSTING OF ORDER OF ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPECIAL ELECTION.

Motion made by Judge Powell: I move that we issue an order of a Special Election to be held on November 7, 2023, in Hall County for the purpose of electing Special Constitutional Amendments. Commissioner Glover second. Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the Posting of Order of Election on November 7, 2023.

See Exhibit B

17. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING GRANTS TO HALL COUNTY HOME DELIVERED MEALS, AND TO TRI-COUNTY HOME DELIVERED MEALS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$256.00 EACH.

Commissioners Glover made the motion: I move that we approve resolutions authorizing grants to Hall County Home Delivered Meals,

Memphis, Texas, and to Tri-County Home Delivered Meals in Quitaque, Texas, in the amount of \$256.00 each. Commissioner Lindsey second. Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the Resolutions Authorizing Grants.
See Exhibits C & D.

18. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON USE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, PURCHASES, OTHER COUNTY MATTERS, COUNTY WORK PROJECTS, EXTRA HELP OR HIRING OF ROAD EMPLOYEES ON COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES BY COMMISSIONERS IN EACH PRECINCT. DISCUSSION/ NO ACTION.

19. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Proffitt. Motion carried unanimously and It was the Order of the Court to Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A. M.

X *Richard Reed*
Kaci Mills





2023 Hunger Action Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Texas where 13.7% of people face hunger and one in every six children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and in every community in America, people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families—yet in 2021, 34 million people—1 in 10—including 9 million children—1 in 8—faced food insecurity in the U.S. That includes 1 in 6 individuals and 1 in 4 children in Hall County; and

WHEREAS, the Hall County of Texas is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in Hall County need; and

WHEREAS, the Hall County of Texas is committed to working with High Plains Food Bank, a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 510 individuals and more than 200 children in Hall County rely on food provided by the members of High Plains Food Bank annually; and

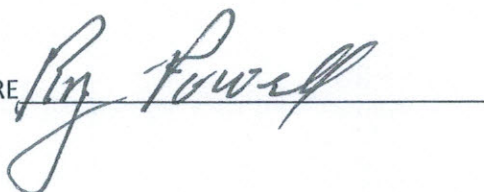
WHEREAS, the members of High Plains Food Bank distributed more than 6.5 million meals to 16,900 families in 2022 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated “Hunger Action Month” in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the movement to end hunger by taking action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure every community, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive.

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the members of High Plains Food Bank – will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ray Powell do hereby recognize September 2023, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in Hall County of Texas, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

SIGNATURE

DATE Sept 14, 2023

ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION
(ORDEN DE ESPECIAL ELECCION)

Exhibit
B

An election is hereby ordered to be held on NOVEMBER 7, 2023 in HALL COUNTY, TEXAS, for the purpose of electing the following: SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Se ordena una elección el 8 de noviembre de 2022 en el CONDADO DE HALL, TEXAS, con el fin de elegir lo siguiente: ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL PARA ENMIENDAS CONSTITUCIONALES.

<p>Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: <i>La votación anticipada por comparecencia personal se realizará cada día de la semana en:</i></p> <p>COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM HALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX 101 SOUTH NINTH STREET MEMPHIS, TEXAS 79245</p>	<p>DAYS & HOURS OF OPERATION <i>Dias Horas Habiles</i></p> <p>October 23rd through October 27th 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. October 30th through November 1st 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. November 2nd – 7 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. November 3rd 7:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M.</p>
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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes de boleta por correo se enviarán por correo a)

Kaci Mills

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)
101 South Ninth Street, Suite 8
(Address) (Direccion) 101 South 9th
Memphis, TX 79245
(City) (Ciudad) 79245 (ZipCode) (Codigo Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 23, 2022
(Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben recibirse a más tardar el cierre de operaciones el 23 de octubre de 2023.)

Issued this the 11th day of Septemberr, 2023.
Emitido este el día 11 de septiembre de 2023

Ray POWELL
Ray Powell, Hall County Judge *(Firma del Juez delcondado)*

Early Voting Hours

October 23rd – October 27th - 8 am – 5pm

October 30th – November 1st – 8 am – 5 pm

November 2nd – 7 am -7 pm

November 3rd – 7 am – 7 pm

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**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
TEXANS FEEDING TEXANS: HOME-DELIVERED MEAL
GRANT PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY GRANT
PROGRAM YEAR 2024**

A resolution of the County of HALL(County) Texas certifying that the County has made a grant to HALL COUNTY HOME DELIVERED MEALS(Organization), an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability, and certifying that the County has approved the Organization's accounting system or fiscal agent.

WHEREAS, the Organization seeks to apply for grant funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture to supplement and extend existing services for homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability pursuant to the Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program (Program);

WHEREAS, the Program rules require the County in which an Organization is providing home-delivered meal services to make a grant to the Organization in order for the Organization to be eligible to receive Program grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Program rules further require the County approve the Organization's accounting system or fiscal agent in order for the Organization to be eligible to receive Program grant funds;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY:

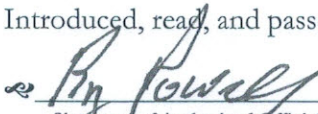
SECTION 1: The County hereby certifies that it has made a grant to the Organization in the amount of \$256.00 to be used between the:

1ST of October 2023 and the 30TH of September 2024

SECTION 2: The County hereby certifies that the Organization provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability.

SECTION 3: The County hereby certifies that it has approved the Organization's accounting system or fiscal agent which meets financial management system requirements as set forth in the Texas Grant Management Standards promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Introduced, read, and passed by the affirmative vote of the County on this 11TH day of September, 2023.



Signature of Authorized Official of the County
RAY POWELL, HALL COUNTY JUDGE
Typed Name and Title



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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY GRANT
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A resolution of the County of HALL(County) Texas certifying that the County has made a grant to TRI-COUNTY HOME DELIVERED MEALS(Organization), an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability, and certifying that the County has approved the Organization's accounting system or fiscal agent.

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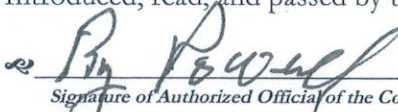
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