

**Hall County, Texas**  
**Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting**

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET AT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13, 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; Kaci Mills, County Clerk; Pauline Johnsey, Judge's Assistant; Teresa Altman Tax A/C; Sherrie Stone, Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1, 2 & 3; Janet Bridges, Treasurer; Steve Bartley, Chief Deputy; Tom Heck, and Sean Wylie, Sun and Sky Electric Manager.

**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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2023 AND CALLED MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2023.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson  
Motion passed unanimously and, It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of October 26, 2023 at this time and approve October 10, 2023 minutes at the December 11, 2023 meeting.

**4. REPORTS**

**a. TREASURER**

**b. SHERIFF/EMC**

1. Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Lindsey.  
Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to pay the new jailer base pay at \$40,000 per year bending clarification of budget for employees hired after October 1, 2023.

**c. ROAD & BRIDGE**

**d. TAX A/C**

**e. COUNTY CLERK**

**f. J. P. REPORTS, PRECINCTS 1, 2, & 3**

**g. EXTENSION OFFICE**

**h. TAX APPRAISAL**

**i. JUDGE'S REPORT**

**5. 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.

**6. 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.

**7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BURN BAN. (Currently ON AS OF 10/10/2023).**

No action taken BURN BAN remains ON.

**8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST(S) FROM SHERIFF HECK FOR SB22 GRANT FUNDING FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND/OR JAIL.**

Discussion only. Senate Bill 22 Rules attached as EXHIBIT.

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

Discussion only.

**10. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CHAPTER 59 ASSETT FORFEITURE REPORT.**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Proffitt.

Motion passed, unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the 100<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office Chapter 59 Assett Forfeiture Report.

**11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ENROLLMENT IN CYBERSECURITY TRAINING THROUGH TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO BE COMPLETED BY HALL COUNTY.**

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Lindsey.

Motion passed, unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve enrollment in cybersecurity training through Texas Association of Counties to be completed by Hall County.

**12. 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 only.

**13. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt.

Motion passed, unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to adjourn at 12:07 P.M.

*Kaci Mills*

Kaci Mills  
Hall County Clerk



## *Comptroller's Rules For S.B. 22 – Law Enforcement Grants*



**Jim Allison**  
Senior General Counsel

The Comptroller of Public Accounts has published the proposed rules for the S.B. 22 – Law Enforcement Grants in the Texas Register. Although these rules are not final and are subject to further revision, they do provide some guidance to counties for these grants. Unless revised, these rules may be finally adopted on Nov. 12, 2023. If you have further questions for the comptroller, please let us know.

### Senate Bill 22 Rules

1. Applications for this year must be submitted electronically between Jan. 1, 2024, and Jan. 31, 2024.
2. All counties under 300,000 may receive a grant for this year, even if the fiscal year began on Oct. 1, 2023.
3. The sheriff and constable grants must be signed by an official authorized to bind the county. This means that Commissioners Court must approve the application.
4. The signing official must certify that the county meets the qualifications. If necessary, amend the budget to meet salary minimums for deputies and jailers before submitting an application.
5. If the comptroller requires additional information, it must be provided within 14 days.
6. The comptroller will determine whether the county receives an award within 90 days.
7. The county must sign and return a grant agreement to receive the funds.
8. The grant funds must be expended or legally obligated by the end of the fiscal year.
9. Once the minimum salaries are met, the county may use grant funds to:
  - a) increase the minimum salaries;
  - b) hire additional deputies or staff; and
  - c) purchase vehicles, firearms, and safety equipment for the sheriff's office.
10. If the county increased salaries to meet the minimums, it may allocate a part of the grant to offset the increased cost of benefits for the amount of increased salaries.
11. The minimum salary of a part-time employee or employee who performs other duties is determined by the hours of work each week performing duties as a traffic deputy or jailer.
12. The county must file an annual compliance report on use of the grant funds. Penalties will apply for failure to meet grant requirements.

*For additional information, please call me at 1-800-733-0699. ★*

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Comal County



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*Wade McKinney*

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*Sammy G. Farias*

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