

Hall County, Texas
Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting

February 08, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on February 08, 2021 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; Ed Gentry, Deputy Sheriff; Janet Bridges, County Treasurer; Sherrie Stone, Justice of the Peace 1, 2, & 3; Teresa Altman, County Tax Assessor-Collector; Josh Brooks, County Extension Agent; and Joe & Bertha Dunn.

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

1. Opening prayer.

The opening prayer was led by Commissioner Wilson.

2. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2021 and Called Meeting of January 29, 2021 for purpose of canvassing of votes from Special Election of January 23, 2021.

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 January 11, 2021 and Called Meeting of January 29, 2021 for purpose of canvassing of votes from Special Election of January 23, 2021. Motion passed.

3. Reports.

Reports of Treasurer, Sheriff/EMC, Road & Bridge, Tax Assessor-Collector, County & District Clerk, Justice of the Peace 1, 2, & 3, Extension Office, and Tax Appraisal District were presented.

From Sheriff's Report:

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to allow a new deputy to utilize the RV at the Hall County Jail for \$55.00 a month. Motion passed.

From Tax Assessor-Collectors Report:

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to assess Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC) permit fees, at the discretion of Commissioners' Court, for any applicable licenses. Motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to set the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC) permit fees at 40% of the states' fees, on each applicable license. Motion passed.

From the Clerk's Report:

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the Order of Election for the February 23, 2021 Special Runoff Election to elect a House of Representative for District No. 68. Motion passed. (Exhibit A)

4. Approve reports.

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

5. Approve payment of bills.

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

6. Discuss and/or action on burn ban. (Currently OFF as of 1-11-21)

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to leave the burn ban off. Motion passed.

7. Discuss and consider supporting HB488 and HB489 by Rep. Drew Springer banning motorized vehicles and discharging of firearms in the Red River bed of the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in Hall County.

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to support HB 489 pertaining to the discharging of firearms on the Red River bed and oppose HB 488 banning motorized vehicles on the Red River bed. Motion passed.

8. Discuss and consider sale of county owned property at 301 Third Street in Lakeview, described as Lots No. 11, and 12, in Block 23, Original Town of Lakeview, Hall County, to Frank Thompson.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to not accept the bid of \$500.00 and place the property up for seal bids. Motion passed.

9. Discuss and consider PRPC's Law Enforcement Grant.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the resolution to authorize the submission of a Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Application to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. Motion passed.
(Exhibit B)

10. Discuss and consider approval of resolution in support of opposition to state's unfunded mandates.

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to approve the resolution in opposition to state unfunded mandates. Motion passed. (Exhibit C)

11. 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.

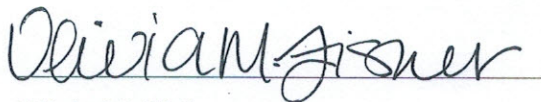
No action was taken.

12. Public comments.

No public comments.

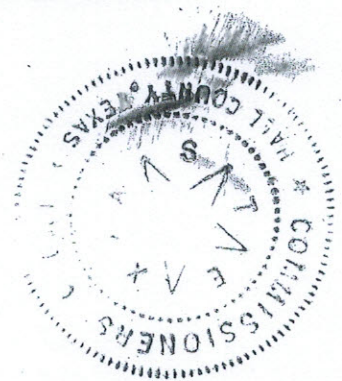
13. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to adjourn at 11:53 A.M. Motion passed.



Olivia M. Fisher

Hall County Clerk



ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION
(For Governor-ordered or County-ordered measure elections)
(ORDEN DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)
(Para órdenes de gobernador u ordenes de condado sobre elecciones medidas)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on February 23, 2021 for the purpose of:
(date)

(Por la presente se ordena que se llevará a cabo una elección el 23 de febrero de 2021 con el propósito de:
(fecha)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Hall County Commissioners' Courtroom - 2nd floor of the Hall County Courthouse
(location) (sitio)

Note: If county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.,
(entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 12:00 de la tarde y las 1:00 de la tarde y las 5:00 de la tarde)

beginning on February 16, 2021 and ending on February 19, 2021.
(empezando el 16 de febrero de 2021 y terminando el 19 de enero de 2021.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Olivia M. Fisher
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votación Adelantada)

512 W. Main St., Suite 8
(Address) (Dirección)

Memphis 79245
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

February 12, 2021
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 8th day of February, 2021.

(Emitida este día) 8th de Febrero, 2021.)

[Signature]
Signature of County Judge
(Firma del Juez del Condado)

[Signature]
County Commissioner
Comisionado del Condado

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County Commissioner
Comisionado del Condado

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RESOLUTION No.

A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF HALL COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN FY22 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) AND DESIGNATING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT AS THE COUNTY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CJD GRANT PROGRAM.

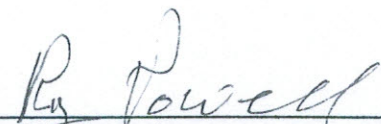
WHEREAS, The Commissioner's Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Hall County, that the Hall County JAG program be operated for the FY 2022; and

WHEREAS, Hall County agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant grant application; and

WHEREAS, Hall County agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, Hall County assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, Commissioner's Court designates the County Judge as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Commissioner's Court of Hall County approves submission of the grant application for the Hall County JAG program to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by: 
Ray Powell, County Judge
Brown County, Texas

Passed and Approved this 8th of February, 2021.

ATTEST:


Olivia Fisher, County Clerk
Hall County, Texas

Grant Number: 4298301

RESOLUTION

STATE OF TEXAS

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COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF HALL

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OF HALL COUNTY, TEXAS

BE IT REMEMBERED at a meeting of Commissioners Court of Hall County, Texas, held on the 8th day of February, 2021, on motion made by **RONNY WILSON**, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, and seconded by **TERRY LINDSEY**, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, the following Resolution was adopted:

Opposition to Unfunded Mandates

WHEREAS, Texas counties are responsible for the operation and management of many and various governmental programs as required or authorized by state law; and

WHEREAS, some county government programs are fully or partially supported with funds disbursed by the State of Texas pursuant to the state appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, may enact laws or promulgate rules that have the effect of imposing mandatory financial obligations upon Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is proposing to prohibit any use of county funds for collective legislative communication, including nonprofit associations, which would require all county officials to separately analyze 7,000 bills without the benefit of assistance of outside legislative professionals and effectively silence small to medium size counties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, mandates that counties implement certain governmental programs or perform certain duties and obligations including financial commitments by a county to expend county funds in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, during each regular session of the Texas Legislature, all state funds that support county programs are reviewed through the state appropriation process and by other state budgetary review systems; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned review process may result in a reduction, or cessation, of state financial support of county government programs causing an unforeseeable disruption and reduction of the county budget and operations; and

WHEREAS, substantial funding is mandated from county taxpayers and diverted every year from local services for the benefits for citizens of Hall County to support these mandatory financial obligations imposed by the State of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of Hall County, Texas do hereby resolve that, for the foregoing reasons, it is in the best interests of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor the passage of legislation in the form of an amendment to the Constitution of the State

of Texas that would expressly prohibit the imposition costs of mandatory government programs on Texas counties, whether by an act of the Texas Legislature or a state agency or by executive order, unless the State of Texas has fully funded and disbursed all necessary funds to enable Texas counties to operate said governmental program.

Signed this 8th day of February 2021.



RAY POWELL, HALL COUNTY JUDGE



RONNY WILSON, COMMISSIONER
Precinct No. 1



TERRY LINDSEY, COMMISSIONER
Precinct No. 2



GARY PROFFITT, COMMISSIONER
Precinct No. 3



TROY GLOVER, COMMISSIONER
Precinct #4