

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

September 14, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on September 14, 2020 with the following members present: Ray Powell, County Judge, presiding; Winfred McQueen, Commissioner Precinct #1; Terry Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #2; Troy Glover, Commissioner Precinct #4; Olivia M. Duran, County Clerk; and Pauline Johnsey, Judge's Assistant. Gary Proffitt, Commissioner Precinct #3 was absent. Also present were: Tom Heck, Hall County Sheriff; Teresa Altman, Hall County Tax Assessor-Collector; Sherrie Stone, Hall County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, 2, &3; Josh Brooks, Hall County Extension Agent; and Joe and Bertha Dunn.

**1. Opening prayer.**

The opening prayer was led by Commissioner McQueen.

**2. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2020, and Called Meeting of September 1, 2020 for Budget Hearing and Adoption of Budget and Tax Rate.**

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner McQueen and It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2020, and Called Meeting of September 1, 2020 for Budget Hearing and Adoption of Budget and Tax Rate. Motion passed.

**3. Reports.**

Reports of Treasurer, Sheriff/EMC, Road & Bridge, Tax Assessor-Collector, County & District Clerk, J.P. Precincts 1, 2, & 3, Tax Appraisal District, and Extension Office. Judge did not have a report.

**From County Clerk's Report**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to increase the hourly rate of payment for Election Judges, Election Clerks, and Early Voting Ballot Board Members from \$8.00 to \$10.00 an hour. Motion passed.

## **From Sheriff's Report**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to charge a utility fee of \$55.00 a month, to a Sheriff Deputy who chooses to reside in the Hall County Sheriff's personal RV connected at the Hall County Jail for housing when needed. Motion passed.

### **4. Approve reports.**

Motion by Commissioner McQueen and second by Commissioner Lindsey 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 Lindsey and second by Commissioner McQueen 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 ON as of 7-13-20)**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner McQueen and It is the Order of the Court to remove the burn ban, effective immediately. Motion passed.

### **7. Discuss and determine date of October 2020 commissioners' Court Meeting, as Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is a holiday.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to set the date for the October 2020 Commissioners' Court Meeting to Tuesday, October 13, 2020, as Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is a holiday. Motion passed.

### **8. Order designating day of week on which court will convene in a regular term; Tex. Loc. Gov't Code §81.005(a).**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner McQueen and It is the Order of the Court to designate the second Monday of each month as the day on which court will convene in a regular term. Motion passed.

### **9. Discuss and consider approval of resolutions authorizing grants to Hall County Home Delivered Meals and Tri-County Home Delivered Meals, each in the amount of \$256.00, appropriated in 2020-2021 budget.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the resolutions authorizing grants to Hall County Home Delivered Meals and Tri-County Home Delivered Meals, each in the amount of \$256.00, appropriated in 2020-2021 budget. Motion passed. (Exhibit A)

**10. Take action to ratify acceptance of engagement letter from Foster & Lambert, L.L.C. for auditing services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Judge Powell and It is the Order of the Court to ratify the acceptance of engagement letter from Foster & Lambert, L.L.C. for auditing services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Motion passed.

**11. Take action on setting Sheriff's Fees for 2021.**

No action taken. Subject was addressed in August 10, 2020, Commissioners' Court Meeting.

**12. Discuss and consider ratifying the decision for placement of the \$717.43 check from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts into the Hall County Child Welfare Account.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner McQueen and It is the Order of the Court to ratify the decision for placement of the \$717.43 check from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts into the Hall County Child Welfare Account. Motion passed.

**13. Take action on requesting approval from the Memphis Independent School District to utilize the Memphis High School Auditorium for the purpose of voir dire proceedings if and when needed by the 100<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.**

Motion by Commissioner McQueen and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to ratify approval from the Memphis Independent School District to utilize the Memphis High School Auditorium for the purpose of voir dire proceedings if and when needed by the 100<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court. Motion passed.

**14. Take action on approval of enrollment of county employees for cybersecurity training course.**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the enrollment of county employees for cybersecurity training course. Motion passed.

**15. Discuss and take action on line item transfer in 2020-2021 jail budget of \$500.00 from repairs and maintenance to salary for Jailer #1 to include difference in salary for position, correcting calculation error.**

Motion by Commissioner McQueen and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to take action on line item transfer in 2020-2021 jail budget of \$500.00 from repairs and maintenance to salary for Jailer #1 to include difference in salary for position, correcting calculation error. Motion passed.

**16. Discuss and consider deferring payroll tax obligation in light of ongoing COVID-19 disaster.**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court that Hall County will not participate in deferring payroll tax obligations in light of ongoing COVID-19 disasters. Motion passed.

**17. Discuss and consider replacement of Hall County Sheriff's Deputies.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to eliminate the position of third deputy and allow the sheriff, at his discretion, to utilize the remaining compensation to hire new deputies. Motion passed.

**18. Discuss and consider options available for replacement of County Attorney since passing of County Attorney John M. Deaver II on September 4, 2020.**

No action taken. Discussion was held.

**19. Discuss and consider authorizing payment to jailers/dispatchers for vacation days lost.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by McQueen and It is the Order of the Court to pay Cindy Bolen for 84 hours of vacation time and Rhonda Funderburg for 28 hours of vacation time in lieu of losing vacation days because of shortage of personnel and working nonstop for several months. Motion passed.

**Please note, the tape recorder stopped working at this point of the Commissioners' Court Meeting and was unable to be fixed in a timely manner. The meeting proceeded.**

**20. 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.**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner McQueen and It is the Order of the Court that B&B Trucking be paid upon receipt of their invoice for the Work-in-Kind Project on CR-19 North of Highway 256 Commitment Control Section Job #0925-09j-035 dated December 12, 2016 with TXDOT for work and repair on CR-P draw bridge. Motion passed.

**21. Public comments.**

No public comments.

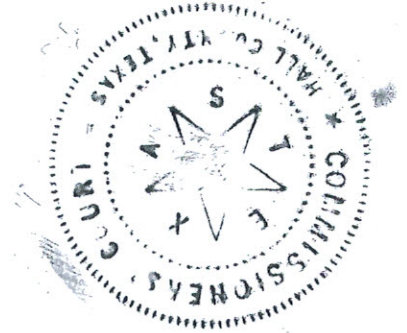
**22. Adjournment.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner McQueen and It is the Order of the Court to adjourn at 11:48 A.M. Motion passed.



Olivia M. Duran

Hall County Clerk





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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY GRANT  
PROGRAM YEAR 2021**

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 desires 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 Meals Grant Program (Program); and

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

*WHEREAS*, the County recognizes TINIYA JOHNSON (Authorized Official) as an official of the Organization applying for a Home-Delivered Meal Grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

***BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY:***

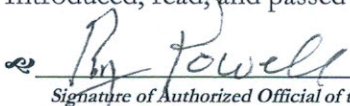
SECTION 1: The County hereby certifies that it has made a grant to the Organization in the amount of \$256.00 to be used between the:

1ST of OCTOBER 2020 and the 30 TH of SEPT. 2021  
Day Month Year Day Month Year

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 Uniform Grant Management Standards promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Introduced, read, and passed by the affirmative vote of the County on this 14TH day of SEPT., 2020

  
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*Signature of Authorized Official of the County*

RAY POWELL, HALL COUNTY JUDGE  
*Typed Name and Title*



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GRANT PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY GRANT  
PROGRAM YEAR 2021**

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.

*WHEREAS*, the Organization desires 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 Meals Grant Program (Program); and

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

*WHEREAS*, the County recognizes KAY CALVERT † (Authorized Official) as an official of the Organization applying for a Home-Delivered Meal Grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

***BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY:***

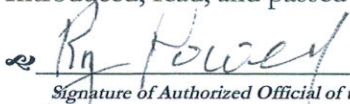
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