

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

September 13, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on September 13, 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; Sherrie Stone, County Justice of Peace, Precincts 1, 2, & 3; Samantha Chumley, GrantWorks, Inc.; and Joe and Bertha Dunn.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M.

**1. Opening prayer.**

The opening prayer was led by Commissioner Wilson.

**2. Take action on approval of county budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, ending September 30, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court that the Hall County budget in the total amount of \$2,516,104 be approved for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, raising more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$71,225, which is a 3.6 percent increase from last year's budget. Motion passed, unanimously.

Commissioner Pct. 1, Wilson: Yay

Commissioner Pct. 2, Lindsey: Yay

Commissioner Pct. 3, Proffitt: Yay

Commissioner Pct. 4, Glover: Yay

Judge Powell: Yay

**3. Take action on approval of 2021-2022 tax rate of .7106 per \$100 valuation.**

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court that the Hall County property tax rate of .7106 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 3.6 percent increase over the no-new-revenue tax

rate of .68275 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, be approved. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. Motion passed, unanimously.

Commissioner Pct. 1, Wilson: Yay

Commissioner Pct. 2, Lindsey: Yay

Commissioner Pct. 3, Proffitt: Yay

Commissioner Pct. 4, Glover: Yay

Judge Powell: Yay

**4. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2021, and Budget Hearing of September 1, 2021.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2021, and Budget Hearing of September 1, 2021. Motion passed, unanimously.

**5. 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 Extension Office were presented. County Judge did not present a report.

**6. 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.

**7. Approve payment of bills.**

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

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

No action taken. Burn ban remains off.

**9. Discuss and determine date of October 2021 Commissioners' Court meeting, as Monday, October 11<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 2021 Commissioners' Court meeting for Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Motion passed.



**10. 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 Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the day of week on which the court will convene in a Regular Term, as the second Monday of the month. Motion passed, unanimously.

**11. 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 2021-2022 budget.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson 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 2021-2022 budget. Motion passed, unanimously. (Exhibit A)

**12. Take action to approve acceptance of engagement letter from Foster & Lambert, L.L.C for auditing services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve acceptance of engagement letter from Foster & Lambert, L.L.C. for auditing services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Motion passed, unanimously.

**13. Ratify approval of Tax Assessor/Collector's submission of report stating no change on imposition of optional fees for calendar year 2022.**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to ratify the approval of Tax Assessor/Collector, Teresa Altman's submission to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles stating no change on imposition of optional fees for calendar year 2022. Motion passed, unanimously.

**14. Discuss and consider nomination(s) for Hall County Appraisal District Board of Directors.**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to nominate Gary Proffitt and Dixie Barbee for the Hall County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion passed, unanimously.

**15. Take action on approval of publication of Order of Election.**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the Order of Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments

as submitted by the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. Motion passed, unanimously.

**16. Take action on approval of publication of Notice of Special Election.**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to approve the publication of the Notice of Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. Motion passed, unanimously.

**17. Take action on approval of appointment of Election Judges.**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to approve the appointment of election judges as follows;  
Memphis; Pct. 101, 202, 302, 402 – Nancy Chastain and Angela Willson  
Lakeview; Pct. 201 – Kortni Hale and Brittany McAnear  
Estelline; Pct. 301 – Mike Hughes and Linda Davidson  
Turkey; Pct. 401 – Fredia Fuston and Sue Proctor,  
Motion passed, unanimously.

**18. Discuss and consider motion to approve a financial advisory agreement between Hall County and Government Capital Securities Corporation on the issuance of securities and bond counsel relating to the courthouse restoration.**

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to approve the financial advisory agreement between Hall County and Government Capital Securities Corporation on the issuance of Securities and Bond Counsel relating to the Courthouse Restoration Project and note, that the contract is exempt from competitive bidding under Local Government Code, Section 262.024. Motion passed, unanimously.

**19. Discuss and consider motion to accept Arthur Weinman Architects' contract for professional services for restoration of the 1924 Hall County Courthouse, and approval of \$1,500 of his fee payable in advance.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to accept Arthur Weinman Architects' contract for Professional Services for restoration of the 1924 Hall County Courthouse and approval of \$1,500.00 check made payable in advance. Motion passed, unanimously.



- 20. Discuss and consider authorization for the County of Hall (RFQs) to contract with GrantWorks for assistance with professional services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.**

No action taken until further notice.

- 21. Discuss and consider order to approve online education for County Commissioners.**

No action taken.

- 22. Discuss and consider depositing the \$3,978.00 check from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts into the Hall County Child Welfare Board Account which is a Children's Advocacy Center and is approved by the Comptroller.**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to deposit the \$3,978.00 check pertaining to Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts into the Hall County Child Welfare Board account which is a Children's Advocacy Center and is approved by the Comptroller's Office. Motion passed, unanimously.

- 23. Discuss and consider approval of proclamation from High Plains Food Bank recognizing September as Hunger Action Month.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the proclamation from High Plains Food Bank recognizing September as Hunger Action Month. Motion passed, unanimously. (Exhibit B)

- 24. Discuss and consider ratifying the decision by County Judge Ray Powell's selection of Windstream as the Hall County Courthouse's Internet and Phone System provider.**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to ratify the decision by County Judge Powell's selection of Windstream as the Hall County Courthouse's internet and phone system provider. Motion passed, unanimously.

- 25. Discuss and consider joining Texas Plains Trail Region at cost of \$600 annual membership.**

No action taken.

- 26. 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.**

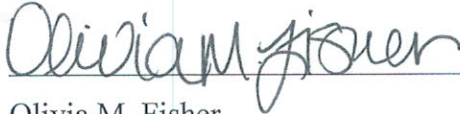
No action was taken.

- 27. Public comments.**

Bertha Dunn thanked the Court for the donation to the Hall County Child Welfare Board.

**28. Adjournment.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to adjourn at 12:02 P.M. Motion passed.



Olivia M. Fisher

Hall County Clerk







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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY GRANT  
PROGRAM YEAR 2022**

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 Meal 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 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:***

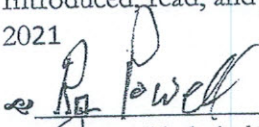
SECTION 1: The County hereby certifies that it has made a grant to the Organization in the amount of \$256.00 to be used between the:

1ST of OCTOBER 2021 and the 30TH of SEPTEMBER 2022  
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 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 13TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2021



*Signature of Authorized Official of the County*

RAY POWELL, HALL COUNTY JUDGE

*Typed Name and Title*



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 TEXANS FEEDING TEXANS: HOME-DELIVERED MEAL  
 GRANT PROGRAM**

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 PROGRAM YEAR 2022**

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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 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:***

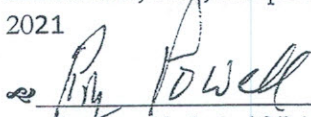
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*Typed Name and Title*



## HUNGER ACTION MONTH

2021 HAM Proclamation Template

**WHEREAS**, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in the Texas Panhandle where 1 in 6 individuals struggle with hunger and 1 in 5 children do not know where their next meal will come from; 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 21.1% of Hall County residents and 30.0% of children in Hall County are food insecure and may rely on food provided by the members of the High Plains Food Bank annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of High Plains Food Bank distributed more than 9.04 million pounds of food, providing 7.53 million meals to an average of 9,836 households each month in 2020 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; 193,468 pounds of food was directly distributed to Hall County through 2 agency partners and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus pandemic has had devastating health and economic impacts across the country and it is projected that more people could face hunger in Hall County in the wake of the pandemic this year; 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 engage the public in action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to end hunger one helping at a time; and

**WHEREAS**, food banks across the country, including the members of the 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, Judge Ray Powell do hereby recognize September 2021, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in Hall County Texas and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

SIGNATURE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Powell". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

DATE SEPT 13, 2021

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

September 24, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on September 24, 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 Teresa Altman, County Tax Assessor-Collector and Samantha Chumley, GrantWorks, Inc.

**1. Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M.

**2. Discuss and consider authorization for the County of Hall (RFQs) to contract with GrantWorks for assistance with professional services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve authorization of grant administration for procurement services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Motion passed, unanimously.

**3. Adjourn.**

Judge Powell adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

  
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Olivia M. Fisher  
Hall County Clerk

