

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF POLK §

DATE: March 25, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

ALL PRESENT

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT
AGENDA POSTING # 2025 - 018**

Call to Order. * Invocation * Pledges of Allegiance

Be it remembered on this the 25th of March 2025, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in "REGULAR" called meeting with the following officers and members present, to wit;

Honorable Sydney Murphy – County Judge presiding,
Guylene Robertson – Commissioner Pct #1,
Mark DuBose – Commissioner Pct #2,
Milton Purvis – Commissioner Pct #3,
Jerry Cassity - Commissioner Pct #4,
Schelana Hock – County Clerk and
Louis Ploth – County Auditor.

WELCOMED & CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM BY JUDGE SYDNEY MURPHY.

- **INVOCATION LED BY SHAWN FERRY OF PINE FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH.**
- **PLEDGES TO U.S. & TEXAS FLAGS LED BY SCHELANA HOCK.**

Public Comments

None.

Informational Reports

1. **POLK CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET AND NOTICE OF HEARING, MARCH 25, 2025, AT 5:00 PM.**
Judge Murphy relayed that the Polk Central Appraisal District is proposing a budget increase of \$63,229, which is a 3.1% increase over last year. Our payment is budgeted to increase by \$17,441.15, which is a 2.19% increase. Polk CAD is scheduled to hold a public hearing and adopt the budget on March 25, 2025, at 5:00 PM.
2. **RECENT RIBBON CUTTING - INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN CORRIGAN.**
The Court recognized the recent ribbon-cutting of the new interoperable communications tower in Corrigan, enhancing emergency response and public safety coordination across agencies.
3. **PROCLAMATION FOR SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP CONSERVATION WEEK.**
4. **RECEIVE INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM CLINIC COMMITTEE.**
Social Services Director Tammy Plattenburg presented a status update from the Clinic Committee to the Commissioners Court.

New Business - Consent Agenda

JUDGE MURPHY NOTED ADDENDUMS TO ITEM 6 IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$1,084.66, \$3,810.00 & \$625,490.84. MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: (ALL VOTING YES)

5. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: March 11, March 18, and March 20, 2025 (Regular/Special Meetings)**

6. APPROVE SCHEDULES OF BILLS.

DATE	AMOUNT	FUND	CHECK #
2/28/2025	278,872.77	General	ACH 4334,4343,4347,4356, 4363,4368,4372
3/6/2025	4,642.83	Grants	1277
3/7/2025	58,278.37	General	309627-309642
3/7/2025	22,059.56	General	309660-309663
3/10/2025	34,290.00	Grants	1278
3/12/2025	408,098.68	Retiree Health Insurance	ACH 083/569-574/ACH 010/309724-309735
3/12/2025	947.77	General	309736-309737
3/13/2025	11,484.00	General	309738
3/14/2025	148,957.55	General	ACH 4383,4391,4392,4393, 4389,4390
3/14/2025	10,750.19	General	309739-309750
3/17/2025	13,523.50	General	309756-309761
3/17/2025	47,500.00	Grants	1279-1281
3/25/2025	664,579.52	ARPA	ACH 033/292-294/ACH 035/1282/ACH 083/575/ACH 010/309762- 309854
TOTAL:	1,703,984.74		
	Addendum #1	\$1,084.66 to be included on a future schedule of bills.	
	Addendum #2	\$3,810.00 to be included on a future schedule of bills.	
	Addendum #3	\$625,490.84 to be included on a future schedule of bills.	

7. APPROVE ORDER DESIGNATING SURPLUS PROPERTY.

The Exhibit reflects various items no longer in use by the Commissioners Court.

8. RECEIVE AND RECORD PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS SUBMITTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SINCE LAST MEETING.

9. RECEIVE COUNTY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 114.025.

10. RECEIVE TREASURER'S MONTHLY (FEB 2025) REPORT.
11. APPROVE FY2025 CONTRACT EXTENSION 23-1000824-5 (APRIL 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025) BETWEEN POLK COUNTY AGING DEPARTMENT AND DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DETCOG) FOR OLDER AMERICAN ACT PROGRAM (CONGREGATE AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS).
12. APPROVE UPDATE TO THE POLK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

New Business - Regular Agenda

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. REVIEW AND CONSIDER PERSONNEL ACTION FORM REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS SINCE LAST MEETING AND REVIEW OF ANY AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY HIRING.
JUDGE MURPHY NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO EMERGENCY HIRES. MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
14. REVIEW DROUGHT INDEX IN POLK COUNTY AND CONSIDER ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CONTINUATION OF DISASTER DECLARATION AND COUNTYWIDE BURN BAN ORDER.
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO ALLOW ORDER TO EXPIRE UPON THE EXPIRATION DATE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: PASSED
15. CONSIDER ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS DURING THE SAN JACINTO DAY PERIOD OF APRIL 16, 2025 THROUGH MIDNIGHT APRIL 21, 2025.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
16. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO NULLIFY AND WITHDRAW FROM THE JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN POLK COUNTY AND TRINITY COUNTY FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICES AND SHARED INTERJURISDICTIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH TRINITY COUNTY.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
17. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO RESCHEDULE THE JULY 22, 2025 MEETING

OF COMMISSIONERS COURT.

MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO RESCHEDULE MEETING TO JULY 29, 2025, AT 10:00 AM.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

18. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER 008 FOR THE COURTHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT, TO BE PAID FROM THE RESTORATION PROJECTS FUND.

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

19. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AXON BODY WORN CAMERAS FOR POLK COUNTY CONSTABLES, TO BE FUNDED IN PART BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, AND DETERMINE METHOD OF FUNDING THE REMAINING PORTION.

MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE AND TO FUND THE REMAINING PORTION OF \$20,424.14 WITH SURPLUS IAH PER DIEM REVENUES.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

20. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR GENERATOR FOR ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 3.

MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: PASSED

21. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT BID FOR OLD GAS STATION LOCATED AT CORNER OF FM 350 N AND HWY 59 N IN MOSCOW.

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

22. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR VARIANCE FROM POLK COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATION DESIGN STANDARDS FOR PHASE 6 OF MIDWAY ACRES, LOCATED IN PRECINCT 4, AS FOLLOWS:

- A. SECTION 7.17, PLAT REQUIREMENTS, REQUIRING THAT PLATS FOR DEVELOPMENTS OF THIS SIZE BE PREPARED AT A SCALE NO SMALLER THAN ONE-INCH EQUALS TWO HUNDRED FEET.

MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, TO APPROVE VARIANCE.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

- B. SECTION 9.D, DESIGN STANDARDS, CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS PER LOT ON ALL TRACTS LARGER THAN 10 ACRES. MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE VARIANCE.

VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

23. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AS FOLLOWS:

- A. SUPPORT OF COUNTYWIDE POLLING. MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION.

VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

- B. SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION.

VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

- C. OPPOSITION TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT. MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, TO DELETE SINCE THIS BILL HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

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MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ADJOURN AT 10:36 AM.

VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

ATTEST:



SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK



SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE