

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF POLK §

DATE: July 21, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING
GUYLENE ROBERTSON -
ABSENT
MILT PURVIS - ABSENT
LOUIS PLOTH - ABSENT

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT
AGENDA POSTING # 2025 - 030**

Call to Order.

Be it remembered on this the 21st day of July 2025, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in "SPECIAL" called meeting with the following officers and members present, to wit;

Honorable Sydney Murphy – County Judge presiding,
Mark DuBose – Commissioner Pct #2,
Jerry Cassity - Commissioner Pct #4, and
Schelana Hock – County Clerk

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

Public Comments

None.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

1. RECEIVE TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S 2025 (FY2026) NO-NEW-REVENUE AND VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE CALCULATIONS AND VERIFICATION OF COLLECTION RATE.

The Tax Assessor/Collector has completed the tax rate calculation worksheet with the exception of the Railroad Rolling Stock, which comes from the Texas Comptroller's Office. No action taken.

2. DISCUSS FY2026 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT.

Based on the information currently available, the Tax Assessor-Collector has provided an estimated 2025 Voter Approval Rate of 0.5986. This figure has been used by Judge Murphy to calculate projected tax revenues for the proposed budget.

Judge Murphy reviewed the draft budget with the Court, noting that it includes the new personnel positions previously discussed, a \$3,000 increase for all full-time county employees, and \$285,000 in discretionary funds.

Commissioners Cassity and DuBose expressed interest in allocating additional funds to the Sheriff for jail and deputy salaries, citing the current expenditures of county funds to pay for out-of-county inmate housing, and their preference to utilize that money instead to increase pay. Judge Murphy explained that the money being used to house inmates out-of-county comes from unused salaries, and cannot simply be used to increase pay without long-term impacts on the budget.

Judge Murphy encouraged the Commissioners to review the proposed budget and offer suggestions before the next budget meeting on the 29th, including which departments or line items should be reduced in order to redirect funding to the Jail. She also noted that the Court may choose to allocate the full amount of discretionary funds to the Jail if that is their priority.

Adjourn

MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO ADJOURN AT 10:32 AM.

VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 3
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK