

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF POLK §

DATE: August 26, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
ALL PRESENT

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT
AGENDA POSTING # 2025 - 034**

Call to Order * Invocation * Pledges of Allegiance

Be it remembered on this the 26th day of August 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,
Gylyene Robertson – Commissioner Pct #1,
Mark DuBose – Commissioner Pct #2,
Milton Purvis – Commissioner Pct #3,
Jerry Cassity – Commissioner Pct #4,
Wendy Timm – Deputy County Clerk and
Louis Ploth – County Auditor.

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

- INVOCATION LED BY KENNETH DARDEN OF NEW BEULAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
- PLEDGES TO U.S. & TEXAS FLAGS LED BY WENDY TIMM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2025 TAX RATE.

A TAX RATE OF \$0.598600 PER \$100 VALUATION HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF POLK COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.598600 PER \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.566070 PER \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.598659 PER \$100

THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE IS THE TAX RATE FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR THAT WILL RAISE THE SAME AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR POLK COUNTY FROM THE SAME PROPERTIES IN BOTH THE 2024 TAX YEAR AND THE 2025 TAX YEAR.

THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE IS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE THAT POLK COUNTY MAY ADOPT WITHOUT HOLDING AN ELECTION TO SEEK VOTER APPROVAL OF THE RATE.

THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS GREATER THAN THE NO-NEW-REVENUE RATE. THIS MEANS THAT POLK COUNTY IS PROPOSING TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR.

THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS NOT GREATER THAN THE VOTER-APPROVAL RATE. AS A RESULT, POLK COUNTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO HOLD AN ELECTION AT WHICH THE VOTERS MAY ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PROPOSED TAX RATE. HOWEVER, YOU MAY EXPRESS YOUR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED TAX RATE BY CONTACTING THE MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AT THEIR OFFICES, OR BY ATTENDING THIS PUBLIC MEETING.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

PROPERTY TAX AMOUNTS = (RATE) X (TAXABLE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY) / 100

FOR ASSISTANCE OR DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT TAX CALCULATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

TATUM WHITE
POLK COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
416 N. WASHINGTON, LIVINGSTON, TX 77351
(936) 327-6801

The Hearing was opened at 10:01. Judge Murphy provided detailed information about the history of personnel costs since 2016.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET.

NOTICE OF HEARING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE POLK COUNTY ENTERPRISE ON AUGUST 14, 2025.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION ON AUGUST 14, 2025, AND POSTED TO THE COUNTY WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://WWW.POLKTX.GOV/UPLOAD/PAGE/3552/FY2026%20PROPOSED%20BUDGET.PDF](https://www.polktx.gov/upload/page/3552/fy2026%20proposed%20budget.pdf). THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$2,181,931 OR 7.99 PERCENT, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$843,237 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Nina McAfee addressed the Court about a petition that she is working on for a public committee to review salaries. Gregory Baxter addressed the Court to request that taxes not be increased, as homeowners on a fixed income cannot afford increases in their taxes every year.

The hearing was closed at 10:38.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET ADOPTION

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES, EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES FOR FY2026.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, APPROVAL OF ORDER.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
4. VOTE TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSED FY2026 BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED.
MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSED FY2026 BUDGET.
ROLL-CALL VOTE:
MILT PURVIS - YES
JERRY CASSITY - YES
MARK DUBOSE - YES
GUYLENE ROBERTSON - YES
SYDNEY MURPHY - YES
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
5. ADOPT THE FY2026 BUDGET.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO ADOPT THE FY2026 BUDGET.
ROLL-CALL VOTE:

MILT PURVIS - YES
JERRY CASSITY - YES
MARK DUBOSE - YES
GUYLENE ROBERTSON - YES
SYDNEY MURPHY - YES
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING 2025 TAX RATE FOR POLK COUNTY (FY2026).
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING 2025 TAX RATE FOR POLK COUNTY OF \$0.5986/\$100 VALUATION.
ROLL-CALL VOTE:
MILT PURVIS - YES
JERRY CASSITY - YES
MARK DUBOSE - YES
GUYLENE ROBERTSON - YES
SYDNEY MURPHY - YES
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED.

7. APPROVE CHANGES TO THE FY2026 PAY SCALE.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE FY2026 PAY SCALE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

Public Comments

RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM BILLY LAMBETH REGARDING GEESE IN LAKESIDE VILLAGE AND POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Informational Reports

NO REPORTS.

Old Business

8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON CONSTRUCTION BIDS RECEIVED ON THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED ROADS PROJECTS, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. GLO CONTRACT NO. 24-065-044-E536
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH TEXAS MATERIALS EAST TEXAS AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,966,591.33, WHICH INCLUDES ROADWAY PROJECTS IN PRECINCT 1 ON RIVER ROAD, DREWS LANDING, ROUTE 66, EL CAMINO ROAD, CARTHAGE ROAD, AND MABANK ROAD.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

 - B. GLO CONTRACT NO. 24-065-045-E537
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, APPROVAL OF

CONTRACT WITH CROCKETT CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$791,546, WHICH INCLUDES DRAINAGE PROJECTS IN PRECINCT 3 ON MLK STREET AND UNION SPRINGS ROAD.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

New Business - Consent Agenda

JUDGE MURPHY NOTED AN ADDENDUM TO ITEM 10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,322.96. MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: (ALL VOTING YES)

- 9. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: August 12, 2025 (Regular Session)
- 10. APPROVE SCHEDULES OF BILLS.

DATE	AMOUNT	FUND	CHECK #
8/8/2025	63,739.98	General	312003-312013
8/13/2025	13,800.93	General	312076-312084
8/15/2025	1,022.77	General	312085-312086
8/15/2025	150,468.43	General	ACH 4691,4684,4685,4686, 4699,4700,4701,4710,4711, 4712,4697,4698
8/15/2025	395.71	General	ACH 4721,4722,4723
8/15/2025	112.64	General	ACH 4714,4715,4716
8/15/2025	32,831.60	General	312104-312118
8/19/2025	8,558.33	General	312119
8/26/2025	661,188.94	Grants	ACH 035/1313/ACH 010/312120-312218
TOTAL:	932,119.33		

- 11. APPROVE ORDER DESIGNATING SURPLUS PROPERTY.
The Exhibit reflects various items no longer in use by the Veterans Services, Maintenance, the Auditor's Office and IT.
- 12. RECEIVE AND RECORD PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS SUBMITTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SINCE LAST MEETING.
- 13. RECEIVE COUNTY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 114.025.
- 14. RECEIVE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2025.

15. APPROVE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FY2026 INDIGENT DEFENSE FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION
16. ADOPT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN FY2026 EXPENDITURES (CAPITAL PURCHASES) TO BE INCURRED BY POLK COUNTY, TEXAS (REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION).
17. APPROVE ORDER ADOPTING PLAN REVIEW FEES FOR UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR FACILITIES.
18. APPROVE ORDER DESIGNATING REGULAR TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR FY2026.
19. APPROVE ORDER SETTING TERMS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURT
20. APPROVE ORDER OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025.
21. APPROVE ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE ONE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2025, AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
22. APPROVE EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION, AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
23. AUTHORIZE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHELLY SITTON TO ENTER INTO A NON-TERMINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ONALASKA POLICE DEPARTMENT.
24. RATIFY CONTRACT WITH GARLAND DBS INC. FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT THE ADULT PROBATION CENTER.
25. RECEIVE GRANT AWARD AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT NUMBER C-00928 WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY VICTIM COORDINATOR AND LIAISON GRANT (VCLG) PROGRAM FOR 2026-2027.
26. APPROVE USE OF \$2,096.32 FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL OUTLAY REPAIR/REPLACE IT EQUIPMENT (BUDGETED FUNDS) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FOUR BATTERY BACK UP AND ONE RACK MOUNT.

New Business - Regular Agenda

27. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. 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 JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, APPROVAL OF PAF'S.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
 - B. UPDATE TO PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BOOK 1.

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, APPROVAL OF UPDATE TO BOOK 1 OF THE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, MODIFYING THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR INMATE WORK CREW SUPERVISOR AND PERMIT COORDINATOR, AND ADDING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR VETERANS INTAKE SPECIALIST (GRANT FUNDED POSITION).

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

28. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET, AS FOLLOWS:

A. FY2025 BUDGET REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE;

MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVISIONS #2025-17 AND AMENDMENTS #2025-17(A).

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

29. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCE AND INCLUDED ON THE FY2026 REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FOR YEAR-END ISSUANCE OF LEGALLY AUTHORIZED DEBT, AS FOLLOWS;

A. PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF GENERATOR BY TOTAL ENERGY SOLUTIONS COMPANY AT THE POLK COUNTY JAIL, NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.

MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH CAPITAL PURCHASE.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

B. PURCHASE OF JAIL TRANSPORT 2025/26 STARCRAFT ALLSTAR XL 40' BUS THROUGH BUY BOARD PURCHASING COOPERATIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268,653.

MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE TO PROCEED WITH CAPITAL PURCHASE.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

C. AFTER-MARKET EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY TEXAS FIRST RESPONSE SERVICES ON TWO LEASED VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,869.93.

MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH CAPITAL PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,778.20.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

D. AFTER MARKET EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY TEXAS FIRST RESPONSE SERVICES ON TWO LEASED VEHICLES FOR CONSTABLES PRECINCT 2 AND 3, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,397.30.

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH CAPITAL PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,235.10.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

30. CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING ANNUAL BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF:
- A. BID #2026-01.01 THRU 01.08 : PRECINCT 1 ROAD MATERIALS
Commissioner Robertson requested the Court accept all bids 2026-01.01-2026.01.07 and table 2026.01.08 to ensure they have all of the information needed for that bid prior to accepting.
 - B. BID #2026-02.01 THRU 02.08 : PRECINCT 2 ROAD MATERIALS
Commissioner DuBose requested the Court accept all bids 2026-02.01-2026.02.04 and 2026-02.06-2026.02-07. He would like to table 2026.02.08 and rebid 2026.02-05.
 - C. BID #2026-03.01 THRU 03.08 : PRECINCT 3 ROAD MATERIALS
Commissioner Purvis requested the Court accept all bids 2026-03.01-2026.03.07 and table 2026.03.08.
 - D. BID #2026-04.01 THRU 04.08 : PRECINCT 4 ROAD MATERIALS
Commissioner Cassity requested the Court accept all bids 2026-04.01-2026.04.04 and 2026-04.06-2026.04-07. He would like to table 2026.04.08 and rebid 2026.04-05.

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, PROCEED WITH ACCEPTING, TABLING, OR REBIDDING ALL BIDS #2026-01.01-04.08 AS REQUESTED BY EACH COMMISSIONER.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

- E. BID #2026-05 : BULK PURCHASE OF LIMESTONE ROAD BASE
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ACCEPT ALL BIDS.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- F. BID #2026-06 : TIRES
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ACCEPT ALL BIDS.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- G. BID #2026-07 : OIL, GREASE, GASOLINE & DIESEL
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ACCEPT ALL BIDS.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

- H. BID #2026-08 : PEST CONTROL SERVICES
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ACCEPT ALL BIDS.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- I. BID #2026-09 : MOTOR GRADER BLADES
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, REJECT AND REBID.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- J. BID #2026-10 : MATERIAL HAULING
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ACCEPT ALL BIDS.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- 31. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM PENWAUGH MARINA, LOCATED IN PRECINCT 2, FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE POLK COUNTY RV PARK REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS AT EXISTING SITES.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, APPROVAL OF REQUEST.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

Adjourn

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ADJOURN AT 11:12 A.M.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK

BY: _____
WENDY TIMM, DEPUTY CLERK