

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF POLK §

DATE: January 13, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

ALL PRESENT

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT
AGENDA POSTING # 2026 - 001**

Call to Order. * Invocation * Pledges of Allegiance

Be it remembered on this the 13th day of January 2026, 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 BRAD BUTLER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LIVINGSTON.
- PLEDGES TO U.S. & TEXAS FLAGS LED BY SCHELANA HOCK.

Public Hearing

BEGAN AT 10:01 A.M.

1. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED REAUTHORIZATION OF THE POLK COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA.
THE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 10:01 AM. NO PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED.
2. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 10:07 A.M.

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

ROBERT B. SKI - ROAD & BRIDGE PCT 4 COMPLAINT

TYLER EPSTEIN - GOODRICH VFD NOT BEING ABLE TO RESPOND TO A MEDICAL CALL FOR AN INFANT COMPLAINT

BILLY LAMBETH - GOOSE REPORT LAKESIDE VILLAGE

ROY EARL GRANT - SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ABOUT VIOLATIONS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT BUT WASN'T PRESENT DURING MEETING

Informational Reports

SCHELANA HOCK (COUNTY CLERK) REMINDED ALL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS THAT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS ARE DUE JANUARY 15TH.

3. RECEIVE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA) AWARDED TO THE POLK COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

Congratulations to the Auditor and his team!

New Business - Consent Agenda

JUDGE MURPHY NOTED AN ADDENDUM TO ITEM 5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$353,195.88. MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: (ALL VOTING YES)

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

AFTER AGENDA ITEM 17, THE COURT AGREED TO AMEND THE MOTION AND SECOND FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA, PULLING ITEM 10 FOR A SEPARATE VOTE.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: December 23, 2025 (Regular Session)

5. APPROVE SCHEDULES OF BILLS.

DATE	AMOUNT	FUND	CHECK #
11/7/2025	16.69	General	ACH 4968,4969,4970
11/21/2025	99.64	General	ACH 4965, 4966
12/17/2025	17,986.11	Grants	ACH 035/1393/ACH010/ 314164-314168
12/17/2025	14.77	General	314186
12/19/2025	19,108.08	General	314169-314177
12/19/2025	160,644.35	General	ACH 4947, 4944, 4945, 4946, 4956, 4957, 4958, 4960, 4961, 4962, 4953, 4954, 4955
12/31/2025	90.00	General	314262
1/1/2026	27,150.59	General	314256-314260
1/2/2026	40,061.57	General	314235-314250
1/5/2026	314.06	General	314263-314264
1/5/2026	6,808.40	Grants	ACH 035/1400- 1450/ACH010/ 314265
1/5/2026	50.25	General	314266
1/13/2026	766,335.23	Grants	ACH 035/1406- 1408/ACH010/ 314268-314370
TOTAL:	1,038,679.74		
	Addendum #1	\$353,195.88 to be included on a future schedule of	

		bills.	
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6. RECEIVE AND RECORD PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS SUBMITTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SINCE LAST MEETING.
7. RECEIVE COUNTY TREASURER'S REVISED REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025.
8. RECEIVE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025.
9. RECEIVE COUNTY TREASURER'S REVISED FY2025 4TH QUARTER REPORT (JULY, AUG & SEPT 2025).
10. RECEIVE OATH AND BOND FOR INTERIM DISTRICT CLERK PAM MITTAG.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO RECEIVE OATH AND BOND.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
ABSTAIN: 1 (JERRY CASSITY)
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
11. APPROVE EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026 DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 3, 2026.

New Business - Regular Agenda

12. 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.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZING ONE (1) EMERGENCY HIRE FOR AGING DEPT.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
13. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. FY2026 BUDGET REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE;
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE BUDGET REVISIONS #2026-09 & AMENDMENTS #2026-09(A).
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT:
14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OFFERS TO PURCHASE TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES, AS FOLLOWS:
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TABLE OFFERS FOR BOTH A & B.
VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

- A. RIVER LAKES ESTATES, SECTION 2, LOT 252, CAUSE #T23-0194, PRECINCT 1.
- B. R W RUSSEL SURVEY, ABSTRACT 68, TRACT 39, 4.34 ACRES, CAUSE #T12-135, PRECINCT 3.
- 15. CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF (A PORTION OF) MATERIAL FROM IDLEWILDE ESTATES SUBDIVISION FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON CIRCLE DRIVE, POINT BREEZE AND IDLEWILDE DRIVE IN PRECINCT 2.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVAL ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,857.84.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- 16. CONSIDER APPROVAL, APPROVAL UPON CONDITIONS MET, OR REJECTION OF ELLWOOD SUBDIVISION APPLICATION, LOCATED IN PRECINCT 2.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE UPON CONDITION THAT THE DEVELOPER PROVIDE SECURITY ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND/OR WARRANTY OF STREETS, DRAINAGE AND ELECTRICAL UTILITIES (AS APPROPRIATE).
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- 17. CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR COUNTY ACCEPTANCE OF RECLAIMED ASPHALT (RAP).
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FULL AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO POLK COUNTY AND DISTRIBUTE AMONG THE COMMISSIONERS PER THE APPROVED FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FORMULA (PCT. 1 - 22%, PCT. 2 - 23%, PCT. 3 - 27%, PCT. 4 - 28%).
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- 18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER RENEWING POLK COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT CRITERIA & GUIDELINES FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 14, 2026, AND ENDING JANUARY 13, 2028.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, APPROVAL OF ORDER.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
- 19. CONSIDER ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION RELATED TO BID #2026-16 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRACTOR WITH SIDE BOOM MOWER FOR ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 4.

MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, REJECT ALL BIDS.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

20. CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO EXPENDITURE OF MAINTENANCE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUILDINGS (BUDGETED FUNDS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,180 TO FERRARA'S HEATING & COOLING FOR REPLACEMENT OF HOT WATER BOILER AT THE POLK COUNTY JAIL.

MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE.

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

21. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CASEGUARD SOFTWARE FOR PUBLIC RECORDS REDACTION SERVICES, WITH AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$3,948.

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVAL.

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

22. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE TICKET PRINTING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES AT A TOTAL YEAR ONE COST OF \$35,456 AND RECURRING ANNUAL FEES OF \$15,345, AND DETERMINE METHOD OF FUNDING.

MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, WITH INITIAL FEES PAID FROM SURPLUS IAH SECURE ADULT DETENTION FACILITY REVENUES; EQUIPMENT PURCHASE TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE AT SHERIFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

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

23. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH GOODWIN LASITER & STRONG (GLS) FOR GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) REGIONAL MITIGATION PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 24-065-044-E536.

MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, APPROVE AMENDMENT FOR CHANGE OF SITE LOCATION FOR THE LAKE LIVINGSTON RESOURCE BUILDING IN THE ONALASKA AREA, AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE COUNTY.

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

24. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REGIONAL MITIGATION PROGRAM PROJECTS IN PRECINCT 3, GLO CONTRACT NO. 24-065-045-E537.

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVAL ON

CHANGE ORDER 2, EXPANDING THE PROJECT ON MLK STREET, AT NO
ADDITIONAL COST TO THE COUNTY.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

25. AMEND AGREEMENTS WITH LANGFORD COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
SERVICES FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM 4485 GENERATOR
PROJECTS AT DALLARDSVILLE, TEMPE, SODA, AND RESORT COUNTRY WATER
SUPPLY COMPANIES

MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, TO AMEND
AGREEMENTS TO INCLUDE NEW LANGUAGE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONTRACTS.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

Adjourn

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ADJOURN AT 10:43.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED



SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK