



NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING

Erath County Courthouse
County Courtroom, 100 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas
Monday, September 9, 2024 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
County Judge, Brandon Huckabee

2. Invocation.

3. Public Comments.
No public comments

4. Discussion and action to adopt budgeted payroll.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1, Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck to adopt budgeted payroll.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2024-232

5. Discussion and action to adopt the 2024-2025 Budget.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3, Sherman Edwards to adopt the 2024-2025 Budget.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2024-233

6. Discussion and action to adopt the 2024 Tax Rate.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1, Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .03913, which is effectively a 5.02 percent increase in the tax rate.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2024-234

7. Set Tax Levy.

MOTION was made by County Judge, Brandon Huckabee and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1, Dee Stephens to Set Tax Levy

GENERAL COUNTY PURPOSES: There is hereby levied for the General County Fund .2803 cents on each \$100.00 evaluation to go to the operation of available General County Fund.

FM/FLOOD CONTROL RATE: There is hereby levied .1026 cents on each \$100.00 evaluation of taxable property for road and bridge purposes, all of such collection to be placed in the road and bridge consolidated fund.

DEBT SERVICE: There is hereby levied .0084 cents on each \$100.00 evaluation of taxable property to go to the service of outstanding debt obligations.

IN EACH OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS of this County is hereby levied on each \$100.00 evaluation of taxable property therein, the tax heretofore voted in each such respective school as shown by the records of the County Clerk's Office of the County.

**Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2024-235**

8. Land Development

- a. Discussion and action to approve final and recorded plan for Suited RV Park in Pct 3
- b. Discussion and action to approve final and recorded plan for Creeks Edge Cottages Pct 1

a. MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1, Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray to approve the updated final plat for Suited RV Park

**Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2024-236**

b. MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1, Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray to approve final recorded plat for Creeks Edge Cottages

**Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2024-237**

9. Discuss and approve the award to the selected granted management firm for grant pre-application, application, and implementation services for the Erath County 2025 - 2026 Texas Community Development Grant fund program as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3, Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray to table it

**Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2024-238**

10. Receive and open Road Material Bids for FY2025.

Received and opened Road Material Bids for FY2025 from the following:

**Kiewit Mining Group Inc.
J. H. Strain & Sons, Inc
Tri County Rock LLC
U. S. Sand & Gravel LLC
Vulcan Materials Company**

11. Discussion and action to deem zero-value miscellaneous items from the Sheriff's Office.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct ,1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray to deem zero-value miscellaneous items from the Sheriff's Office.

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None

Motion Passed / Number 2024-239

12. Discussion and action to accept the engagement letter from Eide Bailly for external audit services on the county's financial statements for September 30, 2024.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck to accept the engagement letter from Eide Bailly for external audit services on the county's financial statements for September 30, 2024.

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None

Motion Passed / Number 2024-240

13. Receive and File Salary Order from District Judge.

Received and Filed Salary Order from District Judge.

14. Discussion and action to approve line item transfers.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck to approve line item transfers.

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None

Motion Passed / Number 2024-241

15. Discussion and action to approve invoices presented for regular and recurring payment as presented by the County Auditor and issue order to the County Treasurer to disburse the funds. (K. Reeves)

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray to pay the bills.

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None

Motion Passed / Number 2024-242

16. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meeting Act, *Tex. Govt. Code 551.071 through 551.086*, to discuss:

- a. Personnel
- b. Legal Matter
- c. Real Estate
- d. Reconvene

Closed Session Not Needed

17. Discuss any new business.

No New Business

18. Adjourn.

MOTION to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None; Absent: (0)

Number 2024-243

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

The above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes taken in my capacity as County Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Erath County, Texas, at the time and place heretofore set forth. DATED at Stephenville, Texas, this 9th day of September, 2024.

ATTESTED BY: GWINDA JONES, Erath County Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gwinda Jones", is written over a horizontal line.