



NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING

Erath County Courthouse
County Courtroom, 100 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas
Monday, July 14, 2025 9:00 AM

MINUTES

On the 14th day of July, 2025 the Honorable Commissioners Court of Erath County, Texas, convened in Regular Session hereof in the County Courtroom of the Erath County Courthouse for the following purport, to wit:

Members Present: Commissioner Precinct 1, Dee Stephens
Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray
Commissioner Precinct 3, Sherman Edwards
Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck
County Judge, Brandon Huckabee

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
County Judge, Brandon Huckabee
2. Invocation
3. Public Comments.
There were no public comments
4. Presentation of EsoGauard Screening.
Presentation for EsoGauard Screening.
5. Discussion and action to approve tower lease agreement located in Dublin.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to approve tower lease agreement located in Dublin.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025- 220

6. Land Development
 - a. Discussion and action to approve Professional Services for road inspections.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by County Judge Brandon Huckabee to approve Professional Services for road inspections.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025- 221

7. Discussion and action to approve ES&S Ballot on Demand System, Processing, and Services Agreement.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve ES&S Ballot on Demand System, Processing, and Services Agreement.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-222

8. Discussion and action to approve Erath County policy for the Disposition of Deceased Paupers.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve Erath County policy for the Disposition of Deceased Paupers.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-223

9. Discussion and action to approve agreement with Norman Alston architect structural assessment.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve agreement with Norman Alston architect structural assessment.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-224

10. Discussion and action to approve job descriptions in the county clerk's office for Deputy Clerk – Courts and Deputy Clerk Land/Vitals.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve job descriptions in the county clerk's office for Deputy Clerk-Courts and Deputy Clerk- Land/Vitals.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-225

11. Discussion and action to approve the Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Pavement Marking and Signs (Off-System)

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to approve the Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Pavement Marking and Signs

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-226

12. Discussion and action to approve the Interlocal agreement between Erath County and the City of Dublin

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve the Interlocal agreement between Erath County and the City of Dublin (Regarding maintenance of the project once it is complete, Douglas Street and CR 343 in Dublin)

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-227

13. Discussion and action to deem zero value items from the Facilities

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to deem zero value items from the Facilities

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-228

14. Discussion and action to deem zero value items from the Jail

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to deem zero value items from the Jail

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-229

15. Discussion and Action to approve online legal publications contracts with LexisNexis for the District Judge and County Court at Law Judge.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve online legal publications contracts with LexisNexis for the District Judge and County Court at Law Judge.

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-230

16. Discussion and action to approve monthly departmental reports for May

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to approve monthly departmental reports for May

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-231

17. Presentation of June 2025 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer presented the June 2025 Treasurer's Report

18. 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.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to pay the bills.

Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-232

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

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

MOTION was made by County Judge Brandon Huckabee and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to recess from regular session and go into Closed Executive Session to discuss personnel

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-233

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner

Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to re-open in regular session.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None

Motion Passed / Number 2025-234

*No action taken in closed session

20. Discussion and action on items discussed in executive session.

No action required from items discussed in executive session.

21. Discussion and action on burn ban.

Burn ban not needed.

22. Budget workshops with elected officials and department heads.

Moved to later in meeting.

23. Discuss any new business.

New Business:

Thank you to all of our first responders that went to the Kerr County area to assist with the flooding tragedy.

24. Adjourn.

10:20 a.m. - Take a short recess until 10:35 a.m. when we will begin Budget Workshops.

10:37 a.m. Begin budget hearings

- County Judge
- Commissioner Precinct 1
- Commissioner Precinct 2
- District Attorney
- Veterans Service Office
- Land Development Office
- Treasurer
- County Clerk
- Tax Assessor Collector
- Environmental Health Office

MOTION to Adjourn was made by County Judge Brandon Huckabee and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None

Number 2025-235

Meeting was Adjourned at 1:04 p.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 14th day of July, 2025.

ATTESTED BY: GWINDA JONES, Erath County Clerk

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