



NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING

Erath County Courthouse
County Courtroom, 100 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas
Monday, August 11, 2025 9:00 AM

MINUTES

On the 11th day of August, 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.
Public Comments:
 - JoAnna Friebele, requesting a workshop regarding power line project
 - Carla Trusell, comments on indigent funds from agenda item #22
4. Discussion and action on burn ban.
Burn ban not needed
5. Land Development
 - a. Discussion and action to approve a six-month extension for Tres Cruces RV Park located in PCT 1.
 - b. Discussion and action to approve Outlaw Ranch LLC revised plan located in in PCT 1.
 - c. Discussion and action to approve a six-month extension for Wiley CR 393 Cabins located in PCT 2.
 - d. Discussion and action to approve a variance request for Faith Marie Estates located in PCT 3.
 - e. Discussion and action to approve Replat of LOT 436R, MOUNTAIN LAKES, SECTION TWO, replat into LOTS 435 & 436, MOUNTAIN LAKES, SECTION TWO.

5 a. MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve a six-month extension for Tres Cruces RV Park located in PCT 1.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-247

5 b. MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve Outlaw Ranch LLC revised plan located in in PCT 1.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-248

5 c. MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to approve a six-month extension for Wiley CR 393 Cabins located in PCT 2.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-249

5 d. MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve a variance request for Faith Marie Estates located in PCT 3.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-250

5 e. MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve Replat of LOT 436R, MOUNTAIN LAKES, SECTION TWO, replat into LOTS 435 & 436, MOUNTAIN LAKES, SECTION TWO.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-251

6. Discussion and action to approve Order of Special Election for Governor-ordered Constitutional Amendment Election to be held on November 4th, 2025. *Discusión y acción para aprobar la Orden de Elección Especial para la Elección de Enmienda Constitucional ordenada por el Gobernador que se llevará a cabo el 4 de noviembre de 2025.*

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve Order of Special Election for Governor-ordered Constitutional Amendment Election to be held on November 4th, 2025.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-252

7. Discussion and action to approve job description for the Human Resources office.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to approve job description for the Human Resources office.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-253

8. Discussion and action to allow PCT 3 to clear fence row on County Road 177.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to allow PCT 3 to clear fence row on County Road 177.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-254

9. Discussion and action to approve bill reductions.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to approve bill reductions.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-255

10. Discussion and action to approve resolution for funding for local government maintenance of railroad pavement markings and signs and approving Judge Huckabee as the authorized representative.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to approve resolution for funding for local government maintenance of railroad pavement markings and signs and approving Judge Huckabee as the authorized representative.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-256

11. Discussion on upcoming dates for future Commissioners Court, as per HB 1522, which takes effect September 1st, 2025.

New Posting requirements discussed

12. Discussion and action to approve New National Opioids Settlement.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve New National Opioids Settlement.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-257

13. Presentation of Jail standards reporting.

Jail standards report reviewed

14. Discussion and action to deem surplus PCT 4 2006 Columbia Freightliner, the last four of the VIN # 5202 and sell through Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers Fort Worth.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to deem surplus PCT 4 2006 Columbia Freightliner, the last four of the VIN # 5202 and sell through Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers Fort Worth.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-258

15. Discussion and action to renew the maintenance agreement between the tax office and Kirbo's.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to renew the maintenance agreement between the tax office and Kirbo's.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-259

16. Discussion and action to proceed with rebuilding the retaining wall at the Joint Dispatch Center and consider the quotes provided.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to proceed with rebuilding the retaining wall at the Joint Dispatch Center and approve the quote provided.

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

Motion Passed / Number 2025-260

17. Discussion and action to allow PCT 4 to use recycled road material for the parking lot at Huckabay VFD and the Huckabay Community Center.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to allow PCT 4 to use recycled road material for the parking lot at Huckabay VFD and the Huckabay Community Center.

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

Motion Passed / Number 2025-261

18. Presentation of July 2025 Treasurer's Report.

July 2025 Treasurer's Report. presented

19. Discussion and action to approve budget adjustments.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to approve budget adjustments.

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

Motion Passed / Number 2025-262

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

Motion Passed / Number 2025-563

21. Discussion and action to approve the proposed Interlocal agreements covering tax assessment and collection between Erath County Tax Assessor-Collector and taxing entities in the County.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to approve the proposed Interlocal agreements covering tax assessment and collection between Erath County Tax Assessor-Collector and taxing entities in the County.

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

Motion Passed / Number 2025- 264

22. Discussion and action to approve the proposed Erath County Indigent Handbook.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to Discussion and action to approve the proposed Erath County Indigent Handbook.

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

Motion Passed / Number 2025-265

23. 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 go into Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meeting Act, *Tex. Govt. Code 551.071 through 551.086*, to discuss personnel. 11:50 a.m.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025- 266

MOTION was made by County Judge Brandon Huckabee and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to reconvene in open session 12:18 a.m.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-267

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

No action taken in closed session

25. Budget workshop with elected officials and department heads.

TBudget workshop to discuss salaries for up coming budget

26. Discuss any new business.

No new business

27. Adjourn.

MOTION to Adjourn was made by County Judge Brandon Huckabee and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck

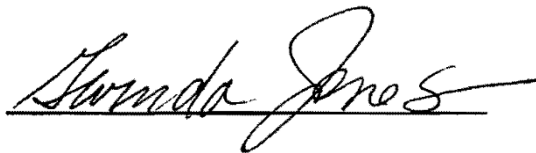
Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Number 2025- 268

Meeting was Adjourned at 12:36 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 11th day of August, 2025.

ATTESTED BY: GWINDA JONES, Erath County Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gwinda Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

