



NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING

Erath County Courthouse
County Courtroom, 100 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas
Monday, September 22, 2025 9:00 AM

MINUTES

On the 22nd day of September, 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

County Clerk, Gwinda Jones present

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
County Judge, Brandon Huckabee
2. Invocation.
3. Public Comments.
None
4. Discussion and action to adopt the budgeted payroll.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to adopt the budgeted payroll.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-305

5. Discussion and action to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget as presented.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-306

6. Discussion and action to adopt the 2025 Tax Rate.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards I move that the combined property tax rate be set at the No-new-revenue Radt of .3811, which is effectively a zero (0) percent increase in the tax rate.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-307

7. Set Tax Levy.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to Set Tax Levy. The tax rate is made up of a General Fund Maintenance and Operations rate of .2856 and a Road and Bridge Maintenance and Operations rate of .0955 for a total tax rate of .3811

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-308

8. Land Development

a. Discussion and action to approve the revised Rural Development Plan for Fossil Wood Cabins located in PCT 3.

b. Discussion and action to approve LOTS 21 & 22 OF DIAMOND OAKS SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE, AN ADDITION being a revised plat OF LOTS 21 R, 22-R-1, 22-R-2, 22-R-3, DIAMOND OAKS SUBDIVISION PHASE ONE.

c. Discussion and action to approve variance request for Road Material and Road Design Width for Comanche Moon phase III.

d. Discussion and action to approve variance request for Road Material and Road Design Width for Comanche Moon phase IV.

8 a) MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve the revised Rural Development Plan for Fossil Wood Cabins

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-309

8 b) MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve a revised plat OF LOTS 21 R, 22-R-1, 22-R-2, 22-R-3, DIAMOND OAKS SUBDIVISION PHASE ONE.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-310

8 c) MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to approve variance request for Road Material and Road Design Width for Comanche Moon phase IV. (Roadway width be 24')

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-311

8 d) MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve variance request for Road Material and Road Design Width for Comanche Moon phase III & IV. (Roadway not be asphalt)

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-312

9. Discussion and action to approve Election Services Contract with the City of Stephenville for Mayor for an unexpired term.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve Election Services Contract with the City of Stephenville for Mayor for an unexpired term.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-313

10. Discussion and action to approve Election Services Contract with Gordon ISD for a Bond Election.

MOTION was made by None and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve Election Services Contract with Gordon ISD for a Bond Election.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-314

11. Discussion and action to approve Election Services Contract with Hico ISD for a Bond Election.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve Election Services Contract with Hico ISD for a Bond Election.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-315

12. Discussion and action to approve Notice of Special Election and the days, hours and polling places for Early Voting and Election Day Voting.

Discusión y acción para aprobar el Aviso de Elección Especial y los días, horas y lugares de votación para la Votación Anticipada y la Votación del Día de la Elección.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve Notice of Special Election and the days, hours and polling places for Early Voting and Election Day Voting.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-316

13. Discussion and action to approve job description for GIS/911 Addressing Coordinator.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve job description for GIS/911 Addressing Coordinator.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-317

14. Discussion and action to allow PCT 1 to clear fence row and improve drainage on County Road 263.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to allow PCT 1 to clear fence row and improve drainage on County Road 263.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-318

15. Discussion and action to approve replacing culvert on County Road 909.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to approve replacing culvert on County Road 909 at the owners expense

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-319

16. Receive and file bond for Tax Assessor Collector, Valerie Stephens.

Bond for Tax Assessor Collector, Valerie Stephens received and filed.

17. Receive and file bonds for Elections Administration Office.

Bonds for Elections Administration Office received and filed

18. Discussion and action to approve Service Agreements with Southwest Solutions Group for mobile storage units in the County Clerk's Office and the Tax Office.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to approve Service Agreements with Southwest Solutions Group for mobile storage units in the County Clerk's Office and the Tax Office.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-320

19. Discussion and action to approve the Technology Services Agreement for the Erath County Joint Dispatch Center during the Construction Phase.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to approve the Technology Services Agreement for the Erath County Joint Dispatch Center during the Construction Phase.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-321

20. Discussion and action to approve Managed Services Contract between SLG Technologies and Erath County Joint Dispatch Center.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve Managed Services Contract between SLG Technologies and Erath County Joint Dispatch Center.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-322

21. Discussion and action to designate which day of the week to hold Commissioners Court for the fiscal year 2026.

MOTION was made by County Judge Brandon Huckabee and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to designate 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, unless there is a holiday on Monday, then it would be the following business day.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-323

22. Receive and file Judges Professional Liability Insurance Policy

Judge Thompson's Professional Liability Insurance Policy received and filed

23. Presentation of August 2025 Treasurer's Report.

August 2025 Treasurer's Report received and filed

24. Receive and file 2nd quarter investment report.

2nd quarter investment report received and filed

25. 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 2025-324

26. Discussion and action to approve budget adjustments.
No budget adjustments presented
27. 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
- Closed Session not needed
28. Discussion and action on items discussed in executive session.
Closed Session not needed
29. Discussion and action on burn ban.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens enact burn ban for 90 days

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2025-325

30. Discuss any new business.
- Precinct 2: There was quite a bit of storm damage last night. We are working to get it all cleaned up.
- County Judge: The juvenile board asked the judge to discuss renovating the former indigent office into a temporary juvenile probation office.
31. Adjourn.

Meeting was Adjourned by Judge Huckabee at 9:57 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 22nd day of September, 2025.

ATTESTED BY: GWINDA JONES, Erath County Clerk

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

