



NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING

Erath County Courthouse
County Courtroom, 100 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas
Monday, April 27, 2026 9:00 AM

MINUTES

On the 27th day of April, 2026 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

Gwinda Jones, County Clerk

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
County Judge, Brandon Huckabee
2. Invocation
Invocation - JJ Conway, Minsiters Alliance
3. Public Comments.
Amber Smith - County Road 512
4. Discussion and action to proclaim April 30th as National Therapy Animal Day.

MOTION was made by County Judge Brandon Huckabee and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to proclaim April 30th as National Therapy Animal Day.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-093

5. Presentation of FY 2025 Financial Audit Report by Eide Bailly.

FY 2025 Financial Audit Report presented by Eide Bailly.

6. Discussion and action to approve invoices presented for regular and recurring payments 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 2026-094

7. Discussion and action to approve line item transfers .

MOTION was made by County Judge Brandon Huckabee and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to approve line item transfers .

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-095

8. Discussion and action to remove Gwinda Jones, County Clerk as the Records Management Officer for Elections and Voter Registration Records at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and designate Lana Stevens, Elections Administrator in that capacity.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to remove Gwinda Jones, County Clerk as the Records Management Officer for Elections and Voter Registration Records at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and designate Lana Stevens, Elections Administrator in that capacity.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-096

9. Discussion and action to approve March 2026 Departmental Reports.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to approve March 2026 Departmental Reports.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-097

10. Discussion and action to approve the renewal of LexisNexis agreement for Judge Thompson.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to approve the renewal of LexisNexis agreement for Judge Thompson.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-098

11. Discussion and action to approve the revised contract for Gemini Collections System for Erath County Tax Assessor Collector to align the renewal dates with the County Fiscal Year.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve the revised contract for Gemini Collections System for Erath County Tax Assessor Collector to align the renewal dates with the County Fiscal Year.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-099

12. Discussion and action to allow the County to file for unclaimed property capital credits.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray to allow the County to file for unclaimed property capital credits.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-100

13. Discussion and action to award bid for PCT 2 Building Project.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Albert Ray and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens to award bid for PCT 2 Building Project to Build All for \$74,305.85.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-101

14. Discussion and action to award bid for PCT 2 Fence Project.

All bids for PCT 2 Fence Project rejected.

15. Discussion and action to allow PCT 1 to go out for bids for a new County Barn.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to allow PCT 1 to go out for bids for a new County Barn.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-102

16. Discussion and action to approve agreement between Erath County Sheriffs Office and UNIFIRST.

No action on UNIFIRST agreement.

17. Discussion and action to approve amendment between Tyler Technologies, INC and Erath County.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Sherman Edwards to approve amendment between Tyler Technologies, INC and Erath County.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-103

18. Discussion and action to approve the change order for Mckinstry for the United Dispatch Center.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Dee Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to approve the change order for Mckinstry for the United Dispatch Center.

Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-103

19. Discussion and action on burn ban.

No action

20. 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: Legal Matters (9:35 a.m.)

**Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-105**

MOTION was made by County Judge Brandon Huckabee and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Buck to reconvene in regular session (10:24 p.m.)

**Ayes: (5) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck, Brandon Huckabee: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2026-106**

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

No action on items discussed in executive session.

22. Discuss any new business.

New business: 391 Special Regional Planning Commission meets tomorrow at The City Hall at the City Limits at 1:00 p.m. and will be joined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission.

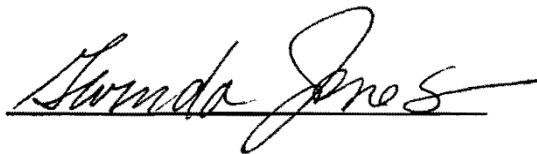
23. Adjourn.

Judge Huckabee adjourned the meeting at 10:25 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 27th day of April , 2026.

ATTESTED BY: GWINDA JONES, Erath County Clerk

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