

THE STATE OF TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING

COUNTY OF BURLESON

JUNE 9, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED, That a Regular Hearing of Commissioners Court in and for Burleson County, Texas held in the Regular Meeting place of said Court in the County Courthouse in the City of Caldwell, Texas on the 9th day of June, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock A. M. with Judge Keith Schroeder, Commissioners Vincent Svec, David Hildebrand and Bobby Urbanosky present and Deputy County Clerk- Sharon Burgess were in attendance when the following business came before Court:

1) Judge Keith Schroeder called the meeting to Order with the Pledge to the American and Texas Flags.

2) Prayer was given by Duane Strange

3) On Public Forum-

Sarah Murry with the Heart Gallery of Central Texas wanted Court to consider being an advocate for the Heart Gallery and hosting an exhibit to post pictures of children up for adoption that were under the care of CPS. These are children over the age of 5 looking for a permanent, loving home.

Cathy Locke presented to the Court her concern for the highways on Hwy 36 between Lyons and Milano. She stated that the highways have not been upgraded and are in desperate need of being widened. There are serious issues. Over the past few years, there has been 12 fatalities (vehicles) and 20 body fatalities. There is a great need for the presence of patrol in this area. She states that she does not want to just complain but be helpful in a solution to this major problem.

4) Sheriff's Report – Chief Deputy Bill Rios thanked everyone for helping honor Sheriff Gene Hermes. Chief Deputy reported that the Sheriff's Department has the following openings: 2 openings for jailers, 3 openings for dispatchers, 1 opening for full-time nurse, 4 openings for patrol officers, 1 opening for CIT and 1 SRO. Chief Rios also reported that there are 70 inmates in jail. (57 males and 13 females). 2 of the 70 inmates are held off of facility in Rusk and Washington County.

Legal Counsel- no report from Bill Ballard

Emergency Management – no report from Duane Strange

Environmental – Tillery said there are a few inspections going on

Tax Assessor/Collector- Jessica Lucero informed Court about HB 9 which will be in 2026 and HB718 which is replacing temporary tags with metal license plates (See attachments)

Constable PCT #2- Constable Gaas wanting to reiterate what Chief Rios said about the loss of Sheriff Gene Hermes and thanked all who help with honoring Sheriff Hermes. He stated that Hwy 60 is open. He is relying on help from his deputies and hopes to be up running in the near future. He is concerned about the bills passed and what will have an effect on his budget.

Grants-no report

County/District Attorney – Susan Deski informed Court about the problem with Jurors showing up. She asked if Court could get information out to the public in newspaper etc.

Road/Bridge General-no report

911- By 2030, they will be mapping every multi story building and height in Burleson County

Elections- DJ Oliver reports she is still sorting thru bills

Auditor – no report

Treasurer- Stephanie Smith is still looking thru all of bills. Also she stated that they are looking at times clocks. One looks promising and has another meeting with ADP today. Health Insurance renewals are coming up. She reported the CVS will no longer be a part of BCBS.

5) Motion made by Commissioner Hildebrand and seconded by Commissioner Urbanosky to Approve and Act upon the following Consent Agenda Items: (See Attachments)

a. Adopt May 2025 Minutes

b. Budget Amendment for:

1. Road and Bridge Pct. 4

All voted Aye. None vote No. It is so Ordered.

6) Executive Session with legal counsel discuss issues -none

7) Motion made by Commissioner Svec and seconded by Commissioner Hildebrand to Approve and Act upon Hotel/Motel Funding Application from Burleson County Chamber of Commerce. Funds will help complete purchase and installation of a public address/sound system for downtown Caldwell. City Hall will manage it.(See Attachment)

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered.

8) Motion made by Commissioner Svec and seconded by Commissioner Hildebrand to Approve and Act upon Resolution authorizing submission of Contract Amendment for GLO Community Development Block Grant-MIT #24-065-057-E567. (See Attachments)

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered

9) Motion made by Commissioner Hildebrand and seconded by Commissioner Svec to Approve and Act upon Right-of-Way permit application from Atmos Energy for work to be done on CR 105 as part of the Caldwell Natural Gas Project. (See Attachments)

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered.

10) Motion made by Commissioner Hildebrand and seconded by Commissioner Svec to Approve and Act upon the design Kachina Vista Phase 2 plat on Hwy 36 South, but not file the plat. (See Attachments)

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered.

11) Motion made by Commissioner Hildebrand and seconded by Commissioner Urbanosky to Approve and Act upon 2025-2026 TAC Health Insurance Renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas. 8% increase. (See Attachment)

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered.

12) Motion made by Commissioner Urbanosky and seconded by Commissioner Svec to Approve and Act upon purchasing used rock from Big Creek Construction for \$350,000, load belly dumps.

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered.

13) Motion made by Commissioner Urbanosky and seconded by Commissioner Svec to Approve and Act upon 2023 property tax refund of \$6,209.97 to Truist for Property ID #116491, Louise Joubert and Karen Russell. (See Attachments)

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered.

14) Convene into Executive Session under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 personnel matters – passing of the Sheriff and selection of a successor at 9:41 a.m. Judge asked Jimmy Mynar to be present and Susan Deski asked to be a part of executive session. Commissioner Dwayne Faust asked to be on phone while in executive session. Re-convened at 11:43 a.m.

15) Motion made by Commissioner Hildebrand and seconded by Commissioner Svec to Approve and Act upon Executive Session. Judge Schroeder thanked the two applicants for applying for the Sheriff's position. Chief Deputy was appointed as Sheriff.

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered.

16) County Judge's Report: (See Attachments)

a. Collections

Felony Court: \$11353.71

Misdemeanor Court: \$12186.00

Judge reported to Court about the legislative update and was very disappointed that both bills failed to get passed.

17) Auditor's Report – Jimmy Mynar reported that the Budget worksheet was going out this week.

18) Commissioner's Report:

Pct 1-Dewayne Faust not present to report

Pct 2-No report

Pct 3-No report

Pct 4-No report

19) Motion made by Commissioner Hildebrand and seconded by Commissioner Urbanosky to Approve and Authorize Payment of Bills. (See Attachments)

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered.

20) Motion made by Commissioner Hildebrand and seconded by Commissioner Svec to adjourn the meeting.

All voted Aye. None voted No. It is so Ordered.

KEITH SCHROEDER-County Judge

DWAYNE FAUST-Commissioner Precinct 1

VINCENT SVEC-Commissioner Precinct 2

DAVID HILDEBRAND-Commissioner Precinct 3

ROBERT “BOBBY” URBANOSKY-Commissioner Precinct 4

ATTEST:

ANNA L. SCHIELACK-County Clerk and
Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court
in and for Burleson County, Texas. (06-9-2025 Meeting)