

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF LYNN**

**\*Commissioner Court was postponed to January 27, 2026 due to inclement weather\***

On this, the 27th day of January 2026, the Lynn County Commissioner's Court of Lynn County met in a Regular Called meeting at 10:05 a.m., at the regular meeting place thereof in the County Court Room in the Courthouse in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, with the following members of court, to wit:

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| <b>Mike Braddock</b>  | <b>County Judge</b>                                   |
| <b>Matt Woodley</b>   | <b>Commissioner, Precinct One (1)</b>                 |
| <b>John Hawthorne</b> | <b>Commissioner, Precinct Two (2)</b>                 |
| <b>Tate Gass</b>      | <b>Commissioner, Precinct Three (3)</b>               |
| <b>Larry Durham</b>   | <b>Commissioner, Precinct Four (4)</b>                |
| <b>Karen Rendon</b>   | <b>County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of the Court</b> |

Commissioner's Woodley, Hawthorne, Gass and Judge Braddock were present, and the following member(s) absent: Commissioner Durham, constituting a quorum of the Court present, at which time the following business, among other proceedings, was had:

Commissioner Woodley started the meeting with the invocation and Judge Braddock led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

**2. Public Comments pertaining to agenda items**

Judge Braddock gave the public an opportunity to discuss anything relating to agenda items. No one from the public addressed the court.

**3. Discuss and act upon Fire Contract Agreement with the City of O'Donnell and County of Lynn FY 2026**

Commissioner Gass made the motion with Commissioner Woodley seconding that motion to accept the Fire Contract Agreement with City of O'Donnell and County of Lynn FY 2026. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**4. Discuss and act upon Contract with Certified Payments for Tax Assessor Collector Office**

Kathy Grant presented the contract to the court. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Gass seconding that motion to accept the contract with Certified Payments for Tax Assessor Collector Office. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**5. Consider and act upon Budget Amendments**

Mackenzi Reynolds, County Treasurer Deputy stated there were no budget amendments to approve.

**6. Approve County Finance Reports**

Mackenzi Reynolds, County Treasurer Deputy stated there were no Finance Reports to approve.

**7. Approve Bonds**

Julia Charo, Chief Deputy Clerk stated there were no bonds to approve

**8. Sheriff's Office to give report**

Chris Hennisley, Chief Deputy gave the jail count, as follows:

28 – Lynn

2 – Lubbock

12 – Potter

42 – Total

**9. Discuss and act upon hiring (1) part-time Deputy as District and County Court Bailiff during sessions only. Position paid as a county budgeted Deputy hourly salary (\$26.79/hr) – estimated at or below \$8,000, annually**

Sheriff Mason stated she has looked into this and has figured out Lynn County has 3 to 4 court dates a month. 2 of these court dates are usually when Commissioner Court is being held. Wanda stated she has struggled with this for 5 years now, and she just can't get it situated. She usually has a deputy present in District Court, but there are times where it falls on her Jail Administrator, Martin, and he does not have the authority like a deputy to detain someone. Wanda said she is trying to figure out another way to remedy that situation, and they have come up with the idea of a retired officer from another county that knows what they are doing. Chief Deputy Hennisley stated it's for the safety of the Courthouse and the people within the courthouse. Hennisley stated it would be a part time position and that they are not asking for additional funds from the County, they will use what is within their budget. Judge Braddock asked where exactly will the funds come from? Wanda stated it would have to be a budget amendment at the end of the year. She stated there is a salary for the admin that they are not using. Judge Braddock stated to Wanda that the budget amendment at the end of year will come from within the Sheriff's Office Budget. She answered with yes it will. Chris Hennisley stated they do not have a certain someone they have in mind, that there are a few people they are looking at to see who is qualified more for this position. Wanda stated this position will be for Court Days ONLY. They will NOT be working the roads. Once court is over, they are off duty. Judge Braddock stated that he would really like to have a full quorum before a decision is made on this agenda item. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding that motion to table this agenda item until there is a full quorum is present. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**10. Approve and pay claims and payroll against the County**

Mackenzi Reynolds, County Treasurer Deputy presented the bills to the Court. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Gass seconding that motion to approve and pay the claims against the County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**11. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for future agenda.**

Chief Deputy Hensley stated he discovered a slight issue last week and that he has brought this issue to the Rebekah Filley, County Attorney attention. The new camera system in the vehicles automatically tracks license plates, alerting if the vehicles is stolen or wanted. As part of this network, there are thousands of agencies that are using this network. Each agency sends an individual request to the Sheriff's Office, which comes from a no-reply email, requesting data be sent to them. Within the requests, there are MOU's attached to them, and Chris has approved those MOU's. They are not signed MOU's. Chris stated he has approved about 8 MOU's not knowing that he was approving them, because they were attachments on a no-reply email. Chris is asking how the court wants him to proceed with this issue. Rebekah Filley stated it will need to be put on the agenda and the Court can then decide what needs to be done.

**12. Adjourn or recess meeting**

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding that motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 am. All voted in favor, motion carried.