

## **THE STATE OF TEXAS**

### **COUNTY OF LYNN**

On this, the 23rd day of February 2026, the Lynn County Commissioner's Court of Lynn County met in a Regular Called meeting at 9:30 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:

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

Commissioner Hawthorne 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 accepting Application for License to Operate a Game Room in Lynn County**

Judge Braddock stated the application is filled out correctly and everything is listed out correctly and all the machines are listed on the application, along with the location of the Game Room. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding that motion to accept the application to operate a Game Room in Lynn County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

#### **4. Consider and act upon Budget Amendments**

Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer stated there were no budget amendments to approve.

#### **5. Approve County Finance Report**

Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer stated that there was the month of January 2026 to approve. Commissioner Durham made the motion with Judge Braddock seconding that motion to approve the County Finance Report for January 2026. All voted in favor, motion carried.

## **6. Approve Bonds**

Karen Rendon, County Clerk stated she had the following bonds to approve: Erin Mackenzi Reynolds, County Treasurer Deputy, Carly Henderson, District Clerk Deputy, Karen Rendon, County Clerk. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding that motion to approve the bonds presented. All voted in favor, motion carried.

## **7. Sheriff's Office to give report**

Chief Deputy Henssley gave the report, as follows:

Total Inmates: 44

Lynn: 35 inmates

Lubbock: 2 inmates

Potter: 7 inmates

## **8. 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**

Judge Braddock stated that today we do not have a full court but after looking over the budget, he does not see how it was possible to approve this part-time position. Judge Braddock also stated the Sheriff's Office budget was at 109% in overtime, 75% in temporary help, 61% in telephone, travel and education is at 76%, TCOLE is pretty high up there, but Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer stated that TCOLE requests documentation and they pay Lynn County back for those expenses. Judge Braddock then stated to Chris Henssley that we can always put this back on the agenda around budget time, but right now, he does not see how it would be possible to approve this, with the Sheriff's Office budget looking like it does. Chris then stated that they would try again for this around budget session time. Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding that motion to deny the request for a part-time position deputy as District and County Court Bailiff. All voted in favor, motion carried.

## **9. Approve and pay claims and payroll against the County**

Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer presented the bills to the Court. Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding that motion to approve and pay the claims against the County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

\* Karen Rendon stated that as she was going through her bonds, she realized that there was a bond that was not approved in the approve bonds agenda item. The bond was for Mandi Stone. Judge Braddock reopened the Approve Bonds agenda item. Judge Braddock made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding that motion to approve Mandi Stone's bonds along with all other bonds that were mentioned earlier. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**10. 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.**

Commissioner Hawthorne asked Chief Deputy Chris Hennesley about that fire in O'Donnell. Chris stated that they got it put out, but the next day there was another fire around the rodeo grounds. He also stated that they threw the Commissioner's under the bus and stated that a Burn Ban is a burn ban and there is no burning at all when we are in a Burn Ban. Judge Braddock then stated that the only burning that is allowed during a Burn Ban is household trash that is contained within a burn barrel or trash pit.

Kathy Grant asked for an update on the plumbing within her office. Judge Braddock stated he does not have an update. That he has texted her but has not had a response.

Commissioner Durham asked Judge Braddock if there was an update on the Air Condition project for the Courthouse and he stated that we are waiting for the blueprints to be picked up or dropped off so they can start making the plans for this project.

**11. Adjourn or recess**

Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding that motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.