

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LYNN

On this, the 9th 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:

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

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

Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne started the meeting with the invocation and Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

2. Public Comments pertaining to agenda items

Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne 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 Order prohibiting certain fireworks during Texas Independence Day FY 2026

Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne stated that this Oder was prohibiting the sticks and fin fireworks. Commissioner Gass made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding that motion to approve the Order prohibiting certain fireworks during Texas Independence Day FY 2026. All voted in favor, motion carried.

4. Discuss and act upon Contract for Election Services between Lynn County and TISD

Karen Rendon, County Clerk stated this contract is for the County Clerk's Office to help the entity run their election. They will rent machines, and she will do all the election work for them and that this contract is for the May 2026 Election. Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Gass seconding that motion to accept the Contract for Election Services. All voted in favor, motion carried.

5. Discuss and act upon Contract for Election Services between Lynn County and City of Tahoka

Karen Rendon, County Clerk stated this contract is for the County Clerk's Office to help the entity run their election. They will rent machines, and she will do all the election work for them and that this contract is for the May 2026 Election. Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner

Gass seconding that motion to accept the Contract for Election Services. All voted in favor, motion carried.

6. Discuss and act upon Contract for Election Services between Lynn County and WISD

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7. Discuss and act upon Contract for Election Services between Lynn County and LCHD

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8. Consider and act upon Budget Amendments

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

9. Approve County Finance Reports

Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer stated that there was the month of December 2025 to approve. Commissioner Gass made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding that motion to approve the County Finance Report for December 2025. All voted in favor, motion carried.

10. Approve Bonds

Karen Rendon, County Clerk stated there were no bonds to approve.

11. Sheriff's Office to give Report

Chief Deputy Henssley gave the report, as follows:

Total Inmates: 42

Lynn: 32 inmates

Lubbock: 2 inmates

Potter: 9 inmates

12. 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 Pro-Tem Hawthorne stated the agenda item was brought back after a tabled motion from last Commissioners Court. Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne stated Sheriff Mason said that this position would be paid out of the Admin line item that was not being used. Amy Schuknecht stated that was correct, but part of that salary goes to Christy Henssley, still. Christy Henssley is full time in the dispatch but is still doing

secretary work so she is getting \$500 out of that salary. Amy Schuknecht asked Chris Hennisley if he had looked at his budget recently. He stated he had not looked at since the end of December. Amy Schucknet stated that part of the admin salary is going to have to be used for Overtime for their part timer, Ryan Hitt. Chris Hennisley stated that where they are at right now, they have 2 opening. One of those opening has been available since November. He knows that at the end of the year they are going to have to do a budget amendment due to other things, as well, so that money from that salary that was unused for the time being, is also available to help cover the cost of the Part-Time position. He also stated the 2nd opening just came open for a deputy position. Chris stated there are applications coming in. Chris is the reasoning for this part-time position is because there have been instances in the last 6 months, that the Sheriff's Office would really like to provide security for the Courthouse. Chris stated that between the unused salaries and budget line items, they can for sure make it happen to cover this part-time salary. Amy Schuknecht had printed out the Sheriff's Office, Communications, Senate Bill 22 and Jail budgets out and presented them to the Commissioners. Chris asked Amy if the budget for the Admin/Secretary is set at \$43,000.00. Amy replied back with yes. Amy stated everyone should be at 38% of the budget used for the year, and the SO is at almost 70% of the budget used on Temporary Help. Communications department, they are already over in their overtime. The jail is sitting pretty good on their budget. Chris stated that now that they have moved Christy over to Communications, it should even out that overtime budget throughout the rest of the year. Amy stated that once a salary is agreed upon during budget session, it is supposed to be set for that year. She stated that they are not supposed to change salaries throughout the year. Once it is set, it is set. Chris stated that the SO has to provide fulltime coverage for the County, and if they cannot fill the fulltime position, they will hire a part timer to cover for the time being until that position can be filled. Chris Hennisley stated that this last budget session, they came up and asked for double the part time help salary, and thought it was approved, but it was not, apparently. Amy stated that everyone fills out a budget worksheet, it is brought to Commissioner Court and then the Commissioner's Court decides whether or not it is approved to add into the budget that year. She is not allowed to change anything in the budget unless the Commissioner's approve that change. Amy then stated that we are not allowed to change salaries within the year. What is approved during budget session is how the budget needs to be the whole year, until it is time to redo the budget the next fiscal year. Amy stated that Wanda is telling the deputies what their salary is after a move of rank and that salary is not what is budgeted within her budget, so when deputies come to her stating Amy is paying them wrong, is not true, because what is budgeted is what is budgeted. You cannot change the budget within the budget year. Chris stated that there needs to be more clarification on budgets being approved or not approved. Amy then stated that the Commissioner's tell us in court whether or not the changes presented are approved or whether they are not approved. Chris stated that they are not spending anymore money outside of their budget with these promotions, because there are 3 open positions. At the end of year, it is still the same amount of money budgeted. Amy stated that, that then defeats the whole purpose of a budget to go off of. It should be budgeted like they are paid. Chris stated that they need some sort of play room within the budget due to the ranking of the officers. Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne asked Amy what the overtime percentage for the year for the Communications budget. Amy then stated it was at 106.79%. Judge Pro-Tem stated to Chris that it looks like they are going to need the Admin salary money to cover the overages. Chris stated that the overtime in Communications is usually covered by the Inmate Housing budget. Amy stated that is not always the case. Chris stated that the Sheriff's Department reimburse the County at the end of the year with the Inmate Housing money received throughout the FY. Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne then asks Commissioner Durham and Commissioner Gass what their thoughts were. Commissioner Durham stated Judge Braddock wanted a

full court to bring this up again. Commissioner Gass added to that stating Judge Braddock was pretty adamant about having a full court before any action on this agenda item was taken. Commissioner Durham then asked Chris Hensley if they have anyone in mind for this part time position. Chris stated back to Commissioner Durham with yes, they do. He is a retired law enforcement officer. He was first interested in the training aspect of how Lynn County trains their deputies, and Chris had mentioned to him the idea about possibly being bailiff for District and County Courts and possibly Courthouse Security. Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Gass seconding that motion to table this agenda item for another court date. All voted in favor, motion carried.

13. 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 Gass seconding that motion to approve and pay the claims against the County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

14. 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.

Amy Schuknecht stated everyone that has not paid the Christmas Ad that was posted in the newspaper, need to pay Amy, as soon as possible.

Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne brought up the Burn Ban and stated that if Lynn County is in a Burn Ban, there is absolutely NO burning and if we are not in a burn ban, then the Sheriff's Office needs to be notified that it will be a controlled burn.

15. Adjourn or recess meeting

Commissioner Gass made the motion with Judge Pro-Tem Hawthorne seconding that motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.