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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS**

Jennifer Palermo

County Clerk, Hockley County, Texas

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court will be held on the 13th day of February, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Hockley County Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit:

1. Read for approval the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court held Wednesday, February 6, 2019.
2. Read for approval all monthly bills and claims submitted to the court and dated through February 13, 2019.
3. Consider and take necessary action to approve salaries for Officials and Employees.
4. Consider and take necessary action to approve the 12 hours of annual training completed by Rebecca Currington, Veteran County Service Officer that are required by the Texas Veterans Commission.
5. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Resolution regarding increase in weight limits for commercial trucks.
6. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at Meetings of the County Commissioners Court.

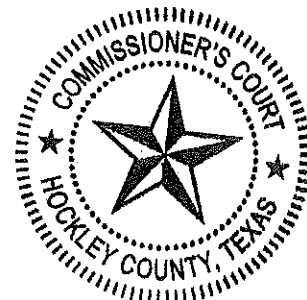
COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: *Sharla Baldrige*
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse, and at the east door of the Courthouse of Hockley County, Texas, as place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 8th day of February, 2019, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2019.

Jennifer Palermo
Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio
Clerk of Commissioners' Court, Hockley County, Texas



SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13th, 2019

Be it remembered that on this the 13th day of FEBRUARY A.D. 2019, there came on to be held a Special meeting of the Commissioners' Court, and the Court having convened in Special session at the usual meeting place thereof at the Courthouse in Levelland, Texas, with the following members present to-wit:

Sharla Baldrige	County Judge
Curtis D. Thrash	Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Larry Carter	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
J. L. "Whitey" Barnett Absent	Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Thomas R "Tommy" Clevenger	Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Clevenger, 3 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that the Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court, held on February 6th, 2019, A. D., be approved and stand as read.

Motion by Commissioner Thrash, seconded by Commissioner Clevenger, 3 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that all monthly claims and bills, submitted to the Court, and dated through February 13th, 2019, A. D., be approved and stand as read.

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Clevenger, 3 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that Commissioners' Court approved salaries for Officials and Employees. As per payroll approval for Hockley County dated 2-15-2019 recorded below.

FOR CHECK DATE FROM 02/15/2019 TO 02/15/2019

EMP# NAME GROSS WAGES OVERTIME O/T HOURS

THE PRECEDING LIST OF PAYROLL WAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

DATE: 2-15-19

DATE 2-13-2019

APPROVED BY

Payroll
Shirley Padgett
Shirley Padgett
Shirley Padgett

Motion by Commissioner Clevenger, seconded by Commissioner Thrash, 3 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that Commissioners' Court approved the 12 hours of annual training completed by Rebecca Currington, Veteran County Service Officer that are required by the Texas Veterans Commission. As per Texas Veterans Commission letter recorded below.

ELISEO "AL" CANTU, JR.
Major, US Army (Retired)
Chairman

DANIEL P. MORAN
Captain, USMC (Retired)
Vice Chairman

KEVIN BARBER
US Army Veteran
Secretary



KIMBERLEE SHANEYFELT
Colonel, USAF (Retired)
Member

LAURA KOERNER
US Navy Veteran
Member

THOMAS P. PALLADINO
Colonel, US Army (Retired)
Executive Director

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

January 25, 2019

Larry Sprowls
802 Houston, Ste. 101
Levelland, TX. 79336

Dear Honorable Larry Sprowls:

I am pleased to inform you that your Veteran County Service Officer (VCSO), Rebecca Currington has completed the required 12 hours of annual training during calendar year 2018 to maintain their certification or VA Accreditation with the Texas Veterans Commission.

In accordance with Texas Government Code 434.038 VCSO's are required to be certified by the Texas Veterans Commission. They may also receive VA Accreditation through the Texas Veterans Commission if they complete the required training program in accordance with the Texas Administration Code 451.1 (3), 451.3.

Texas Veterans Commission Claims Representation & Counseling Certification/Accreditation program offers numerous training opportunities throughout the year which include a combination of online training and classroom training to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to serve veterans, through dependents and survivors residing in Hockley County.

We look forward to working with Rebecca Currington to support your efforts in providing veterans and their families with the best service possible.

If you need further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Victor Polanco, IV, Director of Claims Representation & Counseling, (512)463-6564 or Ms. Laura Bivens, Veteran County Service Officer Liaison (512)492-5494.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas P. Palladino".

THOMAS P. PALLADINO
Executive Director

TPP/lb
cc: Rebecca Currington
Hockley Veterans County Service Officer

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**Motion by Judge Baldrige, seconded by Commissioner Carter, 4 Votes Yes,
0 Votes No, that Commissioners' Court approved the Resolution regarding increase in weight limits for
commercial trucks. As per Hockley County Commissioners Court Resolution recorded below.**

**HOCKLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Hockley County Commissioners Court is aware of efforts by some oil and gas companies serving the Permian Basin to seek legislation increasing the weight limits for commercial trucks from 80,000 up to 100,000 pounds, and

WHEREAS, trucks ultimately find their way onto our local roads and bridges, and

WHEREAS, Commercial trucks have created a strain on our infrastructure, ultimately causing serious safety and funding issues and


WHEREAS, heavy commercial trucks accelerate the deterioration of our nation's highways and local roads and bridges, putting further pressure on Federal, State and local governments to find funds to repair these essential roadways, and

WHEREAS, Hockley County roads have sustained increasingly serious damage as a result of increased truck traffic, and

WHEREAS, increased weight limits on commercial trucks would result in higher crash rates of increased severity, causing more injuries and fatalities,

WHEREAS, NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court of Hockley County, Texas urge both our Federal and State Legislators to oppose any attempts to increase commercial truck weights in any future debate on infrastructure and ask you to urge your fellow legislators in the Permian Basin to do the same.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 13th day of February, 2019.




Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge



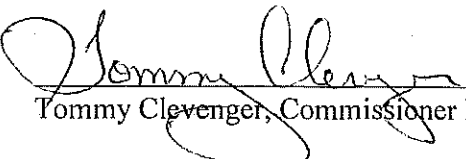
Curtis Thrash, Commissioner Precinct 1



Larry Carter, Commissioner Precinct 2



J.L. Whitey Barnett, Commissioner Precinct 3



Tommy Clevenger, Commissioner Precinct 4

**Motion by Judge Baldrige, seconded by Commissioner Clevenger, 4 Votes Yes,
0 Votes No, that Commissioners' Court approved the Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at
Meetings of the County Commissioners Court. As per Rules Of Procedures recorded below.**

**RULES OF PROCEDURE, CONDUCT AND DECORUM AT MEETINGS OF
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

- I. All Regular, Special, Emergency and Executive Session Meetings of the Hockley County Commissioners Court will be called and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.
- II. Regular, Special and Emergency Meetings of the Hockley County Commissioners Court are open to the public and to representatives of the press and media. Executive Sessions of the Commissioners Court are not open to the public, the press or the media, and only those individuals expressly requested or ordered to be present are allowed to attend Executive Sessions.
- III. The Hockley County Commissioners Court meets in Regular Session on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. In order for a matter or issue to appear as an agenda item on the Agenda of any Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court, a request must be filed with and approved by at least one member of the Commissioners Court and/or the County Judge by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the Thursday immediately preceding the next Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court.
- IV. The business of Hockley County is conducted by and between the members of the Hockley County Commissioners Court and by those members of the county staff, elected officials, department heads, consultants, experts and/or members of the public requested to be present and participate. While the public is invited to attend all meetings of the Commissioners Court (except Executive Sessions) the public's participation therein is limited to that of observees unless a member (or members) of the public is requested to address the Commissioners Court on a particular issue (or issues) or unless the member (or members) of the public completes a Public Participation Form and submits same to the county clerk prior to the time the agenda item (or items) is addressed by the Court. A sample of the Hockley County Commissioners Court Public Participation Form is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
 - A. Each member of the public who appears before the Commissioners Court shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to make his/her remarks. Time for each speaker shall be maintained by the County Clerk or such other designated representative of the Commissioners Court.
 - B. Maximum discussion on any agenda item, regardless of the number of members of the public wishing to address the Commissioners Court on such agenda item (or items) shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes. In the event that more than six (6) members of the public wish to address a particular agenda item (or items), then only the first six (6) members of the public recognized to speak shall be divided equally between those members of the public wishing to speak for the agenda item (or items) and

those members of the public wishing to speak against the agenda item (or items).

- C. In matters of exceptional interest, the Court may, by the majority vote of the members of the Court in attendance at the meeting, either shorten or lengthen the time allocated for a particular member of the public, all members of the public and/or the amount of time allocated for all agenda items and/or a specific agenda item.
- D. It is the intention of the Court to provide an open access to the citizens of Hockley County to address the Commissioners Court and to express themselves on issues of county government. Members of the public are reminded that the Hockley County Commissioners Court is a Constitutional Court, with both judicial and legislative powers, created under Article V, Section 1 and Section 18 of the Texas Constitution. As a Constitutional Court, the Hockley County Commissioners Court also possesses the power to issue a Contempt of Court Citation under Section 81.023 of the Texas Local Government Code. Accordingly, all members of the public in attendance at any Regular, Special and/or Emergency meeting of the Court shall conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum in speaking to, and/or addressing the Court; in participating in public discussions before the Court; and in all actions in the presence of the Court. Proper attire for men, women and children is mandatory. Those members of the public who are inappropriately attired and/or who do not conduct themselves in an orderly and appropriate manner will be ordered to leave the meeting. Refusal to abide by the Court's order and/or continued disruption of the meeting may result in a Contempt of Court Citation.
- E. It is not the intention of the Hockley County Commissioners Court to provide a public forum for the demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Court to allow a member (or members) of the public to insult the honesty and/or integrity of the Court, as a body, or any member or members of the Court, individually or collectively. Accordingly, profane, insulting or threatening language directed toward the Court and/or any person in the Court's presence and/or racial, ethnic, or gender slurs or epithets will not be tolerated. Violation of these rules may result in the following sanctions:
 - 1. cancellation of a speaker's remaining time;
 - 2. removal from the Commissioners Courtroom;
 - 3. a Contempt Citation; and/or
 - 4. such other civil and/or criminal sanctions as may be authorized under the Constitution, Statutes and Codes of the State of Texas.

- V. The County Judge is the presiding officer of the Hockley County Commissioners Court and is a fully participating member thereof. In the event of the absence of the County Judge, the senior member of the Commissioners Court (in terms of total number of years as an elected representative) present at the Regular, Special, and Emergency meeting or Executive Session, shall serve as the Judge Pro-Tem of the Court. However, nothing herein shall prevent the senior member of this Commissioners Court from delegating this duty to another member of the Commissioners Court.
- VI. The County Judge (or the designated Judge Pro-Tem of the Commissioners Court), as presiding officer of the Commissioners Court, is responsible for conducting all meetings, and members of the public who have properly completed a Public Participation Form and submitted same to the County Clerk must wait to be recognized before they will be allowed to address the Court.
- VII. Special rules for the press and media:
- A. No media personnel or equipment, including lights, cameras or microphones, will be located on the Commissioners Court bench nor closer than five (5') feet in front of the Commissioners Court bench.
 - B. Reporters and media technicians are required to structure their movements, equipment setup and takedown and adjustments, etc., in such a manner as to not disrupt the Commissioners Court deliberations or the ability of the public to see, hear, and participate in the proceedings.
 - C. Interviews shall not be conducted inside the Commissioners Courtroom during the time the Court is in session.
 - D. Media interviews which are conducted outside the Commissioners Courtroom should be conducted in such a manner that the interview does not disturb, impede or disrupt the proceedings of any Regular, Special, or Emergency and/or Executive Session of the court.
- VIII. The Sheriff of Hockley County, Texas, or his designated deputy, shall serve as the bailiff at all Regular, Special, and Emergency meetings of the Court, upon request. However, in the event of the absence of the sheriff, or in the event that there exists a conflict of interest between the sheriff, any member of the sheriff's department, and the Commissioners Court, or in the event of an Executive Session of the Court in which the Sheriff is not an authorized participant, then in such event, the Court shall appoint such other commissioned peace officers to serve as bailiff as may be necessary.
- IX. From time to time, the Commissioners Court shall conduct town meetings and public hearings. These rules of procedure, conduct and decorum shall also apply


to such town meetings and public hearings; however, the Commissioners Court may adopt such additional and supplemental rules for such meetings as may be necessary and appropriate to conduct such meetings in an orderly, efficient and proper manner.

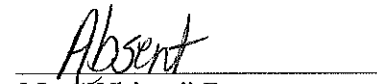
- X. These Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at Meetings of the Hockley County Commissioners Court shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Court and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Commissioners Court.

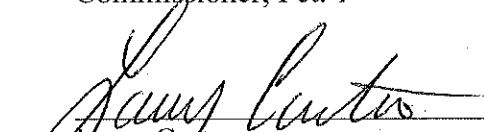
**ADOPTED BY THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE
HOCKLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

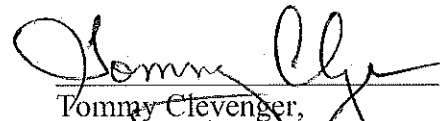
on this the 13TH day of February, 2019.


Sharla Baldrige, County Judge


Curtis Thrash,
Commissioner, Pct. 1


J.L. "Whitey" Barnett
Commissioner, Pct. 3


Larry Carter,
Commissioner, Pct. 2


Tommy Clevenger,
Commissioner, Pct. 4


Attest:

Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk

Exhibit A

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORM

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS:

HOME TELEPHONE:

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE:

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature: _____

NOTE: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk prior to the time the agenda item (or items) you wish to address are discussed before the Court.

There being no further business to come before the Court, the Judge declared Court adjourned, subject to call.

The foregoing Minutes of a Commissioner's Court meeting held on the 13th day of February, A. D. 2019, was examined by me and approved.

Curtis Thorsle
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

Absent
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Randy Curtis
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

Tommy Clewley
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Shirley Baldrige
County Judge

Jennifer Palermo
JENNIFER PALERMO, County Clerk, and
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court
Hockley County, Texas

