



## COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

9:00 AM

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LIMESTONE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that there came on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 on the hour of 9:00 AM, and was duly convened in a REGULAR MEETING in the county courtroom in the City of Groesbeck, Texas for the following purpose, to wit:

**Members Present:** Commissioner Jody Goodman, Commissioner Micah Anderson, Judge Richard Duncan, Commissioner Stephen Friday, Commissioner Bobby Forrest

**Members Absent:** County Clerk Kerrie Cobb

**Staff Present:** Kerrie Cobb, County Clerk; Natasha Goodman, County Auditor; James Trantham, Road Administrator; Shantell Carrizales, Executive Assistant

### 1. Call to Order and Proof of Posting of Notice

Judge Duncan called the Court to order and confirmed that notice was posted according to the Texas Open Meeting Act.

a. Exhibit

### 2. Invocation

Invocation was given by Commissioner Anderson.

### 3. Pledges

*Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by Judge Duncan.*

*Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Judge Duncan.*

### 4. Roll Call

Judge Duncan verified that there was a quorum present.

**5. Citizen's Comments**

Don George invited Commissioners to a public meeting to hear the plans and concerns of the Mercury Solar III- Lonestar project in Precinct 3.

- a. Exhibit

**6. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve minutes.
- b. Approve payment of bills.
- c. Approve investment or recall of funds.

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items; Approval of Minutes, Payment of Bills, Payroll and Comp Time Reports, Renewal of Bonds, Securities as pledged by Citizens State Bank in the amount of \$0 and Net Recall of funds from TexPool in the amount of \$7,015,000 and New Hires.

Commissioner Forrest SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**Regular Agenda**

**7. Discuss and/or take action on County Burn Ban.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM # 7.**

**8. Accept for Record required monthly operation reports from County officials.**

- a. CONSTABLE 3 MONTHLY FEES JUNE 2026
- b. CONSTABLE 3 MONTHLY FEES JULY 2026
- c. JP4 Bi-monthly report 08/01-15/26
- d. BI-MONTHLY JP3
- e. Sheriff's Office July Reports
- f. JP1 BiMonthly
- g. Utility Report
- h. Statement of Revenues & Expenses

Commissioner Friday MOVED to receive and approve monthly operation reports from County Officials.

Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

## **9. Elections Discussion Items**

- a. Discuss and/or approve for record only General Election Services Contract between Limestone County and Axtell Independent School District for the November 3, 2026 General Election and authorize County Judge to sign.

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve for record only General Election Services Contract between Limestone County and Axtell Independent School District for the November 3, 2026 General Election and authorize County Judge to sign.

Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- b. Accept for Record: Order of November 3, 2026 General Election in accordance with *Texas Election Code* 3.004.

Commissioner Forrest MOVED to approve for Record Order of November 3, 2026 General Election in accordance with *Texas Election Code* 3.004.

Commissioner Goodman SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- c. Authorize County Judge to sign Notice of Election in accordance with *Texas Election Code* Section 4.003, for record only.

Commissioner Anderson MOVED to approve Authorizing County Judge to sign Notice of Election in accordance with *Texas Election Code* Section 4.003, for record only.

Commissioner Friday SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- d. Discuss and/or approve dates and times to conduct Early Voting by Personal Appearance at the Main and Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Commissioner Forrest MOVED to approve dates and times to conduct Early Voting by Personal Appearance at the Main and Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Commissioner Friday SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- e. Discuss and/or approve designating the Limestone County Courthouse Room G-1 as the Main Early Voting Polling Place by Personal Appearance for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve designating the Limestone County Courthouse Room G-1 as the Main Early Voting Polling Place by Personal Appearance for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- f. Discuss and/or approve designating the Gibbs Memorial Library Mexia as the Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Place by Personal Appearance for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve designating the Gibbs Memorial Library Mexia as the Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Place by Personal Appearance for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Commissioner Forrest SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- g. Discuss and/or approve serving all registered voters of Limestone County at the Main and temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve serving all registered voters of Limestone County at the Main and temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places for the November 3, 2026 General Election. Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- h. Discuss and/or appoint Presiding Judge for Central Count for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve appointing Presiding Judge for Central Count for the November 3, 2026 General Election..

Commissioner Forrest SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- i. Set consideration for use of public building for the November 3, 2026 General Election pursuant to Section 43.033 of the *Texas Election Code*.

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve use of public building for the November 3, 2026 General Election pursuant to Section 43.033 of the *Texas Election Code*.

Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- j. Set compensation for Election Workers for the November 3, 2026 General Election for election day, election training and delivery of election supplies pursuant to Sections 32.091, 32.093, 32.114(e) and 32.092 of the *Texas Election Code*.

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve setting compensation for Election Workers for the November 3, 2026 General Election for election day, election training and delivery of election supplies pursuant to Sections 32.091, 32.093, 32.114(e) and 32.092 of the *Texas Election Code*.

Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**10. FOR RECORD: Contract with Metro Elevator for Courthouse elevator maintenance.**

Commissioner Forrest MOVED to approve Contract with Metro Elevator for Courthouse elevator maintenance.

Commissioner Friday SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- a. Metro Elevator Contract

**11. Discuss and/or take action on approving invoice from Al's Auto Service for truck for showbarn.**

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve the invoice from Al's Service for the truck related to the show barn.

Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- a. Al's Auto Service invoice

**12. Discuss and/or take action on approval of disposing of 2013 Ford Edge from the Senior Citizens Center with Kennedy Auctions.**

Commissioner Forrest MOVED to approve disposing of the 2013 Ford Edge from the Senior Citizens Center with Kennedy Auctions.

Commissioner Friday SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**13. Remove from table: Discuss and/or take action on plat for Limestone Ranches.**

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve removing Item # 13 from Table.

Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**14. Discuss and/or take action on plat for Limestone Ranches.**

Commissioner Forrest MOVED to approve plat for Limestone Ranches.  
Commissioner Friday SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- a. Plat - Limestone Ranches

**15. Discuss and/or take action on 2027 Sheriffs' and Constables' fees.**

Commissioner Anderson MOVED to approve 2027 Sheriffs' and Constables' fees.  
Commissioner Goodman SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- a. 2027 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees

**16. Discuss and/or take action on plat for Lot 17 of the Lake Limestone Mobile Home addition.**

Commissioner Forrest MOVED to approve plat for Lot 17 of the Lake Limestone Mobile Home addition.

Commissioner Goodman SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- a. Lot 17 Preliminary plat

**17. Discuss and/or take action on paying TCOLE penalty.**

The Court initially took no action on this item. Upon further consideration, Commissioner Forrest MOVED to approve paying TCOLE penalty, monies to come out of contingencies. Lasalle will reimburse Limestone County.

Commissioner Friday SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**18. Discuss and/or take action on amending the cash pickup policy with Huntington Bank.**

Commissioner Forrest MOVED to approve Request for Proposals (RFP) for the solicitation of bids for a new bank.

Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**19. For RECORD ONLY - Salaries set by District Judges for the Auditor & Staff and 77th & 87th District Court Reporters**

Commissioner Anderson MOVED to approve for RECORD ONLY Salaries set by District Judges for the Auditor & Staff and 77th & 87th District Court Reporters.

Commissioner Goodman SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

- a. Salaries set by District Judges for the Auditor & Staff and 77th & 87th District Court Reporters

**20. Discuss and/or take action on authorizing the Auditors Office to publish Elected**

## Officials' Salaries.

Commissioner Goodman MOVED to approve removing \$1000 out of Travel line from Precinct 1 - Justice of the Peace.

***MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.***

Commissioner Forrest MOVED to approve authorizing the Auditors Office to publish Elected Officials' Salaries.

Commissioner Friday **SECONDED** the motion.

**Yes 3, No 1, Abstained 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

**AYES: Micah Anderson,  
Stephen Friday, Bobby  
Forrest**

**NAYS: Jody Goodman**

- a. Elected Officials' Salaries

**21. Discuss and/or propose 2026 tax rate, if rate will exceed the No-New Revenue Rate take record vote & schedule a public hearing.**

Commissioner Goodman MOVED to approve the adoption of the property tax rate of 0.0560. Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

**Yes 3, No 1, Abstained 0** *MOTION CARRIED*

**AYES: Jody Goodman,  
Micah Anderson, Bobby  
Forrest**

**NAYS: Stephen Friday**

- a. 2026 Tax Rate Calculation

**22. Announce date, time & place to adopt FY 2026-27 budget.**

Judge Duncan announced a Public Hearing of the Limestone County Budget FY 2026-2027 will be held on September 8, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. at the Limestone County Courthouse, County Courtroom in Groesbeck, Texas.

## 23. Budget Transfers

- a. Discuss and/or take action on Budget Transfer #788 - Sheriff Dept

Commissioner Anderson MOVED to approve budget transfer #788 - Sheriff Dept.  
Commissioner Goodman SECONDED the motion.

*ALL AYE* *MOTION CARRIED*

- b. Discuss and/or take action on Budget Transfer #789 - County Clerk

Commissioner Friday MOVED to approve budget transfer #789-County Clerk.  
Commissioner Goodman SECONDED the motion.

*ALL AYE* *MOTION CARRIED*

- c. Discuss and/or take action on Budget Transfer #790 - Road & Bridge

Commissioner Goodman MOVED to approve budget transfer #790-Road & Bridge.  
Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

## **24. Budget Workshop**

***A Budget Workshop was held with various budget items discussed.***

- Proposed a \$1.00 per hour pay increase for the Housekeeping position.
- Proposed an additional \$2,000 annual salary increase for the Election Administrator, in addition to the overall \$1,000 annual increase.
- Comm. Goodman proposed a \$2,000 annual salary increase for the Assistant Treasurer, along with compensation for 58 hours of accrued compensatory time. Comm. Forrest proposed paying the Assistant Treasurer for the accrued compensatory time and providing a \$1,000 annual salary increase. Comm. Goodman MOVED to approve paying the Assistant Treasurer for the accrued compensatory time and providing a \$1,000 annual salary increase. Comm. Forrest SECONDED the motion. **3 AYES-Goodman, Anderson, Forrest; 2 NAYS-Friday, Duncan**
- Discussion was held regarding an additional full-time position in the District Clerk's Office. Comm. Forrest expressed concern about adding the full-time position while retaining the existing part-time position. He stated there was no objection to adding the full-time position if the part-time position was eliminated. Comm. Forrest moved to eliminate the part-time position. Comm. Goodman SECONDED the motion. **2 AYES-Goodman, Forrest; 3 NAYS-Anderson, Friday, Duncan**

## **25. Adjournment**

Commissioner Goodman MOVED to adjourn the meeting.  
Commissioner Anderson SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

(9:45 A.M. Tuesday, August 25, 2026)

The above minutes were tendered to the Court at the Meeting of September 8, 2026 with the following members present:

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| _____<br>County Judge         | _____<br>Richard Duncan<br>County Judge         |
| _____<br>Commissioner Pct. #1 | _____<br>Jody Goodman<br>Commissioner Pct. #1   |
| _____<br>Commissioner Pct. #2 | _____<br>Micah Anderson<br>Commissioner Pct. #2 |
| _____<br>Commissioner Pct. #3 | _____<br>Stephen Friday<br>Commissioner Pct. #3 |
| _____<br>Commissioner Pct. #4 | _____<br>Bobby Forrest<br>Commissioner Pct. #4  |

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| ATTEST: _____<br>Kerrie Cobb, County Clerk<br>Honorable Commissioners' Court<br>Limestone County, Texas | BY: _____<br>Deputy |
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