

FOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER COURT

JULY 14TH 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT UPON, this the 14th day of July 2025, the Commissioners' Court of Foard County convened in a REGULAR MEETING at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Court Room downstairs of the Foard County Courthouse in Crowell, Foard County, Texas with the following officers and members to wit:

MARK CHRISTOPHER, County Judge

MATTHEW TAMPLIN, Commissioner Precinct 1

ROCKNE WISDOM, Commissioner Precinct 2

DOUG JOHNSON, Commissioner Precinct 3

JUSTIN HAYNIE, Commissioner Precinct 4

DARCY MOORE, County Treasurer

PAULA MOORE, County & District Clerk

Others present were; Cheryl Branch- Judges office, Karen Baylor- County Attorney, Michael Bowman-County Extension Service Agent, Jonathan Madwell-Foard County Sheriff's Deputy, Shawn Scarborough-City of Crowell Chief of Police.

(A) Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Haynie and seconded by Commissioner Wisdom, with all in favor. **Motion Carried.**

(B) No Comments on the day's agenda from the public. **No Action Taken.**

(C) TX DOT representative was absent. **No Action Taken.**

(D) TDEM representative was absent. **No Action Taken.**

(E) Foard County Sheriff Shaw was absent. **No action Taken.**

(F) Renewal or re-affirming the Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement approved in Special Meeting. **No Action Taken** in Regular meeting.

(G) The Resolution for the Texas Secretary of State for the HAVA grant funds was then discussed. Motion to accept the Resolution was made by Commissioner Haynie and seconded by Commissioner Wisdom, with all in favor. **Motion Carried.**

(H) Track hoe and equipment was then discussed. **No Action Taken.**

(I) The Commissioners discussed removing previous County & District Clerk Debra Hopkins and any past Clerk's from Clerk and Treasurer's banking accounts and adding newly appointed County & District Clerk Paula Moore and Deputy County & District Clerk Heather Hughes to the Clerk and Treasurer's banking accounts. Motion to accept was made Commissioner Tamplin and seconded by Commissioner Haynie with all in favor. **Motion Carried.**

(J) Commissioners then discussed removing any previous County and District Clerks names from any checks and ordering new checks for any accounts needed. Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded Commissioner Wisdom, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

(K) Commissioners then discussed removing Sheriff Mike Brown from Sheriffs banking accounts and adding Sheriff Perry Shaw and Chelsea Hinsley. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Haynie and seconded by Commissioner Wisdom, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

(L) Commissioners then discussed bonds for the newly appointed and elected officials. Bonds were issued for the County & District Clerks Office, and part-time deputies for the Sheriff's Office. Motion to

accept was made Commissioner Haynie and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

(M) Commissioners then discussed the retainer agreement for assistance with Tax Abatement on Solar ESS with Bob Bass. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Haynie and seconded by Commissioner Wisdom, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

(N) Commissioners then discussed via phone with grant writer Jill Phinney about any possible grants for the County. Ms. Phinney advised the Commissioners at this time there are no grant funds available, but she did suggest keeping watch on the Governors Website for future postings. Commissioners will do more research into the grants. **No Action Taken.**

(O) Discussion was had with Commissioners about a sprayer. **No Action Taken.**

(P) County Extension Agent Michael Bowman then presented his June 2025 report, he reported he had traveled 820 miles and had \$74.00 in meals and zero lodging. Michael had several activities throughout the month; Copper Breaks Outdoor Camp, Record Book Judging in Archer City, Superior Service Award.

(Q) Judge Christopher then advised the Commissioners at this time he would be stepping down as a representative from the Rolling Plains Management Corp. board due to health reasons. After a brief discussion the Commissioners agreed for Commissioner Haynie to represent Foard County on the Rolling Plains Management Corp. Board and Cheryl Branch -from the County Judges office to be the proxy. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tamplen, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

(R) Commissioners then discussed the Addendum between Foard County and Local Government Solutions, L.P. for the Justice of the Peace office. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Tamplen and seconded by Commissioner Wisdom, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

(S) June 2025 Justice of the Peace report was then reviewed. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Haynie and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

(T) Commissioners then reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement between Foard County and Helen Farabee Centers for the fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$1,320.00. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tamplen, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

(U) Commissioners then reviewed the Interlocal Agreement for 2026-2027 Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases. This fee is \$1,000.00 annually. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Haynie and seconded by Commissioner Wisdom, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

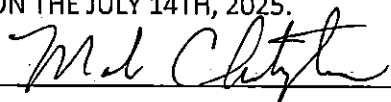
(V) Bills and payroll were then reviewed and discussed by Commissioners. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Haynie and seconded by Commissioner Wisdom, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

(W) Other items of discussion. Commissioners Court then went into Executive Session:

IN AT: 10:40 a.m. OUT AT: 11:01 a.m. No Action taken by Executive Session.

(X) With no other items of discussion motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Haynie and seconded by Commissioner Wisdom, with all in favor. **Motion carried.**

NOTHING FURTHER APPEARING DEMANDING THE ATTENTION OF THE COURT, THE COURT ADJOURNED UPON THE JULY 14TH, 2025.

 COUNTY JUDGE

MARK CHRISTOPHER

 COUNTY CLERK

PAULA MOORE