

MINUTES OF MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

AUGUST 25, 2025

The Commissioners' Court of Marion County met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2025. All members present with County Judge Leward LaFleur presiding.

**J.R. (JOHN ROSS) ASHLEY, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 1
JACOB PATTISON, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT #2
PAUL D. WEBB, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 3
GERED R. LEE, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT#4**

ITEM NO. 1

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF MEETING ON AUGUST 11, 2025**
- b. ORDER TO EXAMINE ALL ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS RELATING TO FINANCES OF THE COUNTY**
- c. ORDER TO AUDIT AND SETTLE ALL ACCOUNTS AGAINST COUNTY AND DIRECT THEIR PAYMENT**
- d. ORDER TO APPROVE COUNTY AUDITOR FINANCIAL REPORT**

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Pattison to approve the consent agenda with a manual check 83356 in the dollar amount of 16,000 for Chambers Construction. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "A" attached

ITEM NO. 2

9:00 AM - PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CONTINUING TO FUND THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF RECORDS ARCHIVE PLAN FOR 2026 FOR COUNTY CLERK.

See Exhibit "B" attached

ITEM NO. 3

**9:15 AM – PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2026 MARION COUNTY
BUDGET.**

See Exhibit “C” attached

ITEM NO. 4

**ORDER TO APPROVE SALARIES, EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES OF ELECTED
COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICIALS AS PRESENTED IN PROPOSED 2026
BUDGET PER LGC 152.013.**

Motion by Pattison, seconded by Ashley. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit “D” attached

ITEM NO. 5

9:30 AM – PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2025 TAX RATE OF .5358775.

No exhibit

ITEM NO. 6

**ORDER TO ADOPT THE COUNTY CLERK’S RECORDS ARCHIVAL PLAN FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

Motion by Lee, seconded by Pattison. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit “E” attached

ITEM NO. 7

RECORD ANNUAL COMPENSATION ORDER FOR THE 276TH COURT REPORTER.

No Action

See Exhibit “F” attached

ITEM NO. 8

RECORD ANNUAL COMPENSATION ORDER FOR THE 115TH COURT REPORTER.

No Action

See Exhibit "G" attached

ITEM NO. 9

**RECORD 2026 ANNUAL COMPENSATION ORDER FOR THE MARON COUNTY
AUDITOR.**

No Action

See Exhibit "H" attached

ITEM NO. 10

**ORDER TO APPROVE TCDRS PLAN AGREEMENT FOR PLAN YEAR 2026
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN.**

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Pattison. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "I" attached

ITEM NO. 11

**ORDER TO APPROVE TAC 2025-2026 RENEWAL NOTICE AND BENEFIT
CONFIRMATION FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION, LIFE, RETIREE COVERAGE,
WAITING PERIOD AND COBRA ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY
JUDGE TO SIGN.**

Motion by Lee, seconded by Webb. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "J" attached

ITEM NO. 12

ORDER TO ADOPT THE 2026 MARION COUNTY BUDGET.

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Lee. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

No exhibit

ITEM NO. 13

ORDER TO APPROVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAXES BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF .5358775 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 3.43 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE. OUR GENERAL FUND RATE .4544015 OUR ROAD & BRIDGE RATE .0814760 FOR A TOTAL 2025 RATE OF .5358775. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.17 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATLEY \$0.00.

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Pattison. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

No exhibit

ITEM NO. 14

ORDER TO RATIFY THAT THE ADOPTED 2026 BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S PROPERTY TAXES BY \$251,928.00 WHICH IS 5.65% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET AND THAT \$110.710.00 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Webb. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "K" attached

ITEM NO. 15

**ORDER TO APPROVE AUTO LIABILITY, AUTO PHYSICAL DAMAGE, AND
GENERAL LIABILITY RENEWAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DECEMBER 2025 –
DECEMBER 2026 THROUGH TAC RISK MANAGEMENT POOL, AUTHORIZING
COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN.**

Motion by Pattison, seconded by Ashley. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "L" attached

ITEM NO. 16

**ORDER TO APPROVE INTELICHOICE, DBA EFORCE SOFTWARE PRODUCT
LICENSE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT #692-
23 AT A COST OF \$173,616.07 AUTHORIZING OUR SHERIFF, DAVID CAPPS, TO
SIGN.**

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Pattison. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "M" attached

ITEM NO. 17

**ORDER TO APPROVE AMENDMENT OF SPECIAL DISTRICT TAX FUND FOR
PURCHASE OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SOFTWARE EFORCE.**

Motion by Lee, seconded by Webb. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "N" attached

ITEM NO. 18

**ROD ABBOTT, CPA PLLC TO PRESENT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

No Action

See Exhibit "O" attached
See folder

ITEM NO. 19

**ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PER 551.071 REGARDING NATION
PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION MDL NO 2804.**

Entered into at 9:45 a.m.

Came out at 9:51 a.m.

No Action Taken

ITEM NO. 20

**ORDER TO APPROVE AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN EXHIBIT K
SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FROM FOR THE NATIONAL
OPIOID SETTLEMENT WITH PURDUE-SACKLERS IN THE MATTER OF
NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION MDL NO. 2804.**

Motion by Lee, seconded by Ashley. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "P" attached

ITEM NO. 21

**ORDER TO APPROVE MIMS VFD BUILDING LEASE DACW63-1-13-0842 WITH THE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE FRIENDS OF LAKE O' THE PINES IN
THE AFFIRMATIVE.**

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Lee. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "Q" attached

ITEM NO. 22

**ORDER TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THE BURN BAN IN PLACE AND GIVE THE
COUNTY JUDGE THE AUTHORITY TO LIFT IT AS NEEDED AT THE TIME.**

Motion by Lee, seconded by Pattison. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "R" attached

ITEM NO. 23

**ORDER TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH AND TO BE
SIGNED BY OUR COUNTY JUDGE.**

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Lee. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

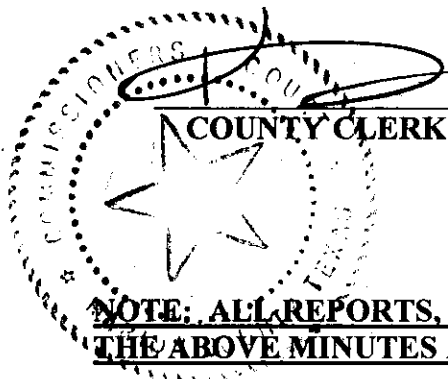
See Exhibit "S" attached

ORDER TO ADJOURN

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Lee. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

**There being no further business brought to the attention of the Commissioners' Court,
it is ordered that the Commissioners' Court of Marion County, Texas, adjourn and
stand adjourned until the next Regular Session, unless and until called together in
Special Session before that time**

I attest to the accuracy of
the foregoing minutes.




COUNTY JUDGE

**NOTE: ALL REPORTS, LETTERS OR OTHER ATTACHMENTS MENTIONED IN
THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**