



Lubbock County, TX Commissioners Court Regular Meeting

December 23, 2024

9:30 AM

904 Broadway, Lubbock County Courthouse, 5th Floor

BE IT REMEMBERED that on 12/23/2024 at 9:33 AM there was held a Work Session of the Lubbock County Commissioners' Court in and for the County of Lubbock, the following members present:

Present: County Judge Curtis Parrish
 Commissioner Precinct 2 Jason Corley
 Commissioner Precinct 3 Gilbert Flores
 Commissioner Precinct 4 Jordan Rackler

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terence Kovar

- 1.00 9:30 am-10:00 am -A work session will be held regarding the American Rescue Plan Act prior to the Regular Commissioners Court meeting.

At this time, 9:50 AM, 12/23/2024, the Work Session of the Commissioner's Court was adjourned.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on 12/23/2024 at 10:02 AM there was held a Regular Meeting of the Lubbock County Commissioners' Court in and for the County of Lubbock, the following members present:

Present: County Judge Curtis Parrish
 Commissioner Precinct 1 Terence Kovar
 Commissioner Precinct 2 Jason Corley
 Commissioner Precinct 3 Gilbert Flores
 Commissioner Precinct 4 Jordan Rackler

Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Curtis Parrish.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No member of the public addressed the court.

- 2.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve the Minutes from Regular Commissioner's Court dated December 09, 2024.

Upon a motion by Jason Corley, seconded by Jordan Rackler, the court unanimously voted to approve the Minutes from Regular Commissioner's Court dated December 09, 2024. As presented by Kelly Pinion.

- 3.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action regarding the Auditor and Financial Matters: Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments.

Upon a motion by Jason Corley, seconded by Gilbert Flores, the court unanimously voted to approve the Auditor and Financial Matters: Budget Transfers of \$2,450,043.00 and Budget Amendments of \$0.00. As presented by Kathy Williams.

- 4.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to Authorize Payment of Claims: General Accounts (Pooled Cash).

Upon a motion by Gilbert Flores, seconded by Terence Kovar, the court unanimously voted to Authorize Payment of Claims: General Accounts (Pooled Cash) of \$7,447,000.25. As presented by Kathy Williams.

- 5.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to authorize the County Judge to sign an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Agreement for the Rehabilitation of McMillan Dam with the Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District Number 1.

Upon a motion by Curtis Parrish, seconded by Jason Corley, the court unanimously voted to authorize the County Judge to sign an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Agreement for the Rehabilitation of McMillan Dam for \$7,267,920.21 and any p o from revenue replacement not attainable will be obligated to the Medical Examiners building. As presented by Kathy Williams.



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CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 6-12)

Upon a motion by Gilbert Flores, seconded by Jordan Rackler, the court unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

- 6.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve the reappointment of Mary Mitchell, Clemmie Payne, and Bettye Wilson to serve on the Lubbock County General Assistance Advisory Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2026.
- 7.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action for approval of a Possession and Use Agreement with Jessie Marie Flores for Parcel 199, in the amount of \$1,000.00 in support of the Woodrow Road Project, Phase 2.
- 8.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action for approval of a Possession and Use Agreement with Joshua Barrett, Gabriella Barrett, Damian Barrett, and Sarah Barrett for Parcel 194, in the amount of \$1,000.00 in support of the Woodrow Road Project, Phase 2.
- 9.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve utility permit application #24-066 A-C and authorize the County Judge to sign a resolution to allow Xcel Energy to install an overhead distribution power line crossing CR 3600 approximately 835 feet north of US Highway 84 and continuing north along the west side of CR 3600 for 4512 feet in Precinct 2.
- 10.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to allow the use of the FY 2025 JP 3 Technology Fund to pay for communication data plan provided by AT&T used by Frank Gutierrez.
- 11.00 Discuss and consider the acceptance of continuing education for Ronnie Keister, Tax-Assessor Collector from the year 2024.
- 12.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to authorize the County Judge to sign to sign the fourth lease renewal with Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation for office space at 916 Main Street, Suite 900, Lubbock, Texas.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 13.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to authorize the County Judge to sign an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Housing of Lubbock County Inmate with Winkler County.

Upon a motion by Jordan Rackler, seconded by Jason Corley, the court unanimously voted to authorize the County Judge to sign an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Housing of Lubbock County Inmate with Winkler County. As presented by Dan Corbin.

- 14.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with eHawk, Inc. for smartphone monitoring services for the Juvenile Justice Center.

Upon a motion by Jordan Rackler, seconded by Jason Corley, the court unanimously voted to authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with eHawk, Inc. for smartphone monitoring services for the Juvenile Justice Center. As presented by Mande Reeves for William Carter.

- 15.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to authorize the County Judge to sign a Client Agreement with Information Discovery Services, LLC for consumer reports and/or investigative consumer reports.

Upon a motion by Jason Corley, seconded by Jordan Rackler, the court unanimously voted to authorize the County Judge to sign a Client Agreement with Information Discovery Services, LLC for consumer reports and/or investigative consumer reports. As presented by Ronnie Keister.



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16.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action on Form FSA-338 "Request for Obligation of Funds" for FY 2025 USDA Certified Mediation Program Grant.

Upon a motion by Jordan Rackler, seconded by Gilbert Flores, the court unanimously voted to approve Form FSA-338 "Request for Obligation of Funds" for FY 2025 USDA Certified Mediation Program Grant. As presented by Gene Valentini.

17.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve a startup fund balance of \$500.00 to offset the convenience fees for the Lubbock County community center reservation system.

Upon a motion by Jordan Rackler, seconded by Gilbert Flores, the court unanimously voted to approve a startup fund balance of \$500.00 to offset the convenience fees for the Lubbock County community center reservation system. As presented by Kathy Williams.

18.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to close the Parks Pct 2 bank account ending in 9860 due to the new Lubbock County community center reservation system.

Upon a motion by Jason Corley, seconded by Jordan Rackler, the court unanimously voted to close the Parks Pct 2 bank account ending in 9860 due to the new Lubbock County community center reservation system. As presented by Kathy Williams.

19.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to adopt a resolution in support of the creation of a statutory probate court for Lubbock County.

Upon a motion by Terence Kovar, seconded by Gilbert Flores, the court voted to adopt a resolution in support of the creation of a statutory probate court for Lubbock County. As presented by Judge Curtis Parrish.

Aye: Curtis Parrish, Terence Kovar, and Gilbert Flores

Nay: Jason Corley, and Jordan Rackler

20.00 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve amendments to the Lubbock County Policy & Regulations regarding Game Rooms and consider effective dates.

Upon a motion by Jordan Rackler, seconded by Terence Kovar, the court unanimously voted to amend Item 20 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve amendment #1 to the Lubbock County Policy & Regulations regarding Game Rooms.

Game Room Ordinance Proposed Amendments

Amendment # ONE

1.4(d)

"Employee" means a person who, whether or not for compensation:

- 1) operates a cash register, cash drawer, or other depository on the premises of a game room or of a business where the money earned or the records of credit card transactions or other credit transactions generated in any manner by the operation of a game room or activities conducted in a game room are kept;
- 2) displays, delivers, or provides to a customer of a game room, merchandise, goods, entertainment, or other services offered on the premises of a game room;
- 3) takes orders from a customer of a game room for merchandise, goods, entertainment, or other services offered on the premises of a game room;
- 4) acts as a door attendant to regulate entry of customers or other persons into a game room; or
- 5) supervises or manages other persons at a game room in the performance of an activity listed in this subsection.



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Upon a motion by Jordan Rackler, seconded by Jason Corley, the court unanimously voted to amend Item 20 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve amendment #2 to the Lubbock County Policy & Regulations regarding Game Rooms.

Amendment # TWO

1.4(f)

"Game room" means a for-profit business located in a building or place that contains in any combination, one six or more amusement redemption machines or electronic, electromechanical, or mechanical contrivances that, for consideration, afford a player the opportunity to obtain a prize or thing of value, the award of which is determined solely or partially by chance, regardless of whether the contrivance is designed, made, or adopted solely for bona fide amusement purposes, but does not include a video arcade facility.

Upon a motion by Jordan Rackler, seconded by Terence Kovar, the court unanimously voted to amend Item 20 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve amendment #3 to the Lubbock County Policy & Regulations regarding Game Rooms.

Amendment # THREE

2.2(d)(1)

An applicant has been previously convicted of a class B misdemeanor or higher criminal offense;

Upon a motion by Jason Corley, seconded by Jordan Rackler, the court unanimously voted to amend Item 20 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve amendment #4 to the Lubbock County Policy & Regulations regarding Game Rooms.

Amendment # FOUR

2.2(e)(4)

The game room employee is convicted of a class B misdemeanor, or higher criminal offense;

Upon a motion by Jordan Rackler, seconded by Jason Corley, the court unanimously voted to amend Item 20 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve amendment #5 to the Lubbock County Policy & Regulations regarding Game Rooms.

Amendment # FIVE

4.2 Special provision provisions for currently existing game rooms

(a) A game room that was not in continuous operation since March 1, 2025 shall not operate during the pendency of the application and until the game room application is approved and the permit issued. A game room that has been in continuous operation since March 1, 2025 is permitted to continue operating during the pendency of the application as long as the application is filed on or before May 1, 2025.

(b) Any person who continues with the operation of a game room without complying with this requirement shall be in violation of this Ordinance and shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$10,000.00 per violation, with each day a violation occurs or continues to occur being considered a separate violation, payable to the Permit Office.

Upon a motion by Jordan Rackler, seconded by Jason Corley, the court unanimously voted to amend Item 20 Discuss, consider and/or take action to approve amendment #6 to the Lubbock County Policy & Regulations regarding Game Rooms.

Amendment # SIX

4.4 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective May 1, 2025.



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- 21.00 Report on the status of County Road Projects, Department Staffing, Training and Safety, unpaved and paved road maintenance, signs, parks, and fleet management report.

NOTICE

- 22.00 A quorum of the Commissioners Court may attend the following events: The Lubbock County Expo Center Local Government Corporation Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 12:00pm at 1500 Broadway, 5th Floor (LEDA Conference Room) Lubbock, Texas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

As authorized by the Texas Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Lubbock County, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters, including but not limited to any of the matters listed above, as they may relate to Texas Government Code § 551.071(1) (Consultation with Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers); Texas Government Code § 551.071(2) (Consultation with Attorney when the Attorney's obligations under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code); Texas Government Code § 551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property); Texas Government Code § 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations); Texas Government Code § 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Texas Government Code § 551.0745 (Personnel Matters Affecting a County Advisory Body); Texas Government Code § 551.076 (Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits); and Texas Government Code § 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations).

No Executive session held.

At this time, 11:02 AM, 12/23/2024, the Regular Meeting of the Commissioner's Court was adjourned.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THIS DAY 1/27/2025

Presiding Officer: _____ County Clerk: _____