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COMMISSIONERS

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Brandon Meier
Precinct Two

Scotty Schilling
Precinct Three

Dan Cockrell
Precinct Four

FILED
AT 4:30 O'CLOCK PM

JUL 29 2026

Christy Dyer
COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK
LIPSOMB COUNTY, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF LIPSCOMB COUNTY, TEXAS, WILL BE HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE ON **WEDNESDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.** AND THE FOLLOWING AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED:

- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) OPENING PRAYER
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 5) CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
- 6) CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL CLAIMS AND READABLES FOR THE COUNTY
- 7) CONSIDER THE DMV'S OPTIONAL FEES FOR 2027
- 8) BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2026/2027 BUDGET YEAR
- 9) CONSIDER BURN BAN
- 10) APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT OH ELECTRIC LINE, CO RD E & CO RD 24, NORTH PLAINS ELECTRIC
- 11) APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT OH ELECTRIC LINE, HWY 23 & LOCUST GROVE RD, NORTH PLAINS ELECTRIC
- 12) UPDATE ON COUNTY ROADS
- 13) CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.071 TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE COUNTY'S ATTORNEY ABOUT PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR AS REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS RELATED TO CAUSE NO. 2-25-cv-78-Z-BR, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS.
EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS,
A. Pursuant to the authority granted under government code chapter 555.074.
- 14) RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
- 15) MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN
- 16) REVIEW OF PERSONNEL CHANGES
- 17) ADJOURN

IT IS CERTIFIED BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT THIS NOTICE IS BEING POSTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, A PLACE CONVENIENT TO THE PUBLIC, IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE MEETING.

EXECUTED THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 2026.

Dori Roots
COUNTY JUDGE

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COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES FOR AUGUST 5TH 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 5Th day of August 2026, the Commissioners' Court of Lipscomb County, Texas convened for their regular session at 09:00 A.M. at the regular meeting place of the court at the courthouse in Lipscomb, Texas opening the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and invocation given by, Juan Cantu Commissioner of Precinct #1 with the following members present:

Dori Roots, County Judge; Juan Cantu Commissioner of Precinct 1, Brandon Meier Commissioner of Precinct 2; Scotty Schilling Commissioner of Precinct #3; Dan Cockrell Commissioner of Precinct #4; Kimberly Long, County Treasurer; Chrissy Dunn, County Clerk.

Also present: Nancy Shepherd Justice of the Peace; Ben Eggleston, Sheriff; Raelene Copeland Tax Assessor Collector; J.R. Sprague, Extension Agent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None currently.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 07/13/2026:

Motioned: Scotty Schilling

Seconded: Dan Cockrell

The vote carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL CLAIMS AND READABLES FOR THE COUNTY:Readables 08/05/2026

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Terri Kitchens	\$1,890.00	Third quarterly payment
Rylee Humbert	\$35.72	Travel for PCT invoices & Bank run, Treas.
Raelene Copeland	\$627.00	Mileage for rounds, Tax
Follett Food Market	\$136.76	Jail groceries, SO
Schaefer Services	\$100.00	Renewed Radio License for PCT's
Cira	\$248.42	Adobe for CC & Treas.
Miller Supply	\$41.37	repair PCT 2
Elan Financial	\$401.67	Uniforms, SO
LGS	\$1,346.00	Software, CC
Fronk oil	\$4,529.48	Fuel, PCT 3
Wholesale Fuels	\$3,634.80	Fuel, PCT 1
Fronk oil	\$88.88	Fuel Tickets, (PCT 2 Cardlock)
Fronk oil	\$308.39	Fuel Tickets, (SO Cardlock)
Laubhan Trailer Repair	\$2,474.49	P4 trailer decking
Wood Flying Inc-Ranger Aviation	\$250.00	P3 Roundup Spray
TOTAL:	\$16,112.98	

Motioned: Dan Cockrell

Seconded: Juan Cantu

The vote carried unanimously.

CONSIDER THE DMV OPTIONAL FEES FOR 2027:

Motion was made to leave the DMV fee's the same, with no change for 2027

Motioned: Brandon Meier

Seconded: Juan Cantu

The vote carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE 2026/2027 BUDGET YEAR:

The Commissioners Court reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year budget and agreed to adopt the voter-approval tax rate without making any budget reductions. The adopted rates consist of a General Fund tax rate of **\$0.8000** and a Road and Bridge tax rate of **\$0.3172**, for a combined total tax rate of **\$1.1172**.

The County Judge reviewed each elected official's budget utilizing the adopted tax rate.

The County Judge's budget increased by **\$4,000.00** due to the required increase in the County Judge's bond. Funding was also retained for the Secretary position.

The County Clerk's budget decreased by slightly more than **\$400.00**. The Elections budget was reduced to **\$25,000.00**.

The District Court budget increased to accommodate a **7% salary increase** for the 31st District Court Coordinator. The Bailiff's salary remained unchanged, while the Court Reporter's salary increased to **\$38,000.00**.

The Justice of the Peace budget remained unchanged.

The County Treasurer's budget increased, with the Deputy Treasurer's salary set at **\$46,590.60**, bringing it in line with deputy salaries in other county departments.

The County Tax Assessor-Collector's budget included no salary increases. Office supply expenditures were reduced, travel was reduced to **\$6,000.00**, and funding for new equipment was also decreased.

The Courthouse budget will continue funding both one full-time and one part-time maintenance position. Funding for agricultural buildings was reduced by **\$3,000.00**. Although the Courthouse budget exceeded expenditures during the current fiscal year due to unforeseen expenses, the proposed budget reflects an overall reduction of approximately **\$50,000.00**.

Funding for the County's six volunteer fire departments will remain at **\$15,000.00 per department**, for a total allocation of **\$90,000.00**.

The Pauper Care, Commodities, Inmate Care, Sheriff's Office, and Cemetery budgets will remain unchanged. No funding was included for county libraries. The Parks budget was set at **\$2,000.00**, and the Extension Office budget increased by **\$2,000.00**.

The proposed General Fund budget reflects an estimated surplus of approximately **\$147,000.00**.

Road and Bridge precinct budgets will remain substantially unchanged.

The proposed budget also includes a salary increase for the Lipscomb County Appraisal District. No salary increases were included for County employees.

CONSIDER BURN BAN:

Burn ban will remain on for 90 days

Motioned: Brandon Meier

Seconded: Dan Cockrell

The vote carried unanimously.

**APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT OH ELECTRIC LINE, AT
CRE & CR 24, NORTH PLAINS ELECTRIC:**

Motioned: Scotty Schilling

Seconded: Brandon Meier

The vote carried unanimously.

**APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT OH ELECTRIC LINE, AT
HWY 23 & LOCUST GROVE RD, NORTH PLAINS ELECTRIC:**

Motioned: Juan Cantu

Seconded: Dan Cockrell

The vote carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON COUNTY ROADS:

County roads were discussed.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN AT 9:13 A.M.

ACCORDANCE WITH TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.071 TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY ABOUT PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR AS REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS RELATED TO CAUSE NO. 2-25-CV-78-Z-BR, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS,

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Motioned: Dan Cockrell

Seconded: Juan Cantu

The vote carried unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 10:24 A.M.:

No action taken.

Motioned: Juan Cantu

Seconded: Brandon Meier

The vote carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON COUNTY ROADS:

County roads were discussed.

MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN:

Raelene advised that the State will be installing Star-link internet in her office for the DMV system.

REVIEW OF PERSONNEL CHANGES:

Juan Cantu advised the Court that Trenton Swenn is no longer employed by Lipscomb County in Precinct No. 1. He further reported that Dustin Harrison will be out of work for approximately six weeks and that Mark Schoenhals is currently working part-time in Precinct No. 1.

Brandon Meier advised the Court that Arba Word is no longer employed in Precinct No. 2 and has transferred to Precinct No. 4.

County Clerk Chrissy Dunn advised the Court that Tiffany Blau has returned to work in the County Clerk's Office.

It was also reported that Jayden Watson is no longer employed with the Lipscomb County Sheriff's Office.

**MEETING ADJORNED AT 11:55 A.M. WITH THE NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT
SCHEDULED FOR 10th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Motioned: Juan Cantu
Seconded: Brandon Meier

The vote carried unanimously.

COUNTY CLERK

X Christy Dunn

The foregoing minutes approved this 5th day of August, 2026.