

REGULAR SESSION MEETING JANUARY 13, 2026

Be it remembered on the 13th day of January at 10:01 o'clock A.M., there was Begun and Holden a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner's Court in the Courthouse, in the town of Farwell, with the following members present, To-wit:

Isabel 'Izzy' Carrasco	Judge
Kirk Frye	Commissioner Pct. #1
Charles Wilkins	Commissioner Pct. #2
Kenny White	Commissioner Pct. #3
Casey Russell	Commissioner Pct. #4
Sharon May	County Treasurer
Susie Spring	County Clerk

Also Present:

Eric Geske, Sheriff
Amy Dudley
Michael Hogan, County Liaison Officer, TDEM
Alex Chandler, Invenergy

When the following was had and done, To-wit:

Call to Order

1. Prayer

Commissioner Frye led the Court in prayer to begin the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag

The Court pledged their allegiance to the flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

3. Open Forum for Public Comments

Michael Hogan introduced himself and stated that he would be working with Parmer County in the area of Emergency Management.

Alex Chandler gave a brief update on Lazbuddie I and II wind project. He stated that Lazbuddie I was still on track for an August 2026 on line date. He said Lazbuddie II is in the construction planning phase with an approximate on line start date in 2027. He also advised that there has been a shipping delay in receiving the blades for the towers.

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 23, 2025, by Commissioner Frye, seconded by Commissioner Russell, the motion passed by a majority vote.

5. Consider Approval and Payment of Accounts Payable-Sharon May

Sharon May reported the Accounts Payable List for 2025 invoices, for December 31, 2025 and January 5th and 13th, 2026. She then reported the invoices for 2026 for January 2nd, 5th and 13th. Motion by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins to approve Payment of the Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried by majority vote. See attached.

6. Consider Treasurer's Payroll Report-Sharon May

Commissioner Russell made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for December 31, 2025, Commissioner Frye seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

7. Consider and Discuss Resolution Supporting Legislation to Exempt Texas Counties from the State Hotel Occupancy Tax

Counties across Texas are signing this resolution in the hopes of changing the tax law through legislation next year. Federal agencies and state government officials and employees are exempt from this tax under Texas law. This resolution aims to add County officials and employees to the exemption list.

Upon a motion from Commissioner Frye to approve this resolution, seconded by Commissioner White, the motion passed unanimously. See attached.

8. Consider and Discuss Agreement with Quadient (postage meter rental)

Sharon May, Treasurer, explained our contract had expired and we needed a new one to continue with this company. She has been working to get a five year contract with yearly renewal. Quadient wants a five year renewal. They are working on an acceptable contract for us. She has yet to receive that.

Judge Carrasco made a motion to table this issue until a contract is received. Commissioner Wilkins seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote.

9. Consider and Discuss New Program from Secretary of State in reference to Election Ballot 2026

Judge Carrasco requested a report from Jessica White, Election Administrator, in light of the news across the state that the Primary ballots were delayed. In her absence she wrote a report to the Court. See attached.

Susie Spring, County Clerk, discussed the issues with Mass Mail out of voter registration cards, ballot printing and other on-going issues with the new TEAM2 software. This software roll-out was begun in July and on-going issues continue to plague election officials.

No action was taken by the Court as this was simply an update to keep the Court informed of the issues.

10. Consider and Discuss Matters Concerning the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center

- A. Mutual Aid Agreement for Complex Emergency Response and Investigation Planning
- B. Jail Roster

Sheriff Geske presented a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety. This agreement will be signed with all law enforcement first responders in Parmer County. The agreement is to formalize what is already a reality of other agencies responding when any one agency needs additional help in an emergency. This is to be compliant with the new HB 33 that passed in the last legislative session.

Upon a motion by Judge Carrasco to approve the agreement with a second from Commissioner White, the motion passed by majority vote.

The Sheriff reported 29 inmates housed in the Parmer County Jail. 10 are from Lamb County, 3 are from Floyd County and 16 are Parmer County inmates.

The Sheriff had no other matters to discuss.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:15 o'clock AM.

Suzie Spain
County Clerk



Chad Carter
County Judge