

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MAY 12, 2026

Be it remembered on the 12th day of May 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
Awyna Sanchez, Tax Assessor-Collector
Orlando Espinoza, Higginbotham
Ernesto Martinez, Higginbotham
Wendy Carthel, Friona EDC
Andra Rea, Panhandle Community Service

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

No one present had comments.

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Upon a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 28, 2026, by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Judge Carrasco, 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 invoices for April 29th May 4th and 12th 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 Frye made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Payroll Report for April 30, 2026, Commissioner Russell seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. See attached.

7. Discuss Higginbotham Public Sector Insurance

Orlando Espinoza and Ernesto Martinez informed the Court of the Higginbotham group as Benefit Advisors who are involved in Municipal, ISD and County employee insurance programs. They explained that the County could join their cooperative and receive lower insurance rates due to a larger pool of employees. Under discussion was dental, vision, life and cancer insurance. They are also available for medical insurance but acknowledged the county was with TAC BC/BS at present. They stated they could look at additional insurance products for the county while the county maintains medical with TAC.

8. Discuss Panhandle Community Services

Andra Rea informed the court of the various services the Panhandle Community Services offer. Each year Parmer County has contributed \$3,000 dollars to the program. They are asking for \$3,300 this year.

This money is dedicated to the residents of Parmer County only. This past year, Judge Carrasco authorized funding for a Hygiene Closet to provide for Parmer County resident in need. Discussion was had on holding another drive during the summer.

9. Discuss Open Records Requests and Procedures

Judge Carrasco informed the Commissioners of an OPI request that the County Clerk received. The request was in response to a wreck on a county road. The attorney's requested maintenance logs, work orders, dates of repairs and barricade installation dates, etc.

The Judge reminded the Commissioners that appropriate records should be kept in case any incidents occur.

10. Consider and Discuss 2025 Budget Line Item Amendments/Closing

Judge Carrasco said the line items are not yet completed. He made a motion to table the issue till the next meeting. Commissioner Russell, seconded and the motion passed by majority vote.

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

A. Jail Roster

The Sheriff reported 30 inmates housed in the Parmer County Jail. 9 are from Lamb County, 1 is from Floyd County and 20 are Parmer County inmates.

With no further business to come before the Court, Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Russell seconded and adjournment was called at 11:46 o'clock AM.

Susie Sprang
County Clerk



Isabel Carrasco
County Judge Isabel Carrasco