

**Minutes of the Clay County Commissioners' Court**  
held in **Henrietta, Texas, County of Clay** on **September 28, 2026**

[\*\*AUDIO\*\*](#)  
[\*\*AGENDA\*\*](#)

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Be it known that a Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court was begun and holden on the above date, with the following members of said court present to-wit:

Ben Pharries, Precinct 1 Commissioner  
Jack Pickett, Precinct 2 Commissioner  
Retta Collins, Precinct 3 Commissioner  
Chase Broussard, Precinct 4 Commissioner  
Mike Campbell, County Judge  
Sasha Kelton, County Clerk

Guests: Matt Kelton, Pct. 4 Commissioner-elect, Jim Koulovatos- CCMH CEO, Gary & Heather Martin, Deborah Bachman- Clay Co. Leader, Danja Bloodworth- Co. Treasurer, Laura Lee Brock- Co. Auditor, Marianne Bowles- Dist. Clerk, Chris Matthews- Pct. 2 Commissioner-elect, Danny McClain, Becky Mataska- Co. Judge's office, Patti Jackson- TAC, Lanny Evans- JP

Court was opened at 9:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge and prayer led by Judge Campbell. The following orders were had to-wit:

The following rock bids were opened September 23, 2026:

[\*\*Big City Crushed Concrete\*\*](#)

[\*\*Zack Burkett Co.\*\*](#)

[\*\*Hall Brothers Inc.\*\*](#)

[\*\*P & K Stone\*\*](#)

[\*\*Cacy Rater\*\*](#) (haul bid)

[\*\*JR Thompson Inc.\*\*](#)

**Order No. 1**

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court accept rock bids:

Pct. 1- P & K Stone, all others as alternate

Pct. 2- P & K Stone, all others as alternate

Pct. 3- Zack Burkett, all others as alternate

Pct. 4- P & K Stone, all others as alternate

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 2**

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court accept haul bid from Cacy Rater.

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 3**

Motion made by Commissioner Pharries and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve minutes of previous meetings.

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 4**

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Pharries and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve line item budget [\*\*amendments\*\*](#).

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 5**

Motion made by Commissioner Pickett and seconded by Commissioner Collins and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve payment of CCMH [bills](#).

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 6**

Motion made by Commissioner Pharrries and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve CCMH [payroll](#).

Approved by general consent.

**Agenda Item no. 8-** Update from Judge Campbell, re: CCMH Board meeting: Outpatient clinic, discussed bill collections, received grants, will hold joint meeting with Commissioners' Court Oct. 22 at 6 pm, heard report from Newberry on census, total cash on hand, ambulance calls report, CCMH board intends to move forward with establishing hospital district

**Order No. 7**

Motion made by Commissioner Pickett and seconded by Commissioner Collins and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve accounts and reports relating to the finances of the county, audit and settle accounts, and direct [payments](#).

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 8**

Motion made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court declare maintainer as surplus.

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 9**

Motion made by Commissioner Pharrries and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court acknowledge reports of [comp](#)-time and [PTO](#) balances.

Approved by general consent.

**Agenda Item no. 17-** Updates from Judge Campbell, No action taken:

- Commissioner Collins spoke regarding litter buckets for use for VFD's, upcoming fundraisers for area VFD's
- CCPR held last weekend
- Imagination Library garage sale in October
- Annual Commissioners' conference in Wilbarger County, Nov. 5
- Burn ban- expiring Oct. 13, rain expected this week
- Upcoming TCEQ meeting Re: Lake Ringgold Project

**Order No. 10**

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve departmental reports (it appears there were none to be approved, as they were approved earlier in September).

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 11**

Motion made by Commissioner Pharries and seconded by Commissioner Broussard and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve county treasurer's [report](#).

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 12**

Motion made by Commissioner Pharries and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve county auditor's [report](#).

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 13**

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve Western Surety [Bond](#) & Oath of Clay County Auditor, Laura Lee Brock.

Approved by general consent.

**Agenda Item no. 23-** Discussion of courthouse renovation and grant, Commissioner Pickett spoke regarding ceiling fan installation in District Courtroom

**Order No. 14**

Motion made by Commissioner Pickett and seconded by Commissioner Pharries and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve purchase and installation of three ceiling fans for courthouse District courtroom, with costs not to exceed \$1,000.

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 15**

Motion made by Commissioner Pharries and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve [Order](#) of Appointment for Early Voting Clerks, Early Voting Ballot Board, and Central Count Station for Nov. 3, 2026 General Election.

Approved by general consent.

**Order No. 16**

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Pharries and so ordered by the Court that the Court adopt FY2027 [Budget](#).

Ayes: 4

Noes: 1 \* *Commissioner Broussard opposed*

**Order No. 17**

Motion made by Commissioner Pickett and seconded by Commissioner Collins and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve increase of tax rate by adoption of a tax rate of .585400, which is effectively a 1.40% increase of the tax rate. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$688,779, which is 8.99% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$84,949,780.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 1 \* *Commissioner Broussard opposed*

**Order No. 18**

Motion made by Commissioner Pharries and seconded by Commissioner Pickett and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve [Order](#) Setting 2027 Property Tax Rate.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

**Order No. 19**

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Pharries and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve FY2027 Budget [Certificate](#).

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



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