



## MINUTES

### TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Minutes of Commissioners Court, Special Term, SPECIAL-CALLED Meeting  
Thursday, August 10, 2023

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All items have been so ordered. Official documents on file with the County Clerk.

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On Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 9:00 A.M., the Honorable Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, Texas met for Special Term, SPECIAL-CALLED Meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Courthouse in the City of Fort Worth.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Commissioners' Court Clerk having called roll and a quorum being present, Tim O'Hare, County Judge, called the meeting to order with members present:

County Judge - Tim O'Hare	Presiding
Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks	Present
Commissioner - Precinct 2 Alisa Simmons	Present
Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes	Present
Commissioner - Precinct 4 Manny Ramirez	Present

and County Clerk Mary Louise Nicholson, represented by her duly appointed Deputy April Hanks, when the following orders were made:

Invocation was led by Chaplain Frank Liedkie, Tarrant County.
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Public Speaker George Dodson wanted to thank the Judge and Commissioners for their hard work of significantly reducing the budget and allowing citizens to keep their hard earned money.

## II. WORK SESSION

### A. Discussion and Action Concerning Tarrant County's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

The Commissioners Court will consider requests from all county, district and state departments, as well as private organizations, which are requesting County funding for FY 2024. These requests may include salaries, benefits and other personnel issues, departmental operational expenses, travel expenses, educational expenses, professional services, precinct road operations, road maintenance operations, capital expenditures and other budgetary requests.

#### BUDGET PRESENTATION

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

##### Sheriff

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Sheriff which includes Sheriff Administration, Sheriff Employee Resource, Sheriff Warrants, Sheriff Communications, Sheriff Investigations, Sheriff Patrol, Sheriff Courts/Security and Sheriff Confinement

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

##### Constables

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 - Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks to Approve Constable Precinct 1 Fiscal Year 2024 Budget as presented by staff

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the following:  
Constable Precinct 2, Constable Precinct 3, Constable Precinct 4, Constable Precinct 5, Constable Precinct 6, Constable Precinct 7, and Constable Precinct 8

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**Medical Examiner**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Medical Examiner

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**Fire Marshal**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Fire Marshal

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**Community Supervision**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding- County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Community Supervision

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**Juvenile Services**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding- County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Juvenile Services and Juvenile Detention

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**JUDICIAL****Civil Courts**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding- County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for 17<sup>th</sup> District Court

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget as presented for the following:  
48<sup>th</sup> District Court, 67<sup>th</sup> District Court, 96<sup>th</sup> District Court, 141<sup>st</sup> District Court, 153<sup>rd</sup> District Court, 236<sup>th</sup> District Court, 342<sup>nd</sup> District Court, 348<sup>th</sup> District Court, and 352<sup>nd</sup> District Court

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**Criminal District Courts**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the following:  
Criminal District Court No. 1, Criminal District Court No. 2, Criminal District Court No. 3, Criminal District Court No. 4, 213th District Court, 297th District Court, 371st District Court, 372nd District Court, 396th District Court, 432nd District Court, and 485th District Court

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**Magistrate Court**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Magistrate Court

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**Family District Courts**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding – County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for 233rd District Court, 322nd District Court, 323rd District Court, and 360th District Court.

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 - Manny Ramirez to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget as presented for the following:  
231<sup>st</sup> District Court, 324<sup>th</sup> District Court, and 325<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**Special Judges**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding- County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Special Judges

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

**Criminal Courts Administration**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Criminal Court Administration

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Grand Jury

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Grand Jury

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Criminal Attorney Appointment

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Criminal Attorney Appointment

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Criminal Mental Health Courts

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Criminal Mental Health

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

County Courts at Law

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for County Court at Law No. 1

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget as presented for County Court at Law No. 2 and County Court at Law No. 3

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

County Criminal Courts

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the following:  
County Criminal Court No. 1, County Criminal Court No. 2, County Criminal Court No. 3, County Criminal Court No. 4, County Criminal Court No. 5, County Criminal Court No. 6, County Criminal Court No. 7, County Criminal Court No. 8, County Criminal Court No. 9, and County Criminal Court No. 10.

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Probate Courts

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Probate Court No. 1 and Probate Court No. 2

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Justice of the Peace

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Justice of Peace Precinct No. 2, Justice of Peace Precinct No. 4, Justice of Peace Precinct No. 5, Justice of Peace Precinct No. 7, and Justice of Peace Precinct No. 8

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 3 - Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 - Alisa Simmons to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and restore the five Judge days for Justice of Peace Precinct No. 1, Justice of Peace Precinct No. 3, and Justice of Peace Precinct No. 6

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Criminal District Attorney

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 - Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget with adjustments to the following:  
Criminal District Attorney Administration, Criminal District Attorney Civil, Criminal District Attorney Criminal and Criminal District Attorney Investigation

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

District Clerk

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for District Clerk

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

County Clerk

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for County Clerk which includes County Clerk Administration, County Clerk Accounting, County Clerk Passports, County Clerk Vital Record, County Clerk Real Property, County Clerk Criminal and County Clerk Civil

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Domestic Relations

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for DRO Administration, DRO Child Support, DRO Family Court Services, DRO Supervision, and DRO Legal Support Services.

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Jury Services

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Jury Services

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Courts / Judiciary

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Courts/Judiciary

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Public Health

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Public Health and Public Health Building

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Resource Connection

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Resource Connection and RC Non-Departmental

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Human Services

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Human Services

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Child Protective Services

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 - Gary Fickes to Approve Fiscal 2024 Budget for Child Protective Services with adjustments made.

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Public Assistance

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Public Assistance

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Texas AgriLife Extension

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Texas AgriLife Extension

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Veterans Service

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Veterans Service

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Historical Commission/Archives

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Historical Commission/Archives

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

ADMINISTRATION

County Judge

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for County Judge

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

County Administrator

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for County Administrator

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Non-Departmental (General Fund)

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Non-Departmental (General Fund)

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Non-Departmental (Road and Bridges)

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Debt Service

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Debt Services

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

County Auditor

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for County Auditor

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Budget/Risk Management

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Budget and Risk Management

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Tax Assessor/Collector

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Tax Administration, Tax Motor Vehicle and Tax Ad Valorem

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Elections

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Elections

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Information Technology

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for IT Administration, IT Network Ops/Comms, IT Project Management Office, IT Records Management, IT Security, IT Security Delivery, IT App Dev & Support, IT DistMgmt/Bus Cont, and IT SAP/ERP

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Human Resources

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Human Resources

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Purchasing

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Purchasing

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Facilities

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Facilities Administration, Facilities Mail Room Ops, Facilities Construction Services, Facilities Graphics, Facilities Recycle Center, and Buildings

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road & Bridge

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Precinct 1 General, Precinct 1 Garage, and Precinct 1 Maintenance

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Road & Bridge

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Precinct 2 General, Precinct 2 Garage, and Precinct 2 Maintenance

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Road & Bridge

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Precinct 3 General, Precinct 3 Garage, and Precinct 3 Maintenance

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Road & Bridge

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Precinct 4 General, Precinct 4 Garage, and Precinct 4 Maintenance

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Transportation

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Right-of-Way, Transportation, Central Garage, and Sign Shop

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Budget Hearing Court Order No. 141429

### III. ADJOURNMENT

Court Order No. 141430

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 - Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Charles Brooks to Approve Adjournment

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Commissioners Court Budget Hearing was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tim O'Hare, County Judge**

**SUBMITTED BY:** **Mary Louise Nicholson, County Clerk**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**April Hanks, Deputy**