

KIMBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
CALLED MEETING – JULY 23, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

The Honorable Commissioners Court met on the above date and time in the meeting room of the Kimble County Judge's Office, 105 North 7th Street, Junction, TX 76849. The following minutes were taken with regard to that meeting and are reflected below as accurately and to the best of my ability below:

COURT PRESENT:

Commissioner Precinct 1 Brayden Schulze
Commissioner Precinct 2 Kelly Simon
Commissioner Precinct 3 Dennis Dunagan
Commissioner Precinct 4 Chad Gipson
County Judge Hal A. Rose
County/District Clerk Karen E. Page

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Sheriff Matt Suttle (absent)
Justice of the Peace Josh Cantrell (absent)
Treasurer Billie Stewart
County Attorney Andrew Heap (absent)

VISITORS: SEE ATTACHED LIST (If Applicable)

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to order.

County Judge Hal Rose called the meeting to order at 8:04AM

2. Convene meeting and establish quorum.

- a. Quorum was established
- b. Invocation – none
- c. Pledge – none

3. Public comment.

- a. None

4. Presentation of Chad Gipson the newly appointed commissioner for Precinct 4; consideration, discussion and possible action regarding the bond for commissioner for Precinct 4.

Motion to approve new bond for Chad Gipson made by Commissioner Schulze, second by Commissioner Simon, all present in favor, motion carries (bond on file with Clerk)

5. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding 452nd Judicial District Attorney Tonya Ahlschwede presentation of commendation to County law enforcement officers.

Motion to approve and recognize the District Attorney's oral resolution to commend County law enforcement officers for acts on October 13, 2022 made by Commissioner Schulze, second by Commissioner Gipson, all present in favor, motion carries

6. Consideration, discussion and possible action on continuing disaster declaration for Kimble County related to the July 2025 flooding incident.

Motion to continue Disaster Declaration signed July 4, 2025 made by Commissioner Schulze, second by Commissioner Dunagan, all present in favor, motion carries (on file with Clerk)

7. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to a Request for Proposal being issued for debris removal related to the July 2025 flooding incident.

Judge Rose gave update on flood assistance, still collecting damage reports, advised Sate law allows no RFP's while disaster declaration is in place to find qualified bids for debris removal, with that said, Judge Rose requested a motion for the authorization to finalize/ issue RFP/RFQ for qualified debris removal services for final review by the Commissioners made by Commissioner Simon, second by Commissioner Dunagan, motion called 3 to 1 with Commissioner Schulze opposed (also see Commissioner Minutes from July 8, 2025)

8. Budget Workshop: Consideration, discussion and possible action on the Kimble County budget for 2026 including departmental budget requests.

Commissioners reviewed varies requested changes from museum, library, County Park Supervisor, Clerk's office and the 452nd District Attorney's office who asked for a 10% increase across the board (some requests attached for review), Judge Rose suggested a grant writer position be created if budget allowed, no actions were taken, budget workshop will continue July 28, 2025 @ 8am

9. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Schulze, second by Commissioner Dunagan, all present in favor, motion carries at 12:21pm

There being no further business, Court adjourned this 23rd day of July, 2025

/S/ HAL A ROSE

Hal A. Rose, Kimble County Judge

Attest: /S/ KAREN E. PAGE

Karen E. Page, County Clerk

*Unless indicated, not all documents for agenda items discussed are provided for record.

Attachments provided will be scanned in with the final draft of the minutes. Originals are kept on file at the Clerk's Office*


KIMBLE COUNTY CALLED COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Kimble County Commissioners Court will convene in the Meeting Room of the Kimble County Judge's Office, 105 North 7th Street, Junction, Texas 76849, at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2025

FIRST AMENDED AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Convene meeting and establish quorum.
3. Public comments.
4. Presentation of Chad Gipson the newly appointed commissioner for Precinct 4; consideration, discussion and possible action regarding the bond for commissioner for Precinct 4.
5. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding 452nd Judicial District Attorney Tonya Ahlschwede presentation of commendation to County law enforcement officers.
6. Consideration, discussion and possible action on continuing disaster declaration for Kimble County related to the July 2025 flooding incident.
7. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to a Request for Proposal being issued for debris removal related to the July 2025 flooding incident.
8. Budget Workshop: Consideration, discussion and possible action on the Kimble County budget for 2026 including departmental budget requests.
9. Adjournment.

This notice is given and posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Title 5, Chapters 551 and 552, Texas Government Code.


Hal A. Rose, County Judge

Filed July 18, 25
at 2:22 o'clock P.M.
Karen E. Page
Karen E. Page, County Clerk, Kimble County, Texas
By Carolyn W Hopkins Deputy
CAROLYN W HOPKINS


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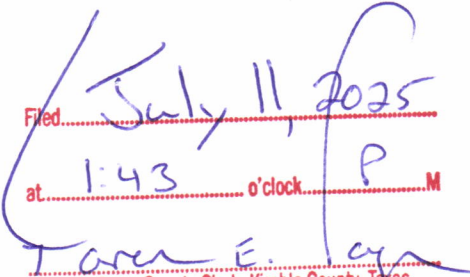
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Hal A. Rose, County Judge


Filed July 11, 2025
at 1:43 o'clock P M
Karen E. Page, County Clerk, Kimble County, Texas

COMMISSIONER'S COURT
CALLED MEETING 7/22/2025

VISITORS PLEASE SIGN IN

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TONYA SPAETH AHLSCHEDE

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY RECOGNIZES
LIVESAVING HEROISM OF TROOPER JUSTIN DERR**

Hon. Tonya Ahlschwede, 452nd District Attorney, recognizes Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Justin Derr for his heroic lifesaving efforts as a first responder in Kimble County. In the early morning hours of October 13, 2022, Trooper Derr was on duty near Rocksprings, Texas, in Edwards County when he received a BOLO (Be On the Lookout) alert for a vehicle suspected of human smuggling. After attempting to stop the subject vehicle near Rocksprings, the driver evaded arrest and drove north on U.S. Highway 377, sometimes at speeds of 90 mph, for more than half an hour.

The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Ruben Sandoval of Austin, Texas, attempted a curve at a high rate of speed and flipped the vehicle upside down into the South Llano River at the First Crossing about 11 miles south of Junction. Trooper Derr, without regard for his personal safety, immediately entered the river and attempted to rescue the occupants trapped inside. One of the occupants was killed during the incident. Trooper Derr worked tirelessly to remove the four surviving occupants; the doors and windows of the pickup truck, partially submerged and upside down, did not function because of the crash.

Trooper Derr was subsequently joined by other law enforcement and first responders, including Matt Suttle with the Kimble County Sheriff's Office and Rupert Pena with the Junction Police Department. With the assistance of others and after too many minutes of excruciating attempts, Trooper Derr and Sheriff Suttle were able to eventually break submerged windows and slowly guide each occupant underwater to safety. During this rescue, Trooper Derr repeatedly submerged himself in cold, dark waters to locate occupants and remove them from the crashed vehicle. In all, two women and two men (including the driver, Sandoval) were rescued from drowning.

Trooper Derr's selfless actions, performed without hesitation for his own safety or any determination of the possible criminality or dangerousness of those trapped and injured by the crash, saved lives. His conduct reflects not just the extensive training and respect for life touted

by the Texas Department of Public Safety, but also the valued instincts, character and determination that we all appreciate in law enforcement and first responders. Trooper Derr's willingness to put himself in harm's way, in a cold, dark river miles from civilization, attests to the fact that Kimble County is guarded and protected by heroes. He deserves recognition for his efforts.

With the assistance of Trooper Derr and many others, District Attorney Tonya Ahlschwede and her office successfully prosecuted the driver, Mr. Sandoval, on multiple accounts for numerous felony charges, including human smuggling causing death. He was convicted by a Kimble County jury and subsequently sentenced to serve 99 years (on the charge of human smuggling causing death) in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice—Institutional Division.

Respectfully,

Tonya Spaeth Ahlschwede
District Attorney
452nd District Attorney's Office

**KIMBLE COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning on July 4, 2025, Kimble County suffered and is continuing to suffer widespread or severe damage, injury and/or loss of life or property resulting from severe flooding from weather events occurring beginning on July 4, 2025 and then again on July 12, 2025, that brought severe rain and flooding and that continues under Section 418.108(A) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, due these circumstances, the County Judge issued a disaster declaration on July 4, 2025 related to the initial flooding event and such declaration has expired; and

WHEREAS, due to the first and second flooding events, it is clear that our County is facing a continuing serious threat from these flooding and weather events; and

WHEREAS, the Kimble County Commissioners Court has determined that extending and continuing the County Judge's initial disaster declaration and extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people in the county;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF KIMBLE COUNTY THAT:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Kimble County pursuant to 418.108(B) of the Texas Government Code and the County Judge's initial disaster declaration is continued.
2. Pursuant to 418.108(C) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed with the County Clerk of Kimble County.
3. Pursuant to 418.108(D) of the Government Code, this Declaration of the local state of disaster is declared to protect citizens, property, livestock, and other essential needs.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately from this date of issuance.

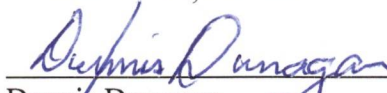
ORDERED THIS THE 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2025.



Hal A. Rose
County Judge



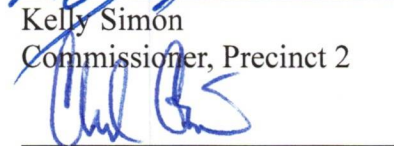
Brayden Schulze
Commissioner, Precinct 1



Dennis Dunagan
Commissioner, Precinct 3

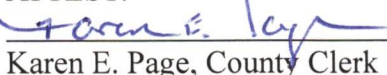


Kelly Simon
Commissioner, Precinct 2



Chad Gipson
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:



Karen E. Page, County Clerk



KIMBLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
2026 Budget			
Revenue			
Tourism Board		3,600	
Gift Shop		1,500	
Memorials/Donations		2,000	
Total Revenue		7,100	
Expenses			
Utilities			
City water, sewer, trash		-2,500	
PEC (avg \$500 month)		-6,100	
HCTC (\$275 month)		-3,300	
Maintenance			
Johnson Pest Control (\$75 month)		-900	
HVAC (\$500 qtr + 1 unit)		-5,000	
Skelton-Fire		-3,500	
Sandy Dilts (\$300 month)		-3,600	
Office Supplies			
Copier/ink (\$120/mth)		-1,440	✓
Paper (3 cases/\$50 each)		-150	✓
Cleaning Supplies		-500	✓
Postage		-100	✓
Office Supplies		-100	✓
Repairs/supplies			
Labor and supplies		-500	✓
Miscellaneous			
Wix - Domain Name and Web		-700	✓
Gift Shop (books)		-500	✓
Advertising		-3,000	
Facebook, Hil Country Happenings			
Tourism/Hunters Guide, Maps			
Events		-10,000	
Chamber Dues		-50	
Software			
Inventory Software		-2,000	
Cemetery		-1,000	
Web Site			
Upgrades/build		-3,000	
Total Expenses		-47,940	

Request For Full Time Employee

JULY 2, 2025

I would like to request another full-time employee for the County Park. Currently I have a part time employee which has definitely helped. However, the work load is growing and some changes over the past several years have impacted my ability to keep up.

As you all know, we're responsible for much more than just the County Park. We mow and spray:

- The Kimble County Airport
- The Kimble County Courthouse (soon enough)
- The lot beside The Kimble CAD
- The Annex
- The Kimble County Museum
- The Kimble County Coke Stevenson Center
- The Yard and Office at 1674
- The American Legion property

We are often called to help the Sheriffs office with projects such as :
Hauling off trash, trimming trees, pulling vehicles out of the impound for auctions, and spraying for weeds on occasion.

Every property represented above calls me to help with many various duties and when it is possible, we try to be there for them.

From March to October, mowing the various County properties becomes a priority. When pulled away to help with all the other maintenance and honey dos from other departments; I find myself playing catch up and neglecting one property to try to cover another. Since my separation from the Sheriffs office, I no longer have a jailers license and I no longer have access to three or four inmates to provide free labor.

When Bill Davis was Airport manager, he maintained the mowing around the FBO, the parking lot, and the fuel tanks. He also sprayed glyphosate around the runway lights, papi lights, and hangers. However, since his passing no Airport manager has picked these duties back up and we are expected to cover these duties (on top of the week it takes us to mow the rest of that property).

This takes a week of my time to try to maintain. As long as we don't have heavy sustained rainfall, it's almost possible to keep up with it; but as you know we have been blessed with good rainfall this year so I have chosen to prioritize around the runway lights and runway itself for the time being. As you know the runway and taxi way were closed for repair and some much needed attention. Between the rainfall and repairs to the runway, the grass got ahead of me and went to seed. At this stage, the grass is so tall that the seed clogs my radiator and my machine runs hot. It's also a much slower process because it is so thick.

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Having just one more person on equipment (that I currently have sitting) would buy me days here alone.

Currently, when equipment is broke down, we are only able to accomplish half the work , but if I had one more hand, I could line them out and send them to work while playing mechanic when necessary. Besides three riding mowers, I'm still using the same equipment I started with in 2008. Almost all of my equipment is twenty years old. When things are all going well, we can get a lot done but, this old equipment needs more attention these days.

Another employee will also help as we set up the new shop, maintain equipment, and especially with lifting and moving heavy things.

I have one employee currently that understands how things work, has good working knowledge of the equipment we use and basic maintenance skills to repair the common issues we face. In my absence (should I go on vacation or an emergency arise) he is able to fill in for me and keep things progressing.

I am looking to hire a full time employee (laborer) at \$12 an hour. The yearly salary would come out to : **\$36,593.52 according to the treasurers office and that includes insurance / retirement, and taxes.**

The qualifications for this employee will be:

a person with the strength and stamina to run chainsaws, weed-eat, and the strength to help me lift things such as: furniture, load bricks or rocks, load downed trees, pick up sacks of concrete, and heavy metal.

When no one else will (or can for whatever unforeseen circumstances) do a job we are the crew who ends up making it happen . This employee just makes it easier to cover for others while maintaining our regular workload.

As stated earlier, I have an extra mower, weed-eater, hedge-trimmer, and possibly another tractor after the first of the year. I can keep this new employee as busy as yall have been keeping me. This is what I'm hurting for right now and I hope you can see the justification for this request and will consider letting me bring one more person on board.

KIMBLE COUNTY PARK SUPERVISOR

Jerry Wallace

Library 2026 Budget Request

INCOME		
FUND #	FUND NAME	BUDGET
3200	Copy Machine	\$6,000.00
3201	Laminating	\$150.00
3202	ILL Postage	\$100.00
3205	Fax	\$500.00
3206	Memorials	\$800.00
3207	City of Junction	\$5,400.00
3216	Library Board	\$600.00
3674	Book Sales	\$100.00
3693	Donation	\$5,000.00
3699	Miscellaneous	\$250.00
Total		\$18,900.00

EXPENSE		
FUND #	FUND NAME	BUDGET
4104	Digital Media	\$6,250.00
4201	Office Supplies	\$3,500.00
4202	Janitorial Supplies	\$3,000.00
4204	Books & Periodicals	\$12,000.00
4223	Internet	\$600.00
4229	Postage	\$350.00
4236	Advertising	\$400.00
4243	Staff Expense	\$1,000.00
4304	Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000.00
4305	Copier Maintenance	\$2,000.00
4306	Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00
4399	Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
4402	Software	\$3,000.00
4410	Friends	\$5,000.00
4411	Yarbrough	\$0.00
4417	Library Board	\$600.00
4470	Memorials	\$800.00
4509	Bowen Teeple	\$0.00
4683	Childrens Program	\$4,500.00
Total		\$50,000.00

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\$40,000.00

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KIMBLE COUNTY
2026 Budget
Dept : 0403
COUNTY CLERK
Fund : (1000) GENERAL FUND

Line	Description	Spent 2023	Spent 2024	Orig Budget 2025	Amend Budget 2025	Spent 06/30/2025	Request 2026
4001	FULL TIME.....	121,055.13	133,230.31	178,072.58	178,072.58	76,820.60	_____
4002	PART TIME.....	0.00	1,419.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
4003	TEMP/SEASONAL.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
4005	OVERTIME.....	1,086.58	2,991.63	0.00	0.00	29.64	_____
4047	SAFETY INCENTIVE.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
4050	PAYROLL TAXES - COUNTY MATCH..	9,343.75	10,941.40	13,622.55	13,622.55	5,465.73	_____
4054	RETIREMENT - COUNTY CONTRIBUTI	11,579.35	13,043.65	16,614.17	16,614.17	7,262.45	_____
4060	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE - CO	14,023.82	23,631.18	23,381.37	23,381.37	11,661.82	_____
Total PERSONAL SERVICES		157,088.63	185,257.49	231,690.67	231,690.67	101,240.24	_____

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KIMBLE COUNTY
2026 Budget
Dept : 0403
COUNTY CLERK
Fund : (1000) GENERAL FUND

Line	Description	Spent 2023	Spent 2024	Orig Budget 2025	Amend Budget 2025	Spent 06/30/2025	Request 2026
Section 2: SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE							
4101	OFFICE SUPPLIES.....	8,679.32	7,921.70	9,200.00	9,200.00	3,607.36	_____
Total SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE		8,679.32	7,921.70	9,200.00	9,200.00	3,607.36	_____
Section 3: OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES							
4220	TELEPHONE & FAX - LAND LINE...	2,872.27	4,122.96	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,611.21	_____
4235	ADVERTISING / PUBLICATIONS....	20,406.30	2,506.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	<u>6,900.00</u>
4245	DUES / MEMBERSHIPS / SUBSCRIPT	175.00	15.00	200.00	200.00	50.00	_____
4246	CONFERENCES, TRAINING, ETC....	1,523.02	520.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	721.40	<u>2,000.00</u>
4402	SOFTWARE (SAAS) & SUPPORT AGRM	4,125.00	276.42	0.00	0.00	13,082.50	_____
Total OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		29,101.59	7,440.38	6,400.00	6,400.00	16,465.11	_____
Dept 0403 Total Budget		194,869.54	200,619.57	247,290.67	247,290.67	121,312.71	_____

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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KIMBLE COUNTY
2026 Budget
Dept : 0490
ELECTIONS
Fund : (1000) GENERAL FUND

Line	Description	Spent 2023	Spent 2024	Orig Budget 2025	Amend Budget 2025	Spent 06/30/2025	Request 2026
4001	FULL TIME.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
4002	PART TIME.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
4003	TEMP/SEASONAL.....	2,829.00	5,826.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	399.00	_____
4005	OVERTIME.....	0.00	310.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
4050	PAYROLL TAXES - COUNTY MATCH..	216.45	301.93	1,338.75	1,338.75	30.53	_____
Total PERSONAL SERVICES		3,045.45	6,438.43	18,838.75	18,838.75	429.53	_____

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KIMBLE COUNTY
2026 Budget
Dept : 0490
ELECTIONS
Fund : (1000) GENERAL FUND

Line	Description	Spent 2023	Spent 2024	Orig Budget 2025	Amend Budget 2025	Spent 06/30/2025	Request 2026
Section 2: SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE							
4108	ELECTION SUPPLIES.....	14,564.33	9,311.24	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	<u>20,500</u>
4109	HAVA/ELECTION EXP.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
4110	MAINTENANCE-ELECTION.....	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	<u>500</u>
Total SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE		14,564.33	9,311.24	23,500.00	23,500.00	0.00	_____
Dept 0490 Total Budget		17,609.78	15,749.67	42,338.75	42,338.75	429.53	_____

Signature

Date

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Date

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+ moving \$500.- from 4108 to 4235