

Stephen Parrish
County Commissioner Pct. #1

Carl Wiseman
County Commissioner Pct. #2



Carl Cannon
County Commissioner Pct. #3

David Pohorelsky
County Commissioner Pct. #4

CLARK OSBORNE
Madison County Judge
103 West Trinity, Suite 113

**NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, TEXAS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026, AT 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNTY COURTROOM OF THE MADISON COUNTY ANNEX**

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call the Meeting to Order

County Clerk – Adrian Lawson

3. Review and/or correct minutes of the commissioners' court regular meeting held on January 13, 2026
 - a) Report

Collections Report

4. Approve Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court
5. Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney
6. Approve Collection Reports for District Clerk

Treasurer – Judi Delesandri

7. Approve paying County bills
8. Approve bills paid since last court day – January 13, 2026
9. Approve Treasurer's report
10. Approve personnel changes

Auditor – Susan Pugh

11. Auditor's Report
12. Budget Amendments

Departmental Reports

13. Historical Commission
14. Designated Representative Monthly Report – Tom McWhorter
15. Tax Assessor/Collector Monthly Report – Karen Lane, Tax A/C
16. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts
17. County Extension Agent Monthly Report – Allen Homann/Bethany Janner
18. Veterans Affairs-Erica Greene/Gordon Plumlee
19. Election Administrator – Bobbie Duke

20. Justice of the Peace – Steve Cole/Jon Stevens

21. Sheriff's Office – Bobby Adams

22. Madison County Library – Veronica Landmann

a) Report

23. Constable – Charles Turner/Aaron Campbell

24. District Attorney – Courtney Cain

25. County Commissioners Report

26. Judge's Report – Clark Osborne

27. **Public Comment**

Hear Comments in reference to the following Agenda Items Only - time limit 3 minutes, one person at a time will be called from the Public Participation Forms submitted. Move to the front of the Court and stand at the podium.

28. Presentations

29. Action Items

- a) Discuss and take action on Resolution to Support Hotel Occupancy Tax Exemption for Texas Counties
- b) Discuss and take action on Appointment of Advisory Members - Madison County Historical Commission
- c) Discuss and take action on a recommendation by the Madison County Historical Commission to Rename the Annex Multi-Purpose Room in Honor of Mr. Ross Garrett
- d) Discuss and take action on Agreement and Funding of i3Verticals' iTicket Program for JP Offices
- e) Discuss and take action on a Resolution to submit an application for the FY27 Victim Assistance Coordinator Grant to the Office of the Governor
- f) Discuss and take action on Approving Bid Advertisement for Construction Services for GLO Contract 24-065-114-E927, Flood and Drainage Improvements
- g) Discuss and take action on Reappointment of Karen Wilkerson as Board of Trustees Member of Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Brazos Valley
- h) Discuss and accept the Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley October 2025 Report Update
- i) Discuss and accept Constable Pct. 1 Racial Profiling Report
- j) Discuss and take action on Applying for Rural Ambulance Grant and Authorizing Judge Osborne to sign all necessary documents
- k) Discuss and take action on updating the Madison County Special Road Use Indemnity Agreement and Permit

30. **Public Comment**

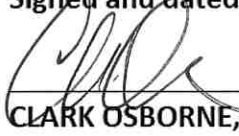
No discussion or action will be taken at this time by the court. 3 minute time limit per speaker. One person at a time will be called from the Public Participation Forms

submitted. Move to the front of the Court and stand at the podium. Please address your comments to your commissioner.

31. Adjourn

Certification:

Signed and dated January 21, 2026.


CLARK OSBORNE, COUNTY JUDGE

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the agenda for the above-named Commissioners' Court is a true and correct copy, and that I posted this copy on the 21st day of January, 2026 at 3:12 PM on the bulletin board and all doors of the Madison County Courthouse, in Madisonville, Texas. This notice remained posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of the meeting.

Signed and dated 21st day of January, 2026


Adrian Lawson, County Clerk





Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF MADISON COUNTY, TEXAS

The Madison County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the 13th day of January 2026, 9:30 a.m., at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, County Courtroom, 103 W. Trinity Street, Suite 106, Madisonville, Texas with the following members:

Clark Osborne	County Judge	Present
Stephen Parrish	Commissioner, Precinct 1	Present
Carl Wiseman	Commissioner, Precinct 2	Present
Carl Cannon	Commissioner, Precinct 3	Present
David Pohorelsky	Commissioner, Precinct 4	Present

1. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance
 - Invocation – Commissioner Parrish
 - Pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags – Judge Osborne
2. Call Regular Meeting to Order
 - Meeting was called to order at 9:31 A.M.

COUNTY CLERK – ADRIAN LAWSON

3. Review and/or correct minutes of the commissioners' court regular meeting held on December 23, 2025.
 - a) AgendaNo corrections needed.

COLLECTION REPORTS

4. Approve Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court.

Reports submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.
5. Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney.

No report submitted.
6. Approve Collection Report for District Clerk.

No report submitted.

Treasurer – Judi Delesandri

7. Approve paying County bills.
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve paying County bills, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.
8. Approve bills paid since last court date – December 23, 2025.
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve bills paid since last court date December 23, 2025, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.
9. Approve Treasurer's Report.
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Treasurer's Report, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.
10. Approve personnel changes.
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the personnel changes, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Auditor – Susan Pugh

11. Auditor's Report
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Auditor's Report, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.
12. Budget Amendments.
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Parrish gave a second Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve Budget Amendments and Line-Item Transfers, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Departmental Reports

13. Historical Commission
No report submitted.
14. Designated Representative Monthly Report – Tom McWhorter
No reports submitted. Tom stated that for the month of December they processed four septic permits for a total of \$1,600.00.
15. Tax Assessor/Collector Monthly Report – Karen Lane, TAC
 - a) Reports
Report submitted, see attached.
16. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts

- a) Reports
Report submitted, see attached.
17. County Extension Agent Monthly Report-Allen Homann/Ty Jordan
No report submitted.
18. Veterans Affairs - Erica Greene/Gordon Plumlee
a) Report
Report submitted, see attached.
19. Elections Administrator-Bobbie Duke
No report submitted. Bobbie Duke spoke about a mass mail out and preparation for Primary Election.
20. Justice of the Peace – Steve Cole/Jon Stevens
a) JP1 Report
b) JP2 Report
Report submitted, see attached.
21. Sheriff's Office – Bobby Adams
a) Report
Report submitted, see attached.
22. Madison County Library – Veronica Landmann
No reports submitted.
23. Constable – Charles Turner/Aaron Campbell
Reports submitted, see attached.
24. District Attorney – Courtney Cain
No report submitted. Courtney Cain spoke about a jury trial, and court statistics.
25. County Commissioners Report
Pct. 1 – Commissioner Parrish
No report submitted. Commissioner Parrish stated general maintenance.
Pct. 2 – Commissioner Wiseman
No report submitted. Commissioner Wiseman stated grading roads and general maintenance.
Pct. 3 – Commissioner Cannon
No report submitted. Commissioner Cannon stated maintenance.
Pct. 4 – Commissioner Pohorelsky
No report submitted. Commissioner Pohorelsky stated maintenance and grading roads.
26. Judge's Report – Clark Osborne
No report submitted. Judge Osborne spoke about rain fall, the retaining wall at the courthouse, no burn ban, Highway 21 widening, battery centers by Energy Vault, Leon County Data Centers, and a Subregional Planning Committee.
27. **Public Comment**
Hear Comments in reference to the following Agenda Items Only – time limit 3 minutes, one person at a time will be called from the Public Participation Forms submitted. Move to the front of the Court and stand at the podium.
- No Public Participation form submitted to the Clerk of Court.
 - Aaron Campbell received a certificate from Criminal Justice Information Services Security and Privacy Training for successfully completing the Security and Privacy: Security Role.

- Aaron Campbell received a certificate of completion as a certified operator for TASER Energy Weapons.

28. Presentations

29. Action Items

- a) Discuss and take action on clarification regarding Deputy pay increases approved May 2025.

- i) Request

Curtis Klinge, Judge Osborne, and Susan Pugh provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to take no action; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to take no other action besides the explanation provided on clarification regarding Deputy pay increases approved May 2025, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Discuss and take action on the Joint Resolution with the Democratic and Republican Parties of Madison County for the March Primary 2026 Election, and possibly the Primary Runoff in May 2026.

Bobbie Duke, and Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Joint Resolution with the Democratic and Republican Parties of Madison County for the March Primary 2026 Election, and possibly the Primary Runoff in May 2026, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Discuss and take action on accepting bid received for the collection and disposal of rural containerized residential solid waste from all county precincts for Madison County, for the contract period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2027.

Susan Pugh provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to reject; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to not accept bid received for the collection and disposal of rural containerized residential solid waste from all county precincts for Madison County, for the contract period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2027, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- d) Discuss and take action on approving and signing the US Bank Agreement for county credit cards for Madison County.

Susan Pugh and Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Judge Osborne made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve and sign the US Bank Agreement for county credit cards for Madison County, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- e) Discuss and take action on phone line quotes for Madison County.

- i) Quote

Susan Pugh, Donna Cuevas, Shelly Butts, and Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Judge Osborne made a motion to approve; Commissioner Cannon gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve Advantage phone line quote for Madison County, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- f) Discuss and take action on signing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department County Boat Agent Agreement.

Karen Lane provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve signing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department County Boat Agent Agreement, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- g) Discuss and take action on the HOT Funds Application from the City of Madisonville, for the 2026 MudBug Music Festival.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the HOT Funds Application from the City of Madisonville, for the 2026 MudBug Music Festival, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- h) Review and accept Constable Pct. 2 Racial Profiling Report.

Charles Turner provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to accept; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to accept Constable Pct. 2 Racial Profiling Report, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

30. Public Comment

No discussion or action will be taken at this time by the Court. A three (3) minute limit per speaker. One person at a time will be called from the Public Participation Forms submitted. Move to the front of the Court and stand at the podium. Please address your comments to your commissioner.

- No Public Participation form submitted to the Clerk of Court.
 - Justin Marsh made a comment about the solid waste bid.

31. Adjourn

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to adjourn, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 10:25 A.M.

I, Adrian Lawson, Madison County Clerk, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for January 13, 2026.

Signed this 21st day of January 2026.



Adrian Lawson, County Clerk
Commissioners' Court
Madison County, Texas



Commissioners Court
January 26, 2026

MADISON COUNTY LIBRARY
REPORT: OCT.-DEC. 2025

Patrons Served: 1,733
Computer and WiFi Usage: 840
Computer Aid/Training: 36 people for 7 hours, 43 minutes
Local History Materials Usage: 83
Reference Questions: 83
Storytime: Children-26, Adults-25
E-Books/E-Audio: 343/39

Book Circulation: 2,571
Non-Book Circulation: 1,125
Total Circulation: 3,696 (with digital: 4,078)

Financial Report 10/01/25-12/31/25

DATE	FEES & FINES	GIFTS	TOTAL
10/06/25	\$365.35		\$365.35
10/24/25	\$270.05	\$75.00	\$345.05
11/17/25	\$266.95		\$266.95
12/12/25	\$393.65		\$393.65
TOTALS	\$1,296.00	\$75.00	\$1,371.00

Newspaper Digitization Project:

1,979 issues of the Meteor have been uploaded (955 more since October) to the Portal to Texas History website, covering 8 decades. They have been viewed/used 5,109 times since November of 2024.

Submitted by: Veronica Landmann
Veronica Landmann, Library Director

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MADISON

Resolution Supporting Legislation to Exempt Texas Counties from the State Hotel Occupancy Tax

WHEREAS, Texas Counties are the functional arm of state government and are responsible for the operation and management of numerous state programs as required or authorized by state law; and

WHEREAS, Texas Counties provide essential state services to constituents at the local level, many of which are fully or partially supported with funds disbursed by the State of Texas through the state appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, Texas Counties are required by state law to provide for the continuing education and professional development of county officials and employees, often requiring travel and overnight stays that are subject to the State of Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas currently exempts from the Hotel Occupancy Tax several entities, including federal agencies, state government officials and employees, and certain charitable, educational, and religious organizations, but does not exempt county governments, their officials, or employees; and

WHEREAS, when counties, as political subdivisions of the State, pay the State Hotel Occupancy Tax from revenues generated through local property taxes, it results in an inefficient practice known as “**tax churn**,” in which one taxing entity collects taxes from another taxing entity, ultimately increasing the financial burden on local property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, exempting Texas Counties from the State Hotel Occupancy Tax would reduce this inefficiency, improve governmental accountability, and help alleviate the impact of rising local property taxes on Texas citizens; and

WHEREAS, the exemption would further align counties with other government and nonprofit entities already recognized under state law as exempt from this tax, ensuring consistent and equitable tax treatment across all public entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Commissioners Court does hereby find that it is in the best interest of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor the passage of legislation that exempts counties, their officials, and employees from paying the State of Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax when traveling on official county business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Texas Legislature representing Madison County and to the Texas Association of Counties for distribution and advocacy in support of this legislation.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Madison County Commissioners Court on this the

_____ day of _____, _____.

County Judge

Commissioner Steve Parrish, Precinct 1

Commissioner Carl Wiseman, Precinct 2

Commissioner Carl Cannon, Precinct 3

Commissioner David Pohorelsky, Precinct 4

Madison County Historical Commission



103 W. Trinity, #113
Madisonville, Texas 77864
Chairperson: Laura Ann Cannon
email: laura.cannon@madisonchc.com

January 21, 2026

Honorable Members of the Madison County Commissioners Court
Madison County Courthouse
Madisonville, Texas

RE: Appointment of Advisory Member – Madison County Historical Commission

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Madison County Historical Commission, we respectfully request the appointment of Frieda Michael as an Advisory Member of the Commission.

Mrs. Michael will be filling the position previously held by Kenneth Knight, who died a few months ago. She is Knight's sister, is familiar with his records, and that last will make her a strong asset to our work. We will probably need to add a couple more when we figure out who.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your approval of Mrs. Knight's appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Ann Cannon
Chair
Madison County Historical Commission

Madison County Historical Commission



103 W. Trinity, #113
Madisonville, Texas 77864
Chairperson: Laura Ann Cannon
email: wyona.ballard@madisonchc.com

January 20, 2026

Honorable Members of the Madison County Commissioners Court
Madison County Courthouse Annex
Madisonville, Texas

Subject: Request to Name the County Multi-Purpose Room in Honor of Mr. Ross Garrett

Dear Commissioners and Judge Osborne,

The Madison County Historical Commission respectfully submits this request that the County's Multi-Purpose Room be formally named in honor of Mr. Ross Garrett, whose lifelong service and profound influence helped shape the civic, educational, and moral character of Madison County.

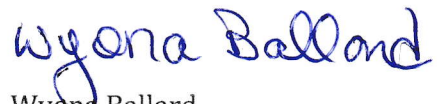
Mr. Garrett, a decorated World War II veteran and former prisoner of war, exemplified courage, perseverance, and humility. As a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps, he endured years of captivity under harsh conditions in a Japanese POW camp, surviving through faith and leadership that would guide his life in the decades that followed. Upon returning home, Mr. Garrett dedicated himself to public service—first as an educator and later as County Extension Agent for Madison County from 1953 until his retirement. Through that role, he touched countless lives, guiding farmers, families, and especially young people through programs that built both skill and character.

His impact reached far beyond his professional duties. Generations of Madison County youth remember Mr. Garrett not only as a teacher, mentor, and neighbor but as a living example of resilience and quiet heroism. His life story—rooted in sacrifice, community spirit, and faith—represents the very best of what our county strives to honor and preserve.

It is therefore fitting that the County's Multi-Purpose Room, a space where citizens continue to learn, gather, and grow together, bear the name of Ross Garrett. Such a designation would serve as a lasting tribute to his legacy and a daily reminder of the strength, humility, and service that define the Madison County spirit.

We thank the Commissioners Court for considering this recommendation and stand ready to assist in any historical documentation, ceremony, or interpretive display that may accompany the naming.

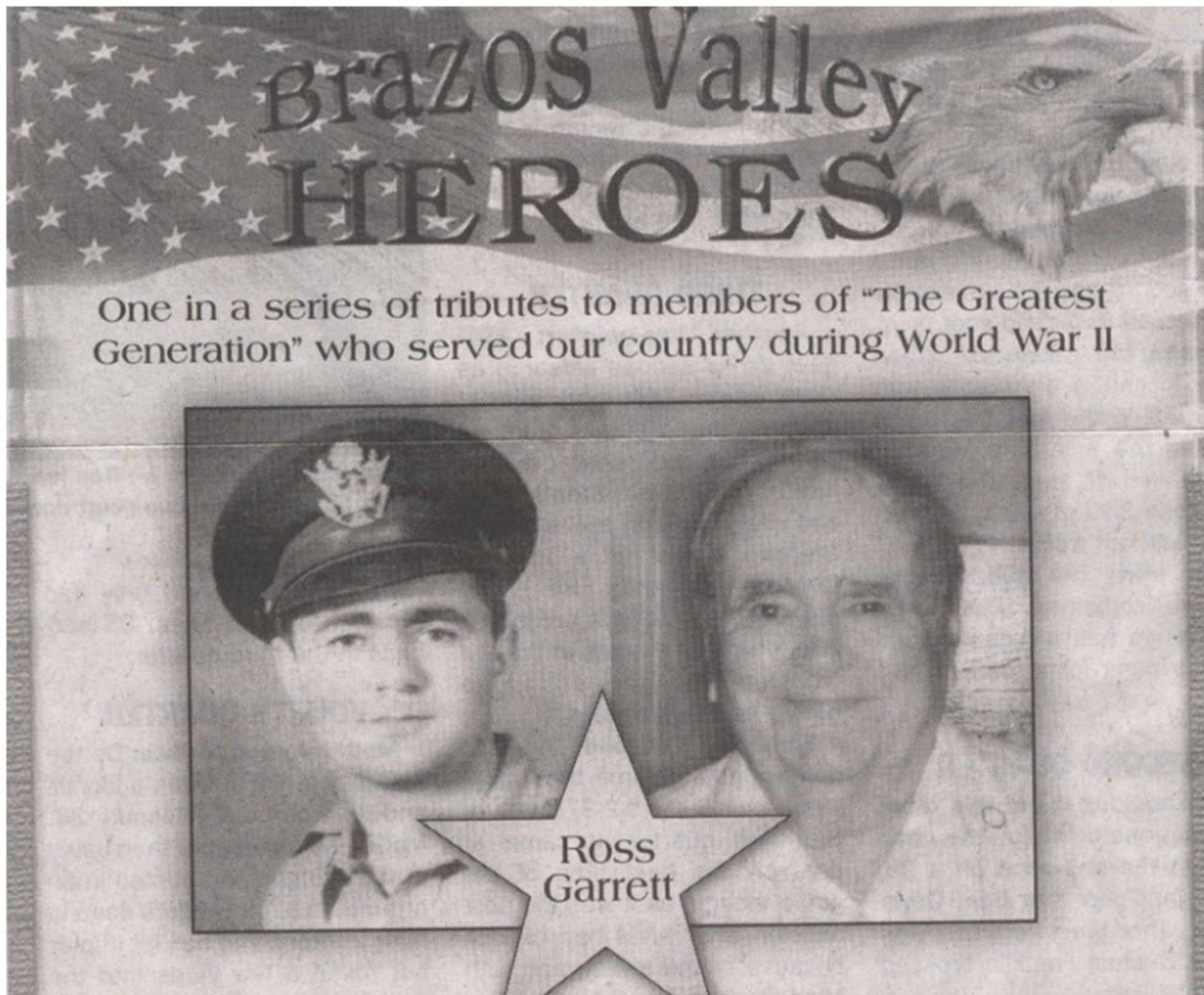
With respect and appreciation,



Wyona Ballard

Vice Chair, Madison County Historical Commission

Enclosed Attachments: Biographical materials and newspaper accounts documenting the life and service of Mr. Ross Garrett



One in a series of tributes to members of "The Greatest Generation" who served our country during World War II

**Oct 15, 2006, By Bill Youngkin, part one of two
Special to The Eagle**

A lot of veterans from World War II have their souvenirs from the war. Many have their military awards and ribbons in shadow boxes their families provided for them. Ross Garrett of Madisonville has a shadow box that, includes his Purple Heart medal, but he also has another one that contains only an old worn Bible opened to the 23rd Psalm.

"It was the Bible we used when we buried our fellow POWs in a Japanese POW prison at Rangoon, Burma. It Originally belonged to a Brit, but it was handed down from him to others until I ended up with it. I have it because I conducted the last burial detail before we were

liberated. I've kept it opened to the 23rd Psalm because that is the passage I used on that detail."

Ross Garret is now 87 years young and still going strong. Strong is something he had to be to survive as a Japanese POW. Garrett was born in Nacogdoches, Texas, and raised in the Oak Flat Community in Rusk County.

"When I was about six or seven my father died and I ended up living with the Chapman family. Mr. Chapman was a blacksmith and I helped him in the shop after he took me in. I remember as a teenager a Japanese man coming by the blacksmith shop offering to buy all of our scrap metal, but Mr. Chapman wouldn't sell to him. I don't think he had a premonition about the war, but I'm glad to know that the shells used to shoot my plane down didn't come from our scrap yard."

Garrett graduated from the Nacogdoches school in 1937 and then attended Stephen F. Austin State College as he could afford to go to school. In 1941, with two years of college under his belt, he joined the Army Air Corps after Pearl Harbor.

"I married my wife, Thelma, on December 14, 1941, and headed off to the Army. I attended Des and became a bombardier on a B-24 crew. In December 1942, I left the U. S. and my wife, who was now pregnant with our first child. We flew to India to carry out bombing runs on the Japanese installations on the Burma peninsula, That area of operations was called the China-Surma-India theatre, We flew the southern route across North Africa until we landed at Karachi, India, where we celebrated Christmas, I still have the program and menu from that Christmas meal."

"When we arrived at our base near Calcutta they found out that I hadn't been inoculated for yellow fever. , was removed from the crew that I flew over with and was assigned to the 7th Bombardment Group and became part of a B-24 group known as Kavanagh's Crew, There were nine of us, and it was the best group of individuals anyone could ever hope to serve with. First Lt. Kavanagh was the pilot, 2nd Lt. Cotton was the copilot and 2nd Lt. Moxley was our navigator, the best navigator I have ever known."

"We were on our 17th mission, bombing the Japanese docks at Rangoon on May 1,1943, when the ack-ack knocked out our number three engine. As a result we had to fall out of formation, and the Jap Zeros came after us like sharks to blood in the water. When the number three

engine went out it took out the electricity to our tail gunner turret, making it inoperable. The Jap Zeros were chewing up our section, It was shot full of holes.”

“We tried to hide in the clouds and did so for a while, but soon realized we weren't going to be able to made it back. Our tail gunner was dead and when I pulled the waist gunner out, he was full of shrapnel and would die shortly. We knew if we landed in the jungle, we probably wouldn't survive the crash, so Moxley, our navigator, located the last rice paddies we could land in before the jungle, One of the waist gunners opted to parachute out instead of trying to survive the crash landing.”

"Kavanagh and Cotton managed to land in a rice paddy without any fatalities. Our engineer Bodell's arm was about shot off, We bandaged it as best we could and applied a tourniquet. We left him there because there was no way he could travel. Hopefully they would put him in a hospital so that he could survive. He would not have survived traveling with us while trying to avoid the Japanese, With the help of some locals, we made it to the beach where the tsunami occurred a couple of years ago. We were hopeful we would get noticed and picked up by our guys.”

"We were digging a hole near the beach to get some water when we were approached by some civilians. When Kavanagh looked up from his digging, he was shot in the shoulder, The 'civilians' were Japanese soldiers in civilian clothes, They took us to Rangoon Prison, the old British prison at Rangoon, Burma. On the way we picked up Bodell from a hospital. Of the nine members of our crew who left on that mission that day, only three of us would survive the next two years.”

Oct 22, 2006, By Bill Youngkin, part two of two

Special to The Eagle

The nine members of Ross Garrett's B -24 crew were shot down in Burma on May 1, 1943. Two members of the crew were killed by attacking Japanese Zeros and one parachuted out of the plane before it crash landed. He was captured and subsequently shot by the Japanese. Crew members gave first aid to the engineer, Bedell, who was badly injured and could not travel. He was left with the plane as the remaining five attempted to escape the Japanese.

During their attempt to flee, another crew member was killed by the Japanese and another was wounded when they were captured.

The Japanese took the surviving crew members, including Bodell, to Rangoon, Burma, and placed them in the former British Rangoon Prison. Here's Garrett's account of what happened afterward:

“When we arrived our engineer, Bodell, was badly wounded, and Lt. Kavanagh, our pilot, was also wounded. They were treated for their injuries, but Bodell was left in the infirmary. We had to reuse his old bandage on his arm and you couldn't keep it very clean no matter how hard they tried. As a result, his arm became very infected.”

“After our arrival, the Japanese also indoctrinated us in proper obedience. They placed a table in the prison yard and you were told to bend over and hold onto the table. A Japanese soldier stood about twenty feet away with his rifle pointed at your chest, you were told that if you removed your hands from the table you would be shot. They then proceeded to beat you on your arms, back and elbows with a cane and sometimes a pipe. If you withstood the beating and kept your hands on the table, you lived. If you lifted your hands from the table, you died.”

“One of our Japanese guards was born and raised in Hawaii but left to join up with the Emperor. We called him Tartan. Whenever I went out on a work detail he would make sure he was assigned to us. He called me 'Tex' and he worked me over with the butt of his rifle every chance he got. After we were liberated, I checked on Tarzan with the British, who informed me that the Burmese made sure Tarzan never made it back to Japan or Hawaii.”

“One day shortly after we arrived, I came back from a work detail. The guys told me Bodell was asking for me and to go check on him. When I went in to see him, he raised up and grabbed me, held onto me and cried like a baby. We both knew he was dying. Two days later we buried him. That left four of us still alive.”

“Lt. Kavanagh was a good pilot and a good man and he felt responsible for all of us. He had been wounded but I think he fell so badly about what was happening to all of us that, more than his wound, is what finally killed him. After we buried him, that left Cotton, our copilot, Motley, our navigator, and me.”

During the time of his capture, Garrett's wife, Thelma was told by the War Department only that his plane was missing over Burma.

Thelma remembers that time: "Our daughter Sharon was born on April 26, 1943, five days before Ross was shot down. He never knew our child had been born until after he was liberated. After I was visited by the War Department, I prayed very hard for his safety. One night I had a dream, and in that dream Ross and two other men walked out of the jungle toward me. I knew then he was alive and that we would be together again."

As the days timed into weeks and the weeks into years, Garrett said, more and more men in the camp died.

"It was a lot harder for the bigger guys than the smaller ones. It seemed as if they shrunk faster and lost their strength faster. I remember watching one big Australian fellow who was a boxing champion before the war just die before us daily. I just tried to tough it out. I couldn't do much about my situation, so I just tried to survive, one day at a time."

"The last few months we got different camp commanders and things got a little better, but the problem was lack of food and disease. Just before we were liberated, I conducted the last burial, and that is why I have the burial detail Bible and I have kept it ever since. I'm glad I wasn't used for me."

Ross and the other two members of his crew were liberated on May 1, 1945, exactly two years after being shot down and captured. His weight had slipped from 165 to 110 pounds. He was hospitalized in India and eventually returned to the U.S. On June 9, 1945, he was reunited with his wife, Thelma, and was able to see his daughter, Sharon, for the first time in Nacogdoches.

After being discharged he returned to school at Stephen F. Austin State College, got his degree and taught school. He eventually entered the extension service and in 1953 became the extension agent for Madison County, where he remained until his retirement.

"I guess I'm lucky to be alive. To survive, you had to be strong mentally as well as physically to cope with what happened to us. It was tough, tough, though. Of the crew only Garrett remains today. He has his family; he has his memories and he has the burial detail Bible."

Ross Garrett's name can be found on the Boards Valley Veterans Memorial.



Hubert Ross Garrett

May 30, 1919 - December 14, 2010



Ross Garrett, 91, of Madisonville, passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at his home. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, December 17, at First Baptist Church in Madisonville, with Brother Troy Brooks officiating. Burial will follow in Madisonville City Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, prior to the service at the church.

Ross Garrett was born May 30, 1919 in Nacogdoches, Texas. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin University with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture, and was the County Extension Agent for Madison County for 26 years.

Ross served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corp where he retired as a 1st Lieutenant. During the war he was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, and received a Purple Heart. On May 1, 1943 while flying his 17th mission, Ross's airplane was shot down in the China-Burma-India Theater where he was a prisoner of war from 1943 to 1945.

Ross was a Mason, a Worthy Patron with the Eastern Star, a member of The Lions Club, First Baptist Church, and the Madison County Retired Teacher's Association. He was also a member of The Texas A&M Extension Service, the National County Agents' Association, and also assisted in forming The Madison County Farm Bureau and The Madison County Fair.

Survivors include his children, Sharron Standley, Sylvia Dean and husband, Dale, Edmon Garrett and wife, Judy, and David Garrett and wife, Catherine Loraine; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, a sister, and a niece.

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DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 & Pct. 2 - iTicket development hours for citation upload/interface – DPS & SSI/InterOp	5 hrs.	\$250.00	\$1250.00

TOTAL **\$1,250.00**

INITIAL

COST/SETUP:

**Includes: (Application Installation/ Training/Data & Conversion)*

Date Issued: 08/08/2025

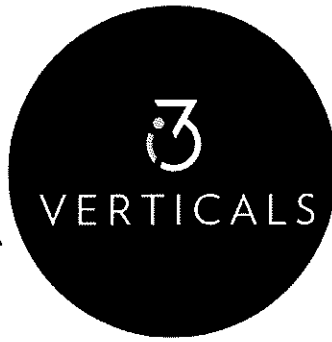
Issued To: Madison County JP 1 & JP 2

Name: Judge Jon Stevens & Judge Steven Cole

Reviewed by: *SC*

Address: 101 West Main St, Suite 130, Madisonville, TX 77864

Phone: 936-348-3989



Annual Maintenance & Support/Hosting Services:

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT/HOSTING	PRICE	TOTAL
iTicket – Citation upload – DPS & SSI/InterOp	\$2 per citation upload	\$2 per citation upload
TOTAL ANNUAL COST:		\$2 per citation upload

The proposed pricing for the 1st year of the term is listed above. Any pricing for subsequent years will not exceed a 5% increase.

i3 Verticals:

By: _____
 Signature
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Client:

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**Billing to begin after successful installation*

All pricing and costs included are valid for 60 days from the proposal date unless extended in writing by i3 Verticals

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On the iTicket pricing of \$2 per upload, as we discussed, locking the courts into a set annual amount may not be the best idea due to how citation counts vary depending on different circumstances. We have found that counties using our iTicket citation uploads use the \$2 Administration Fee to pay for the billing on this. This fee amount is applied to every Class C filing.

Below are the citation number counts that I pulled from each court:

***JP 1 – Judge Jon Stevens
Steven Cole***

2025 to Current Date

Cases filed = $933 \times 2 = \$1866$
 $333 \times 2 = \$666$
DPS = 730
SO = 203

2024

Cases filed = $1121 \times 2 = 2242$
 $619 \times 2 = \$1238$
DPS = 666
SO = 455

2023

Cases filed = 1272
634
DPS = 517
SO = 755

2022

Cases filed = 1114
455
DPS = 537

JP 2 – Judge

2025 to Current

Cases filed =
DPS = 126
SO = 207

2024

Cases filed =
DPS = 111
SO = 508

2023

Cases filed =
DPS = 109
SO = 525

2022

Cases filed =
DPS = 119

RE: Madison County iTicket Cost Summary - Questions on iTicket

From Robin Williams <rowilliams@i3verticals.com>

Date Tue 9/30/2025 10:07 AM

To Susan Pugh <susan.pugh@madisoncountytexas.org>

My answers below!



Robin Minyard Williams
RELATIONSHIP MANAGER
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From: Susan Pugh <susan.pugh@madisoncountytexas.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 9:39 AM

To: Robin Williams <rowilliams@i3verticals.com>

Subject: Re: Madison County iTicket Cost Summary - Annual Pricing for iTicket

Question,

I know iTicket pulls in the tickets from DPS and the SO.....

1. How does the ticket get into DPS and SO system - are they entering manually? Do they scan it?
DPS and the SSI/InterOp programs sends us an individual citation file each day, seven days a week. The citation files includes all citation information from each agency.
2. When ticket pulls into iCon, does the clerk have to do anything other entries? Is it also captured as an image?
The cases are uploaded into iCON around 7:45 to 8 a.m. each morning. The iTicket program creates the complete case in iCON and attaches the Collection Record from the fine amount and court cost breakdowns as set up in the iCON Offense Maintenance in each JP court.
Neither DPS or SSI/InterOp passes us images of the citation, etc. DPS has told me in the past that they do not have the ability to do this. I am working on SSI/InterOp to see if this is something that they can do in the foreseeable future. So long story short, the clerk would have to continue to scan in any citation images.

3. Pros and Cons - the clerks feel like there has to be a catch

There is absolutely no catch. Most of our JP offices and Municipal Courts use iTicket.

The Pros will be that the court does not have to manually enter the citation offenses which eliminates error in entering.

Sometimes the DPS Troopers and SO Deputies fail to turn in their hard copies of the citation. The citation file that we received is considered a valid citation to be able to upload into the Court's case management program. Since the uploads are done daily, the defendant can pay online through our GovRec credit card online website the next day after receiving the ticket. This can bring in faster revenue for the court.

Cons would be issues with the citation file from DPS or the SO being sent at the required timeframe that we work with them on. This happens very seldomly, but DPS Austin sometimes has issues where their server goes down, etc. or the Trooper fails to sync their citations at the end of their shift. The Court can reach out to us and we can track that down and get with DPS. The SO's SSI/InterOp is in the i3 Verticals family so we can get that fixed on our end.

I am very familiar with the development and processing of iTicket, so do not hesitate to reach out if you or the JP offices have any questions!

Thank you,

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In God We Trust, All Others We Audit

From: Robin Williams <rowilliams@i3verticals.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 9:28 AM
To: Susan Pugh <susan.pugh@madisoncountytexas.org>
Subject: Madison County iTicket Cost Summary - Annual Pricing for iTicket

Here you go!

**2027 MADISON COUNTY RESOLUTION
VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR GRANT**

WHEREAS, The Madison County Commissioners Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Madison County, that the Victim Assistance Coordinator Grant be operated for the Fiscal Year 2027; and

WHEREAS, Madison County Commissioners Court agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the VA – Victims of Crime Act Formula grant application; and

WHEREAS, Madison County Commissioners Court agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, Madison County Commissioners Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, Madison County Commissioners Court designates the Madison County Judge as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

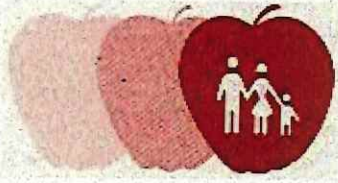
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Commissioners Court approves submission of the grant application for the Victim Assistance Coordinator Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by: _____

Passed and Approved this 27th of January, 2026

Grant Number:

MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley



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January 6, 2026

Madison County Commissioners Court
Attn: Honorable Clark Osborne
103 West Trinity, Suite 113
Madisonville, TX 77864

Re: MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley Board of Trustees Appointment

Dear Judge Osborne & Commissioners:

Please be advised that Karen Wilkerson's term as a Board of Trustee member of Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Brazos Valley (MHMRABV) expires on February 28, 2026. Karen has been an invaluable resource to the Center with her intimate knowledge and dedication to Madison County's needs and issues. She brings that same dedication to the needs of MHMRABV. Karen has been involved in attending meetings to ensure the financial stability of the Center.

Pursuant to the guidelines established by Senate Bill 112 (SB112), MHMRABV requests your reappointment of Karen Wilkerson to fill the upcoming term, March 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028. For your convenience, a summary of applicable sections of Senate Bill 112 as follows:

1. Board of Trustees established by an organizational combination of local agencies (i.e. MHMRABV's seven-county commissioners' courts) either:
 - shall consist of 5 to 9 members selected from the membership of the commissioners' courts; or
 - may consist of 5 to 9 members jointly appointed by the commissioners' court from among the qualified voters of the region to be served.
2. In appointing Trustees, the commissioners' courts shall prescribe the procedures related to the appointment of a Trustee position which shall:

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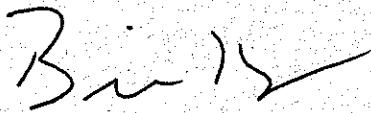
- establish criteria for becoming a Trustee (including the “non-eligibility” for appointment prohibitions contained in Sec. 3.02B
- (a) re conflicts of interest, “pre-assumption of office” training requirements established by) Sec. 3.02A (b);
- establish the application procedure and appointment to a position on the Board, including posting notice of filling of such position;
- attempt to reflect the ethnic and geographic diversity of the MHMRABV’s seven-county local service area;
- assure inclusion of the Board of one or more persons who are consumers or family members of consumers of the type of services provided by MHMRABV;
- state the grounds for and procedure for removing a Trustee including those grounds stated in Sec. 3.02(B) (g)

Karen Wilkerson has been a very effective member of our cohesive team and her reappointment for the ensuing term would provide needed continuity for the MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley. Every Community Mental Health Mental Retardation Center in the State of Texas continually faces tremendous challenges year after year. The current challenges include 1) under-funded system, 2) ever-increasing need for services, 3) Local Network Development Planning, and 4) Managed Care just to name a few. In order to continue meeting the challenges of the next two years, it is necessary to have a dedicated and creative Board of Trustees, which in my opinion currently exists. With Karen Wilkerson’s agreement, and your approval, MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley would welcome her continued assistance and guidance for another two-year term, or your consideration for a new appointment.

Please return a copy of the agenda and minutes in order to document the action of the commissioners’ court with a letter stating that Karen Wilkerson has been re-appointed.

Thank you for your continued support of MHMRABV. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (979)361-9840 if you need any further information. Your prompt attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Kelly
Executive Director

Cc: Karen Wilkerson

From: Chuck Fleegeer <cfleegeer@aanbv.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2026 8:03 PM
To: Clark Osborne <clark.osborne@madisoncountytexas.org>; Donna Cuevas <donna.cuevas@madisoncountytexas.org>; Bobby Adams <bobby.adams@madisoncountytexas.org>; Curtis Klinge <curtis.klinge@madisoncountytexas.org>
Cc: Desiree "Dee" Donovan Murph <ddmurph@aanbv.org>
Subject: AANBV Update Oct-Dec 2025

Greetings!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley I would like to provide you with an update on our agency's activity for the months of October-December 2025.

As of December 31, 2025, the balance of funding from Madison County was \$1900.00 from our FY 2026 funding. During the last quarter we expended \$600 for employee compensation and required taxes.

We have now completed the calendar year 2025 and the first quarter of FY 26 with regards to financial reporting. We remain extremely thankful for the generosity of Madison County, and we look forward to our continued partnership!

During our most recent quarter:

- Opened 33 support cases, 29 involving missing children (88%)
 - During the calendar year 2025 we have opened 156 support cases, which is a 70% increase compared to calendar year 2024
 - Since October 2020, we have opened 414 total support cases
- During October-December 2025 we created 52 Facebook posts with total reach of over 386,300 people
 - Since October 2020 we have made 1036 Facebook posts with a cumulative reach of over 4.2 million
- During the last quarter, we made 222 Twitter (X) posts, reaching over 23,000 people
 - Since October 2020 we have posted on Twitter over 5,600 times, reaching over 1.36 million

Outreach/Training/Partnerships

- During the last quarter, we had informational tables at 6 different public events (1st Friday, National Night Out, Halloween Town) and distributed over 850 Child ID Kits
- In October, November, and December we conducted 5 different training events for responders on topics such as Alerting Resources/Processes, Case Studies and conducted a tabletop exercise for our on-going certification through the Department of Justice for the Brazos Valley Child Abduction Response Team (BVCART). This training impacted 140 attendees and delivered 399 total training hours

Thank you again so very much for your investment in our organization and we look forward to continuing our work as your partner in this important effort!

Chuck Fleeger

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MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 01/09/2026

SUBMITTED BY: Adrian Lawson

REQUEST PLACING THIS ITEM ON

01/27/2026 AGENDA

ITEM REQUESTED IS: (☒) FOR ACTION/CONSIDERATION (☐) DISCUSSION/REPORT ONLY
(☐) FOR CONSENT AGENDA (X) PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM: (Please state how the item should appear on the agenda)

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON:

Review and Accept Constable Pct. 1 Racial Profiling Report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

OPTIONS/ACTION PROPOSED:

WILL A BUDGET AMENDMENT [funds from another department/or County reserve fund] or LINE ITEM TRANSFER [funds from another line item within your department] BE NECESSARY? If so, please specify which transaction will be necessary and state the amount needed below.

WAS THERE ANY PREVIOUS COURT ACTION REGARDING THIS ITEM?

If yes, Date of Action:

ANY ATTACHMENTS THEN?

ITEM RECEIVED BY: DONNA CUEVAS

TITLE : COURT ASSISTANT

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

Note: This form is required for agenda requests. Forms should be returned to the Office of the County Judge or emailed to donna.cuevas@madisoncountytexas.org accompanied by any backup materials or attachments concerning the item for inclusion on the agenda. Agenda Items MUST be submitted no later than noon on Thursday for inclusion on the next meeting agenda. Commissioners' Court meets in Regular Session the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 A.M.

Racial Profiling Report | Exempt

Agency Name: MADISON CO. CONST. PCT. 1

Reporting Date: 01/05/2026

TCOLE Agency Number: 313101

Chief Administrator: AARON G CAMPBELL

Agency Contact Information:

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Mailing Address:

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FULL EXEMPTION RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Article 2.132 CCP Law Enforcement Policy on Racial Profiling a.) In this article:

1.) "Law enforcement agency" means an agency of the state, or of a county, municipality , or other political subdivision of the state, that employs peace officers who make traffic stops in the routine performance of the officers' official duties.

I certify it is not the policy of this agency to make traffic stops in the routine performance of the officers' official duties.

Executed by: Aaron Campbell

Constable

Date: 01/05/2026

Submitted electronically to the



The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement