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Commissioners
David L. Hinkle
Susan J. Thomas
Patsy Trecost II

At the Special Budget meeting of the County Commission of Harrison County held on Monday, March 16, 2026, Commissioners Susan Thomas and David Hinkle were present. Commissioner Patsy Trecost II was absent. Also present were Laura Pysz-Laulis - County Administrator, John Spires –County Clerk and Courtney Flesher - Bookkeeping. Commissioner Thomas opened the meeting.

1. Review—Discuss-- Consider Budget for FY2026-2027: Laura Pysz-Laulis presented the requested budget to the Commission with staff recommendations. Pysz-Laulis stated that the input numbers came to about $31,000,500.00 and budget needs to be reduced to $29,000,500.00. Pysz-Laulis recommends a flat rate employee raise of $2,000.00.00 instead of a percentage for COLA. Sherriff has requested $500 per year of service. Laura Pysz-Laulis stated that the current Longevity increase is $60 per each year of service and recommends $250 per year of service.

   Discussion was held about the past carry-over balance and the elevator repair budgeted from 401.-department budget and prior fiscal year expenditures/revenue in comparison to the current proposed fiscal budget.

   Commission went through each County Commission line item to suggest reductions to balance proposed budget. As well as discuss Sheriff's Department, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk and Tax Office line items.

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   John Spires excused himself from the meeting.

   Courtney Flesher joined meeting and sat in for County Clerk.

   Discussion was held on Elected Officials rate and where it was budgeted.

   Commission went through Prosecuting Attorney's office and Assessors line items.

   Discussion was held on 413-341.

   Discussion held on 424 – Courthouse budget and suggested reductions to different line items.

   Commissioner Hinkle stepped out of the room.

   Commissioner Hinkle reentered the room.

   Commission reduced budget for 439 – Professional Services.

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Commission skipped Sheriff's Law Enforcement budget to wait for a total of changes.

Commission went through Staging's line items and discussion was held on items over budget for the Garage.

Hinkle moved to recess so Laura Pysz-Laulis could find information on Body Cameras and Tasers. Thomas and Hinkle voted for. Motion carried. Hinkle moved to exit recess. Thomas and Hinkle voted for. Motion carried. Laura Pysz-Laulis came back with updated numbers for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement budget.

Hinkle moved to adjourn. Commission concurred.

With no further business to come before the Commission, meeting adjourned.

Susan Thomas, President

April 1st, 2026
Date

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