

PERMIAN BASIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 18, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission held its monthly meeting on March 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission facility at 2910 LaForce Blvd, Midland, TX 79711.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

Cindy Therwhanger, Gaines County Judge
Steve Eggleston, Proxy for Andrews City Mayor Jason Harper
Bill Wight, Sandhills Conservation and Water District Board Member
Sally Poteet, City of Stanton Mayor
Terry Johnson, Midland County Judge
Joe Shuster, Pecos County Judge
Charles Wolf, Winkler County Judge
Dale Carruthers, Terrell County Judge
Greg Holly, Ward County Judge
Brian Stubbs, proxy for Lori Blong, City of Midland Mayor

Government Representatives:

Bobbie Hanson, for Senator Ted Cruz
Blake Vineyard,
Lori Wilson, for Drew Darby, Texas Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT WERE:

Craig Stoker, City of Odessa Councilman
Cathy Palmer, Borden County Judge
Roy Hodges, Crane County Judge
Billy Reynolds, Glasscock County Judge
Skeet Jones, Loving County Judge
Bryan Cox, Martin County Judge
Leo Hung, Reeves County Judge
John Davis, City of Balmorhea Mayor
Dusty Kilgore, Upton County Judge

PBRPC STAFF PRESENT WERE:

Miranda Boler
Dana Hill

Laura Torres
Timothy Fuentes
B. John McDaniel

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE WERE: Casey Richters, Region 18 ESC

MEETING NOTES:

Terry Johnson, Midland County Judge, Chairman of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and established a quorum.

Motion was made by County Judge Charles Wolf and seconded by Judge Cindy Therwhanger to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held January 21, 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board heard a presentation by Region 18 Education Service Center, Casey Ritchie, regarding the West Texas Community Network, rural Child Welfare Pilot for West Texas, and the implications to communities. Lori Wilson, representative of State Representative Drew Darby offered additional information regarding Senate Bill 513.

Agenda item 5 was tabled.

Motion was made by County Judge Greg Holly and seconded by County Judge Cindy Therwhanger to approve the appointments of Criminal Justice Advisory Committee new board members, Frank Rodriguez, City Manager, City of Fort Stockton to represent Municipalities; Patricia Watlington, Rise Social Work Services to represent Substance Abuse agencies; Larry Lee, Region 18 to represent Education; Beatris Mata, Executive Director, Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center to represent crime Victims; Maria Sosa, Assistant Director of the Ector County Juvenile Detention Center to represent Juvenile Justice; and, Charles Wolf, Winkler County Judge to represent Permian Basin Counties. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by County Judge Greg Holly and seconded by County Judge Charles Wolf, approving the submission of the 2026 Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy renewal application, in adherence to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement regulations and policies. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by County Judge Charles Wolf and seconded by County Judge Joe Shuster to approve the Executive Director apply to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office titled "Homeland Security Regional Planning" for period October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by County Judge Charles Wolf and seconded by County Judge Greg Holly to approve the Executive Director apply to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office titled “Regional Radio Interoperability System Maintenance and Sustainability” for period October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by County Judge Joe Shuster and seconded by County Judge Charles Wolf to approve the Executive Director apply to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office titled “Site Resiliency to Sustain Encrypted Law Enforcement Command and Control” for period September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2028. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by County Judge Charles Wolf and seconded by County Judge Greg Holly to approve the proposed 9-1-1 Emergency Communications aerial mapping project proposed by 9-1-1 Director, Laura Torres, for Ward, Upton, and Crane Counties. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by County Judge Joe Shuster and seconded by County Judge Cindy Therwhanger to approve the Finance report present by the Finance Director Tim Fuentes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by County Judge Therwhanger and seconded by County Judge Joe Shuster, to approve the salary adjustment request by the Executive Director, for the new administrative staff to fill a vacancy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The board heard presentations by the Facility Renovation Project Committee and Executive Director, with the Finance Director explaining overall cost projections, and discussed bids submitted for the building renovation project. County Judge Charles Wolf motioned, and County Judge Joe Shuster seconded to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate to amend the final costs for a final bid to present at the next Board meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Chairman set the next board meeting for April 15, 2026, 1:30.

County Judge Joe Shuster moved to adjourn, and County Judge Charles Wolf seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**