Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission – June 23, 2025

At 9:01 a.m. Chairman Levi Taylor called the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission to order. Ben Tompkins (via phone), Mike Hansen, Amanda Hastings, Chad Wolsky, and Levi Taylor (via Microsoft Teams) answered the roll call.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Jessica Alonge, Auditor/COO, presented the discussion on the June 20-21, 2025 Severe Weather Damage.

Jessica Moser, Emergency Manger, presented the incoming dispatch calls during the storm. Moser stated that there were approximately 318 calls fielded as opposed to the regular volume of 99 calls. Moser stated there were around 20 individuals who took shelter in the LEC meeting rooms. Moser stated that the tornado by Medina was rated an E-1 with winds up to 100 mph.

Jesse Christianson, Highway Superintendent, stated that his crew is unaware of the full extent of damage but have been out assessing roads. There was extensive damage to the shop, trucks, and equipment. Christianson stated that he has been in contact with Interstate Engineering regarding damage to the emergency grade raise south of Cleveland and that they are looking for bigger rock on the project and would extend the project cost due to the replacement of fabric and rock. Christianson stated that the new shop had the majority of damage with the roof damage and the back door being blown in damaging the equipment parked there as well.

Dylan Kleinjan, Park Superintendent, stated that there has not been any damage to the park buildings but there has been major damage to Lakeside Campground including uprooted trees. Kleinjan stated that when some of the trees were uprooted, they took out the water lines resulting in the water and power being turned off. Kleinjan stated that the fishing pier at Pelican Point Campground had been flipped upside down and blown into the water, multiple docks were torn apart and the dock near Hondo's Hideaway was destroyed. Kleinjan stated that Spiritwood Lake is still currently being assessed, Parkhurst has fallen trees, and Boat Club is unable to be accessed due to fallen trees. Kleinjan questioned the possibility of renting or purchasing a woodchipper.

Mark Attleson, Maintenance Supervisor, stated that there were 3 fallen trees at the Courthouse with one of them damaging the exterior pane of a window without completely shattering it. The trees were removed on Saturday and Sunday and there was no emergent damage.

Moser stated that there were numerous calls from people who had not signed up for notifications receiving EverBridge alerts.

Chad Kaiser, Sheriff, stated that there was hail damage to numerous vehicles but during the preparation for the storm most of the other vehicles had been moved into the Public Safety Building and that the building itself had no damage, but the roof has not yet been assessed.

Alonge stated that there hadn't been any extensive damage to Hondo's Hideaway other than some minor roof damage and that they were able to use generators to keep the food safe. There was minor damage to the dry goods shed but it had been cleaned up by Hondo's staff members.

Taylor questioned how the new generator operated. Kaiser stated that it ran for about 17 hours and that they used 16% of the fuel capacity with the Road Department on standby with the fuel trailer.

A motion for a severe weather emergency declaration for June 20-21, 2025 severe weather was made by Hastings, seconded by Wolsky. Roll call vote: Tompkins, Hansen, Hastings, Wolsky, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried.

At 9:25 a.m., a motion to adjourn the special commission meeting was made by Hansen, seconded by Hastings. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jessica Alonge Auditor/COO	Levi Taylor Commission Chairman