

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES



JANUARY 20, 2026

STATE OF TEXAS \*  
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2026, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

RUBEN BECERRA	COUNTY JUDGE
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
MICHELLE COHEN	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
MORGAN HAMMER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
WALT SMITH	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
CHARLENE CARROLL	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Becerra called the meeting to order. Pastor Darius Todd gave the invocation. Judge Becerra led the court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Alex Barragan, 1st Vice Commander for AMVETS Post 115, made a public comment concerning funds needed for the facility. Chris Calkins, Commander of AMVETS Post 115, made a public comment informing the court of the services provided by the organization. Lauren Romero made a public comment supporting the development regulations rewrite and requested that the scope be expanded prior to adoption. Pastor Todd Salmi, President of Southside Community Center, made a public comment requesting the court's support for Southside's Housing Stability Program in efforts to stop the growth of homelessness in Hays County. Julia Guerrero made a public comment spoke about PAWS Shelter of Central Texas and the importance of spaying and neutering animals. Alejandra Rodriguez, Deputy County Clerk, read an emailed public comment from Christine Norton against entering or expanding into a 287(g) agreement with ICE.*

Presentation of January 2026 Service and Retirement Awards.

*Mariah Pacheco, Hays County Human Resources Employment and Compensation Coordinator, presented employees with service milestones and retirement awards.*

Presentation recognizing Texas State University students who participated in Bobcat Shadow Day.

*Jessica Alva, Career Experiences Coordinator with Texas State University, spoke about the Bobcat Shadow program and thanked the court for their support. Commissioner Hammer thanked Alva for providing students the opportunity to shadow government professionals, and Commissioner Cohen and Judge Becerra for their assistance.*

*Presentation by Broaddus & Associates regarding the Capital Improvement Program.*

*James DeMeritt, Senior Construction Manager for Broaddus & Associates, presented to the court the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) focusing on facilities and vertical bricks and mortar and provided a road map for the county for the next 10 to 15 years. The court thanked DeMeritt for the presentation and partnership with the county and commented on the need for the provided project roadmap.*

**42733** Ratify the adoption of a Proclamation declaring January 19th, 2026 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



*Alex Banbury, President of the Dunbar Heritage Association, spoke about the events that were held the day prior and thanked the court for their continued support. The court spoke about the success of the event and Commissioner Ingalsbe and Cohen stated they look forward to next year's event.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to ratify the adoption of a Proclamation declaring January 19th, 2026 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42734** Adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.

*Sharri Boyett, Hays County Animal Advisor Advocate, thanked the court for its continued support and highlighted the life-saving impact of the spay and neuter program. Lauren Foye, President of Pet Prevent a Litter of Central Texas (PALS), thanked the court for the proclamation and spoke on the affordability of the programs to provide health care to pets. Brianna Geddes, Kyle Animal Control Supervisor, spoke about the spay and neuter vouchers available for the residents of Kyle, which cover the cost entirely, and spoke about the mobile pets with Emancipet Clinics. The court thanked the various animal programs available for the residents of Hays County. Commissioner Smith spoke about the rabies and microchip clinic being held later that day at the Precinct 4 office from 4 p.m. -- 6 p.m.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42735** Approve payments of County invoices.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve payments of County invoices.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42736** Approve the payment of Juror disbursements.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the payment of Juror disbursements.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 7 3 7** Approve the payment of United Healthcare and Texas Association of Counties healthcare claims and authorize an additional disbursement in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to the healthcare claims account.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the payment of United Healthcare and Texas Association of Counties healthcare claims and authorize an additional disbursement in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to the healthcare claims account.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42738** Accept the delivery of the Auditor's Office Quarterly Internal Examination Reports.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to accept the delivery of the Auditor's Office Quarterly Internal Examination Reports.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**42739** Approve the payment of the January 31, 2026 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$5,800,000.00 effective January 31, 2026, and post totals of wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the payment of the January 31, 2026 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$5,800,000.00 effective January 31, 2026, and post totals of wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42740** Approve Utility Permits.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve Utility Permits.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42741** Approve out-of-state travel to New York, New York for the County Auditor, Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, and Commissioner Debbie Gonzales-Ingalsbe as authorized officials to attend the pricing of the Combination Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve out-of-state travel to New York, New York for the County Auditor, Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, and Commissioner Debbie Gonzales-Ingalsbe as authorized officials to attend the pricing of the Combination Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42742** Accept donations totaling \$88,954.00 on behalf of the Hays County Child Protective Board and amend the budget accordingly.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe recognized the contributors to the Hays County Child Protective Board and thanked them for their continued support and generosity.*

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to accept donations totaling \$88,954.00 on behalf of the Hays County Child Protective Board and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42743** Authorize staff to submit a request to Comal County to waive permitting fees for Sentinel Peak Preserve.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize staff to submit a request to Comal County to waive permitting fees for Sentinel Peak Preserve.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42744** Authorize payment to Texas Lawyers' Insurance Exchange (TLIE) for \$1,500.00 for one professional liability insurance policy renewal where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize payment to Texas Lawyers' Insurance Exchange (TLIE) for \$1,500.00 for one professional liability insurance policy renewal where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.



AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 7 4 5** Authorize payment to RDO Equipment Company in the amount of \$505.72 for equipment purchases where no purchase order was issued as required by the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize payment to RDO Equipment Company in the amount of \$505.72 for equipment purchases where no purchase order was issued as required by the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42746** Approve out-of-state travel for Detective Nelson Wray to attend the Introduction to Phone Repair Course on January 26-30, 2026, in Hoover, Alabama.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve out-of-state travel for Detective Nelson Wray to attend the Introduction to Phone Repair Course on January 26-30, 2026, in Hoover, Alabama.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 7 4 7** Approve and confirm the appointment of Tim Kresta as a regular full-time Deputy Constable in the Hays County Constable Precinct 4 Office.

*Tim Kresta, Deputy Constable Precinct 4, thanked the court for the appointment. He spoke about his job experience and stated he hopes to make precinct 4 a better place. Zachary Miller, Corporal Constable Precinct 4, spoke about Deputy Krestas prior experience and qualifications. The court congratulated Kresta on the appointment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and confirm the appointment of Tim Kresta as a regular full-time Deputy Constable in the Hays County Constable Precinct 4 Office.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42748** Accept Hays County Precinct 4 Constable's Office 2025 Annual Racial Profiling and Activity Summary Reports.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to accept Hays County Precinct 4 Constable's Office 2025 Annual Racial Profiling and Activity Summary Reports.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42749** Authorize payment to Gruene Harley-Davidson in the amount of \$537.27 for rear tire replacement where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize payment to Gruene Harley-Davidson in the amount of \$537.27 for rear tire replacement where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 7 5 0** Authorize the Office of Emergency Services to upfit one of the Fiscal Year 2026 approved Fire Marshal's vehicles in the amount of \$21,511.45 from D&M Leasing Company and amend the budget accordingly.



A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the Office of Emergency Services to upfit one of the Fiscal Year 2026 approved Fire Marshal's vehicles in the amount of \$21,511.45 from D&M Leasing Company and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42751** Authorize the execution of a contract amendment, effective January 1, 2026, with Water & Earth Technologies, Inc. for FY26 maintenance and system support for the Hays County Early Flood Warning System; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(7)(D).

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of a contract amendment, effective January 1, 2026, with Water & Earth Technologies, Inc. for FY26 maintenance and system support for the Hays County Early Flood Warning System; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(7)(D).

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42752** Authorize the execution of a resolution approving the reappointment of Michelle Cohen to the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) for a two year term beginning January 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of a resolution approving the reappointment of Michelle Cohen to the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) for a two year term beginning January 1, 2026.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42753** Authorize the County Judge to execute a Residential Inspection Agreement between Hays County and Solid Rock Home Inspections for two structures located on the 400 Old HWY 290 property in Dripping Springs.

*Commissioner Smith stated this item is a property inspection which is standard for all property that is acquired by the county.*

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the County Judge to execute a Residential Inspection Agreement between Hays County and Solid Rock Home Inspections for two structures located on the 400 Old HWY 290 property in Dripping Springs.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42754** Approve out-of-state travel for Inspector Jimmy Schroeder to attend the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) Managing and Conducting Internal Affairs Investigations Course on February 23-27, 2026, in Bentonville, Arkansas.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve out-of-state travel for Inspector Jimmy Schroeder to attend the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) Managing and Conducting Internal Affairs Investigations Course on February 23-27, 2026, in Bentonville, Arkansas.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42755** Authorize Firetrol Protection Systems to perform a quarterly Kitchen Hood Inspection pursuant to their Buyboard Contract and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(7)(D) for the Compliance Engineering (CE) Filing Fee that is not covered under the Buyboard contract.



A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize Firetrol Protection Systems to perform a quarterly Kitchen Hood Inspection pursuant to their Buyboard Contract and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(7)(D) for the Compliance Engineering (CE) Filing Fee that is not covered under the Buyboard contract.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42756** Authorize the execution of contract renewal three (3) for RFP 2023-P03 Countywide Plumbing with SI Mechanical, LLC for one (1) additional year, with the attached proposed price changes.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of contract renewal three (3) for RFP 2023-P03 Countywide Plumbing with SI Mechanical, LLC for one (1) additional year, with the attached proposed price changes.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 7 5 7** Authorize the execution of contract renewal two (2) for IFB 2024-B02 Lawn & Landscape with Olympia Landscape Development, Inc. for one (1) additional year.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of contract renewal two (2) for IFB 2024-B02 Lawn & Landscape with Olympia Landscape Development, Inc. for one (1) additional year.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42758** Authorize the execution of contract amendment one (1) to RFP 2025-P02 Countywide Janitorial Services between Hays County and American Facility Services to add additional cleaning days to the Transportation Foreman Building, increasing the contract by \$585.30 monthly.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of contract amendment one (1) to RFP 2025-P02 Countywide Janitorial Services between Hays County and American Facility Services to add additional cleaning days to the Transportation Foreman Building, increasing the contract by \$585.30 monthly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 7 5 9** Authorize the execution of a contract extension to RFP 2024-P06 HVAC - Preventative Maintenance & Repair Service, Countywide with SI Mechanical, LLC for a period not to exceed fifty-four (54) days to allow for a new contract to be awarded and executed.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of a contract extension to RFP 2024-P06 HVAC - Preventative Maintenance & Repair Service, Countywide with SI Mechanical, LLC for a period not to exceed fifty-four (54) days to allow for a new contract to be awarded and executed.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42760** Approve specifications for RFP 2026-P05 Disaster Recovery - Debris Removal and authorize purchasing to solicit for proposals and advertise.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve specifications for RFP 2026-P05 Disaster Recovery - Debris Removal and authorize purchasing to solicit for proposals and advertise.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**4 2 7 6 1** Approve specifications for IFB 2026-B04 Health Department Roof Repairs - Hail Storm May 2024, and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for bids.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve specifications for IFB 2026-B04 Health Department Roof Repairs - Hail Storm May 2024, and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for bids.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 7 6 2** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of Standard Utility Agreement Supplemental No. 1 between Hays County and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative for the FM 621 road project in Precinct 1 and amend the budget accordingly.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe stated that this item pertains to additional utility relocation and costs in the amount of \$116,968.00.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of Standard Utility Agreement Supplemental No. 1 between Hays County and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative for the FM 621 road project in Precinct 1 and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42763** Discussion and possible action to call for a Public Hearing on February 3, 2026 to consider the implementation of a "No Left Turn" restriction for the Rooster Springs Elementary school onto Belterra Drive.

*Commissioner Smith clarified that the request was made directly by the principal and the school district, citing traffic-related concerns.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to call for a Public Hearing on February 3, 2026 to consider the implementation of a "No Left Turn" restriction for the Rooster Springs Elementary school onto Belterra Drive.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42764** Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution of Support for the submission of a grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for the 2028-2031 Call for Projects for the Hays County FM 2001 Gap Project - Precinct 1 (Existing FM 2001 to Graef Road).

*Commissioner Ingalsbe stated that if the county is successful in being awarded the funds from CAMPO, the funds would be allocated to the design of a 2.65 mile section of a four-lane divided roadway.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to adopt a Resolution of Support for the submission of a grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for the 2028-2031 Call for Projects for the Hays County FM 2001 Gap Project - Precinct 1 (Existing FM 2001 to Graef Road).

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

PLN-2602-PC; Hold a Public Hearing regarding Indian Hills Ranch, Lot 19, Replat.

*Judge Becerra opened the public hearing at 10:57 a.m. No comments were made. Judge Becerra closed the public hearing at 10:57 a.m. Colby Machacek, Development Services Senior Planner, stated this item is to hold a public hearing, and no action is required.*

PLN-2787-PC; Hold a Public Hearing regarding Springlake, Replat of Lots 133-A, 134-A, & Tract 135.



*Judge Becerra opened the public hearing at 10:58 a.m. No comments were made. Judge Becerra closed the public hearing at 10:58 a.m. Colby Machacek, Development Services Senior Planner, stated this item is to hold a public hearing and no action is required.*

**42765** PLN-2720-PC; Call for a Public Hearing on February 3rd, 2026 regarding Cypress Creek Acres, Replat of Lot 48 and 49-B.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to call for a Public Hearing on February 3rd, 2026 regarding Cypress Creek Acres, Replat of Lot 48 and 49-B.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42766** Discussion and possible action on an order authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of "Hays County, Texas Limited Tax Refunding Bonds"; levying an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the refunding bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the refunding bonds in accordance with specified parameters, including the approval and distribution of an official statement; delegating authority to members of the Commissioners Court and County Auditor to execute certain documents related to the sale of the refunding bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith. The issuance of the refunding bonds will result in a debt service savings for the County.

*Dan Wegmiller, Specialized Public Finance Managing Director, stated that Item K.2 is related to this item and should be highlighted due to the high level of debt associated with current interest rates. He noted that refinancing the debt is projected to generate savings of approximately \$1.7 million. The court thanked Wegmiller for his continued work on this and spoke in support of saving money anywhere possible.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the issuance and sale of one or more series of "Hays County, Texas Limited Tax Refunding Bonds"; levying an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the refunding bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the refunding bonds in accordance with specified parameters, including the approval and distribution of an official statement; delegating authority to members of the Commissioners Court and County Auditor to execute certain documents related to the sale of the refunding bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith. The issuance of the refunding bonds will result in a debt service savings for the County.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42767** Discussion and possible action on an order authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of "Hays County, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation," in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 for County office/administrative buildings, judicial facility, and animal shelter facilities; levying a tax in payment thereof and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues of the solid waste management system; providing for the sale and delivery of the certificates in accordance with specified parameters, including the approval and distribution of an official statement; delegating the authority to members of the Commissioners Court and County Auditor to execute certain documents relating to the sale of the certificates; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith. The projects to be financed with the certificates are further described in the List of Projects posted herewith. The County estimates that a tax rate levy of \$0.0102 per \$100 assessed value will be necessary to pay the debt service on the certificates.

*Dan Wegmiller, Specialized Public Finance Managing Director, stated this is setting the parameters to move forward with the acquired bond ratings. Julie Houston, Hays County Bond Counsel with the Orrick Law Firm, stated that in order for the county to sell Certificates of Obligation (CO's) for cash, the law requires a pledge of revenue stream and explained the purpose of the pledge.*



A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the issuance and sale of one or more series of "Hays County, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation," in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 for County office/ administrative buildings, judicial facility, and animal shelter facilities; levying a tax in payment thereof and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues of the solid waste management system; providing for the sale and delivery of the certificates in accordance with specified parameters, including the approval and distribution of an official statement; delegating the authority to members of the Commissioners Court and County Auditor to execute certain documents relating to the sale of the certificates; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith. The projects to be financed with the certificates are further described in the List of Projects posted herewith. The County estimates that a tax rate levy of \$0.0102 per \$100 assessed value will be necessary to pay the debt service on the certificates.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42768** Discussion and possible action to direct the County Administrator and Budget Officer to develop and implement a Capital Investment Fund for Hays County.

*Kandice Boutte, County Administrator, spoke on the need to evaluate future infrastructure needs and explore alternative forms of debt financing in preparation of FY27. Scot Woodland, Budget Officer, spoke about the Capital Investment Fund and provided a defined explanation the funds purpose and long-term financial impact. The court expressed their support for the creation of the fund and spoke about how the county should use the money going forward. Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor, spoke about the policy for allocating money to the general fund, and that the fund balance is statutorily done by the auditor.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to direct the County Administrator and Budget Officer to develop and implement a Capital Investment Fund for Hays County.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 7 6 9** Discussion and possible action to partner with Prevent A Litter of Central Texas (PALS) and the Hays County Health Department to provide a free Rabies Immunization Clinic for the public on January 20, 2026 (Dripping Springs); ratify the partnership and free Rabies Immunization Clinic that was provided to the public on January 17, 2026 (Wimberley, TX); authorize the payment for each clinic in an amount not to exceed \$600.00 per clinic; and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy of obtaining three quotes, and amend the budget accordingly.

*Commissioner Hammer stated that this is an emergency response due to an outbreak of rabies. Commissioner Smith thanked the Health Department for its rapid response, and stated he is in contact with various zoologists to better understand their findings and ensure the county's involvement. Matthew Gonzales, Hays County Health Department Director, explained to the public that an oral vaccination is not available because it has not been approved through the legislative process. Gonzales stated this is a state-led initiative and where a state and federal partnership must occur, this assistance can be done at a local level but must be requested prior. The court had a lengthy discussion related to the legislative process.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to partner with Prevent A Litter of Central Texas (PALS) and the Hays County Health Department to provide a free Rabies Immunization Clinic for the public on January 20, 2026 (Dripping Springs); ratify the partnership and free Rabies Immunization Clinic that was provided to the public on January 17, 2026 (Wimberley, TX); authorize the payment for each clinic in an amount not to exceed \$600.00 per clinic; and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy of obtaining three quotes, and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42770** Discussion and possible action regarding the reassignment of the Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, slot 001, from the Justice of the Peace, Place 5 Office to the Justice of the Peace, Place 2-2 Office effective January 16, 2026 and amend the budget accordingly.



*Erik Granjeno, Human Resources Director, provided background of the position.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to reassign the Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, slot 001, from the Justice of the Peace, Place 5 Office to the Justice of the Peace, Place 2-2 Office effective January 16, 2026 and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42771** Discussion and possible action to authorize Facilities and Resource Management to replace the existing concrete patio located at the AMVETS Building in Kyle with a new ADA accessible patio and ramp in the amount of \$6,100.00 and amend the budget accordingly.

*Tammy Crumley, Director of Facilities and Resource Management, stated that this item is intended to repair a large portion of the facilities' patio at a reasonable cost. She noted that four quotes were obtained, and this bid was the lowest. The court discussed various options regarding the potential renovation of the facility.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize Facilities and Resource Management to replace the existing concrete patio located at the AMVETS Building in Kyle with a new ADA accessible patio and ramp in the amount of \$6,100.00 and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42772** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Fire Marshal division of the Office of Emergency Services to purchase three tasers and a two-day training course from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$3,275.64 annually.

*Steve Seddig, Hays County Fire Marshal, stated this item is part of a mandate for a less lethal option.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Fire Marshal division of the Office of Emergency Services to purchase three tasers and a two-day training course from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$3,275.64 annually.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42773** Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of two Enhanced Ballot Remake Stations and associated software and service for the Elections Office through Enhanced Voting, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00; authorize the execution of a Remote Ballot Marking Station Purchase and Service Agreement; and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy of obtaining three quotes.

*Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator, explained to the court that the purpose of this software will assist in an electronic format. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, stated at the time of posting the backup there were a couple of edits to the contract and will be updated prior to getting signed.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the purchase of two Enhanced Ballot Remake Stations and associated software and service for the Elections Office through Enhanced Voting, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00; authorize the execution of a Remote Ballot Marking Station Purchase and Service Agreement; and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy of obtaining three quotes.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42774** Discussion and possible action to approve Early Voting Polling Places and schedule for the Primary Election to be held on March 3, 2026.



*Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator, provided the court with the recommended early voting locations and schedule. The court expressed its appreciation to Doinoff and Aaron Jones, Director of Transportation, for their diligent efforts in preparation for the upcoming elections.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Early Voting Polling Places and schedule for the Primary Election to be held on March 3, 2026.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42775** Discussion and possible action to ratify the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, Victims Assistance, General Direct Services grant program in the amount of \$58,478.38 and amend the budget accordingly.

*Gregg Cox, First Assistant District Attorney, stated this grant was applied for several months ago and now would like to get the position filled. Cox provided the court with a list of various responsibilities this position will have. Scot Woodland, Budget Officer, noted there was a mixture of general ledger accounts. The court expressed support for this new position.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to ratify the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, Victims Assistance, General Direct Services grant program in the amount of \$58,478.38 and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42776** Discussion and possible action to execute a contract between Hays County and Certified Arbor Care in the amount of \$23,031.00 for the assessment and removal of trees located in an easement owned by Hays County within the Trails Subdivision in Precinct 2.

*Commissioner Cohen stated that this item is intended to address public safety concerns within the precinct. Aaron Jones, Director of Transportation, provided background on the property and the request. Jones added that the company will conduct an assessment of the trees and report back with the findings. Commissioner Smith stated he met with GIS services and has asked for the department to locate properties owned by the county. Scot Woodland, Budget Officer, stated the funding would be allocated from a countywide account.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to execute a contract between Hays County and Certified Arbor Care in the amount of \$23,031.00 for the assessment and removal of trees located in an easement owned by Hays County within the Trails Subdivision in Precinct 2.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

Discussion and possible action to direct the County Administrator and Budget Director to eliminate any non-law-enforcement positions that have remained posted and unfilled for more than 300 days.

*Judge Becerra stated that this is to create a more predictable and understandable future for the upcoming fiscal year. Kandice Boutte, County Administrator, provided background information regarding the request, to include a detailed list of countywide vacancies. Judge Becerra clarified that this item is not to include law enforcement but for long-standing vacancy positions. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked if department heads were given the opportunity to view the list of vacant positions. Aaron Jones, Director of Transportation, spoke about various positions within the transportation department and stated they are actively trying to get these positions filled. The court had a lengthy discussion related to various positions within the transportation department. Judge Becerra tabled the item to allow for further discussion. No action taken.*

**42777** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute and submit of a letter of local support to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Public Transportation Division on behalf of the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) for its FY26 Coordinated Call for Projects grant applications.



A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to execute and submit of a letter of local support to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Public Transportation Division on behalf of the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) for its FY26 Coordinated Call for Projects grant applications.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42778** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of an Agreement between Hays County and Rene Bates Auctioners, Inc. pursuant to their Buyboard Contract 708-23; approve the Purchasing Office to hold an online auction to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 263.152 (a)(1); authorize the Purchasing Office to advertise; and to properly dispose of items that are placed in the online auction but do not sell.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of an Agreement between Hays County and Rene Bates Auctioners, Inc. pursuant to their Buyboard Contract 708-23; approve the Purchasing Office to hold an online auction to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 263.152 (a)(1); authorize the Purchasing Office to advertise; and to properly dispose of items that are placed in the online auction but do not sell.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note:** Judge Becerra called for a recess that began at 10:59 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:09 a.m.

**42779** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Sheriff's Office to add one Jail Facility Maintenance Specialist, Grade 115, effective January 16, 2026.

*Julissa Villalpando, Corrections Captain Sheriff's Office, provided background on the requested position. Commissioner Smith stated after review of the last two budgets, he confirmed the position was eliminated when it should not have been. Scot Woodland, Budget Officer, stated the annual effect on the budget would be \$64,494 as of January 16, and the effect on the current budget would be \$45,684 where there is budgeted savings.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Sheriff's Office to add one Jail Facility Maintenance Specialist, Grade 115, effective January 16, 2026.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42780** Discussion and possible action to approve Facilities and Resource Management to replace the failed Roof Top Unit (RTU) #5 located at the Elections/IT building with a new 12.5 Ton Rheem RTU in the amount of \$20,248.06 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Facilities and Resource Management to replace the failed Roof Top Unit (RTU) #5 located at the Elections/IT building with a new 12.5 Ton Rheem RTU in the amount of \$20,248.06 and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42781** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of an Agreement between Hays County and Great Springs Project, Inc. and the submission of a grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) in the amount of \$425,000.00 related to a Priority Multi-Use Connectivity Study regarding the feasibility, alignment, and implementation strategies for multi-use crossing structures that promote connectivity for trail users and wildlife in certain locations in Hays County.



A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the execution of an Agreement between Hays County and Great Springs Project, Inc. and the submission of a grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) in the amount of \$425,000.00 related to a Priority Multi-Use Connectivity Study regarding the feasibility, alignment, and implementation strategies for multi-use crossing structures that promote connectivity for trail users and wildlife in certain locations in Hays County.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42782** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of San Marcos related to the submission of a grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for the Cape Street Shared Use Path in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe stated that this would be a partnership with Hays County and the City of San Marcos to develop a shared-use path and that, if awarded, the funds would be allocated toward the design phase of the project. Ingalsbe stated there is a 20 percent match where this will be split 50/50 with the city costing \$100,000 and further discussed the need for the proposed shared path.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of San Marcos related to the submission of a grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for the Cape Street Shared Use Path in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42783** Discussion and possible action to execute a resolution of support for the Hill Country Conservancy's application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Recreational Trails grant program for construction of the Violet Crown Trail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to execute a resolution of support for the Hill Country Conservancy's application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Recreational Trails grant program for construction of the Violet Crown Trail.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42784** Discussion and possible action to execute a Resolution of support for the City of Buda and Great Springs Project's joint application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Call for Projects to study feasibility of a regional trail along Onion Creek.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to execute a Resolution of support for the City of Buda and Great Springs Project's joint application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Call for Projects to study feasibility of a regional trail along Onion Creek.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42785** Discussion and possible action to award and execute a contract for IFB 2026-B03 Cemetery Maintenance between Hays County and CY'Services and Landscape Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$60,172.00 annually.

*Aaron Jones, Director of Transportation, provided background information regarding cemetery maintenance and assured the court that all requirements have been properly documented. Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent, spoke on the original company on the list, but later decided not to be involved. The court continued discussion on the county's partnerships with all cemetery companies.*



A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to award and execute a contract for IFB 2026-B03 Cemetery Maintenance between Hays County and CY'Services and Landscape Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$60,172.00 annually.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42786** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (2026-PSA-43) between Hays County and HDR Engineers, Inc. related to a Countywide Water Study, not to exceed \$542,360.00.

*Commissioner Hammer stated the last water study was done in 2011 and this study will assist the county in having a better perspective from a water standpoint. Commissioner Smith stated this study will provide a true look at the current water facilities and supply sources. Judge Becerra spoke on the water urgency need of the county. Commissioner Ingalsbe echoed Becerra on the need for a study on the East side of the county. Commissioner Cohen expressed appreciation to Hammer and addressed the proposed housing development on the east side of the County, noting the uncertainty surrounding the source of the water supply.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (2026-PSA-43) between Hays County and HDR Engineers, Inc. related to a Countywide Water Study, not to exceed \$542,360.00.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note:** Executive Session began at 12:33 p.m. and resumed back into open court at 2:12 p.m.

**42787** Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 and Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease and/or value of real property located at or near Roger Hanks Parkway in Precinct 4. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

Those present in Executive Session from 12:50 p.m. to 2:08 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Scot Woodland, Budget Officer; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Tammy Crumley, Director of Facilities & Resource Management; Simone Corprew, Special Programs Coordinator; Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division; Tucker Furlow, Chase Young and Katherine Howard, Assistant Criminal District Attorneys - Civil Division and Janice Jones, Legal Support Service Specialist.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize an amendment to the Commercial Contract, executed on or about July 29, 2025, between Hays County and 400 W Old 290 & Roger Hanks Parkway, LLC related to the possible purchase of real property located at or near Roger Hanks Parkway in Precinct 4, extending the feasibility period to March 12, 2026, and closing to April 11, 2026: as well as authorize the County Administrator to obtain a review of the appraisal: authorize the Director of Facilities and Resource Management or County Administrator to execute any related proposals in order to obtain a review of the appraisal; and authorize a waiver of the County's purchasing policy requiring three quotes related to obtaining a review of the appraisal.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,  
Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

Executive Session Pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project San Antonio, Project Bushwood and Project Disco Inferno. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.



Those present in Executive Session from 12:39 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Scot Woodland, Budget Officer; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division; Tucker Furlow, Chase Young and Katherine Howard, Assistant Criminal District Attorneys - Civil Division; Janice Jones, Legal Support Service Specialist; Simone Corprew, Special Programs Coordinator; Emily Mathes, Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) Vice President of Economic Development and Sarah Martin, HCEDP. No action taken.

Discussion related to the Hays County inmate population, to include current population counts and costs.

Judge Becerra read the Sheriff's update on the inmate population. Current maximum jail capacity is 464 inmates. Jail Standards recommends holding 10% open, lowering current capacity to 417 inmates. The jail's daily average was 589 with a peak of 594 on January 11, 2026. The estimated cost for outsourcing inmates the week was \$106,907. The average number of outsourced males is 149 and females is 0. This week's inmates were housed in the following counties: Haskell. The number of "paper-ready" inmates who are now wardens of the state is 35.

**42788** Discussion and possible action related to the burn ban.

Steve Seddig, Hays County Fire Marshal, spoke about the expected weather conditions and asked to extend the burn ban until the court date of March 10, 2026.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to extend the burn ban to March 10, 2026.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note Agenda Item #N-3 RE:** Discussion and possible action related to proposed bills in the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature and to consider adoption of resolution(s) regarding proposed bills. The Court may opt to withdraw to Executive Session during this item to consult with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071. - **WAS PULLED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Judge Becerra to adjourn court at 2:14 p.m.

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I, ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS, COUNTY CLERK and EXOFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Hays County Commissioners Court on JANUARY 20, 2026.



*Elaine H. Cardenas*

ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS



Date	Res Number	Motion	Ingalsbe	Cohen	Hammer	Smith	Becerra
1/20/2026	42733	Ratify the adoption of a Proclamation declaring January 19th, 2026 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42734	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42735	Approve payments of County invoices.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42736	Approve the payment of Juror disbursements.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42737	Approve the payment of United Healthcare and Texas Association of Counties healthcare claims and authorize an additional disbursement in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to the healthcare claims account.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42738	Accept the delivery of the Auditor's Office Quarterly Internal Examination Reports.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42739	Approve the payment of the January 31, 2026 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$5,800,000.00 effective January 31, 2026, and post totals of wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42740	Approve Utility Permits.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42741	Approve out-of-state travel to New York, New York for the County Auditor, Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, and Commissioner Debbie Gonzales-Ingalsbe as authorized officials to attend the pricing of the Combination Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42742	Accept donations totaling \$88,954.00 on behalf of the Hays County Child Protective Board and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42743	Authorize staff to submit a request to Comal County to waive permitting fees for Sentinel Peak Preserve.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42744	Authorize payment to Texas Lawyers' Insurance Exchange (TLIE) for \$1,500.00 for one professional liability insurance policy renewal where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42745	Authorize payment to RDO Equipment Company in the amount of \$505.72 for equipment purchases where no purchase order was issued as required by the Hays County Purchasing Policy.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42746	Approve out-of-state travel for Detective Nelson Wray to attend the Introduction to Phone Repair Course on January 26-30, 2026, in Hoover, Alabama.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42747	Approve and confirm the appointment of Tim Kresta as a regular full-time Deputy Constable in the Hays County Constable Precinct 4 Office.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42748	Accept Hays County Precinct 4 Constable's Office 2025 Annual Racial Profiling and Activity Summary Reports.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42749	Authorize payment to Gruene Harley-Davidson in the amount of \$537.27 for rear tire replacement where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42750	Authorize the Office of Emergency Services to upfit one of the Fiscal Year 2026 approved Fire Marshal's vehicles in the amount of \$21,511.45 from D&M Leasing Company and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42751	Authorize the execution of a contract amendment, effective January 1, 2026, with Water & Earth Technologies, Inc. for FY26 maintenance and system support for the Hays County Early Flood Warning System; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(7)(D).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42752	Authorize the execution of a resolution approving the reappointment of Michelle Cohen to the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) for a two year term beginning January 1, 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42753	Authorize the County Judge to execute a Residential Inspection Agreement between Hays County and Solid Rock Home Inspections for two structures located on the 400 Old HWY 290 property in Dripping Springs.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42754	Approve out-of-state travel for Inspector Jimmy Schroeder to attend the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) Managing and Conducting Internal Affairs Investigations Course on February 23-27, 2026, in Bentonville, Arkansas.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42755	Authorize Firetrol Protection Systems to perform a quarterly Kitchen Hood Inspection pursuant to their Buyboard Contract and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(7)(D) for the Compliance Engineering (CE) Filing Fee that is not covered under the Buyboard contract.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42756	Authorize the execution of contract renewal three (3) for RFP 2023-P03 Countywide Plumbing with SI Mechanical, LLC for one (1) additional year, with the attached proposed price changes.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42757	Authorize the execution of contract renewal two (2) for IFB 2024-B02 Lawn & Landscape with Olympia Landscape Development, Inc. for one (1) additional year.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42758	Authorize the execution of contract amendment one (1) to RFP 2025-P02 Countywide Janitorial Services between Hays County and American Facility Services to add additional cleaning days to the Transportation Foreman Building, increasing the contract by \$585.30 monthly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42759	Authorize the execution of a contract extension to RFP 2024-P06 HVAC - Preventative Maintenance & Repair Service, Countywide with SI Mechanical, LLC for a period not to exceed fifty-four (54) days to allow for a new contract to be awarded and executed.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42760	Approve specifications for RFP 2026-P05 Disaster Recovery - Debris Removal and authorize purchasing to solicit for proposals and advertise.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42761	Approve specifications for IFB 2026-B04 Health Department Roof Repairs - Hail Storm May 2024, and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for bids.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42762	Authorize the execution of Standard Utility Agreement Supplemental No. 1 between Hays County and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative for the FM 621 road project in Precinct 1 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42763	Call for a Public Hearing on February 3, 2026 to consider the implementation of a "No Left Turn" restriction for the Rooster Springs Elementary school onto Belterra Drive.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42764	Adopt a Resolution of Support for the submission of a grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for the 2028-2031 Call for Projects for the Hays County FM 2001 Gap Project - Precinct 1 (Existing FM 2001 to Graef Road).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42765	Call for a Public Hearing on February 3rd, 2026 regarding Cypress Creek Acres, Replat of Lot 48 and 49-B (PLN-2720-PC).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42766	Authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of "Hays County, Texas Limited Tax Refunding Bonds"; levying an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the refunding bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the refunding bonds in accordance with specified parameters, including the approval and distribution of an official statement; delegating authority to members of the Commissioners Court and County Auditor to execute certain documents related to the sale of the refunding bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith. The issuance of the refunding bonds will result in a debt service savings for the County.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42767	Authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of "Hays County, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation," in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 for County office/ administrative buildings, judicial facility, and animal shelter facilities; levying a tax in payment thereof and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues of the solid waste management system; providing for the sale and delivery of the certificates in accordance with specified parameters, including the approval and distribution of an official statement; delegating the authority to members of the Commissioners Court and County Auditor to execute certain documents relating to the sale of the certificates; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith. The projects to be financed with the certificates are further described in the List of Projects posted herewith. The County estimates that a tax rate levy of \$0.0102 per \$100 assessed value will be necessary to pay the debt service on the certificates.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42768	Direct the County Administrator and Budget Officer to develop and implement a Capital Investment Fund for Hays County.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Date	Res Number	Motion	Ingalsbe	Cohen	Hammer	Smith	Becerra
1/20/2026	42769	Partner with Prevent A Litter of Central Texas (PALS) and the Hays County Health Department to provide a free Rabies Immunization Clinic for the public on January 20, 2026 (Dripping Springs); ratify the partnership and free Rabies Immunization Clinic that was provided to the public on January 17, 2026 (Wimberley, TX); authorize the payment for each clinic in an amount not to exceed \$600.00 per clinic; and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy of obtaining three quotes, and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42770	Reassign the Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, slot 001, from the Justice of the Peace, Place 5 Office to the Justice of the Peace, Place 2-2 Office effective January 16, 2026 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42771	Authorize Facilities and Resource Management to replace the existing concrete patio located at the AMVETS Building in Kyle with a new ADA accessible patio and ramp in the amount of \$6,100.00 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42772	Authorize the Fire Marshal division of the Office of Emergency Services to purchase three tasers and a two-day training course from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$3,275.64 annually.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42773	Approve the purchase of two Enhanced Ballot Remake Stations and associated software and service for the Elections Office through Enhanced Voting, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00; authorize the execution of a Remote Ballot Marking Station Purchase and Service Agreement; and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy of obtaining three quotes.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42774	Approve Early Voting Polling Places and schedule for the Primary Election to be held on March 3, 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42775	Ratify the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, Victims Assistance, General Direct Services grant program in the amount of \$58,478.38 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42776	Execute a contract between Hays County and Certified Arbor Care in the amount of \$23,031.00 for the assessment and removal of trees located in an easement owned by Hays County within the Trails Subdivision in Precinct 2.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42777	Authorize the County Judge to execute and submit of a letter of local support to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Public Transportation Division on behalf of the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) for its FY26 Coordinated Call for Projects grant applications.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42778	Authorize the execution of an Agreement between Hays County and Rene Bates Auctioners, Inc. pursuant to their Buyboard Contract 708-23; approve the Purchasing Office to hold an online auction to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 263.152 (a)(1); authorize the Purchasing Office to advertise; and to properly dispose of items that are placed in the online auction but do not sell.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42779	Authorize the Sheriff's Office to add one Jail Facility Maintenance Specialist, Grade 115, effective January 16, 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42780	Approve Facilities and Resource Management to replace the failed Roof Top Unit (RTU) #5 located at the Elections/IT building with a new 12.5 Ton Rheem RTU in the amount of \$20,248.06 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42781	Authorize the execution of an Agreement between Hays County and Great Springs Project, Inc. and the submission of a grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) in the amount of \$425,000.00 related to a Priority Multi-Use Connectivity Study regarding the feasibility, alignment, and implementation strategies for multi-use crossing structures that promote connectivity for trail users and wildlife in certain locations in Hays County.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42782	Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of San Marcos related to the submission of a grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for the Cape Street Shared Use Path in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42783	Execute a resolution of support for the Hill Country Conservancy's application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Recreational Trails grant program for construction of the Violet Crown Trail.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42784	Execute a Resolution of support for the City of Buda and Great Springs Project's joint application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Call for Projects to study feasibility of a regional trail along Onion Creek.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42785	Award and execute a contract for IFB 2026-B03 Cemetery Maintenance between Hays County and CY'Services and Landscape Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$60,172.00 annually.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42786	Authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (2026-PSA-43) between Hays County and HDR Engineers, Inc. related to a Countywide Water Study, not to exceed \$542,360.00.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42787	Authorize an amendment to the Commercial Contract, executed on or about July 29, 2025, between Hays County and 400 W Old 290 & Roger Hanks Parkway, LLC related to the possible purchase of real property located at or near Roger Hanks Parkway in Precinct 4, extending the feasibility period to March 12, 2026, and closing to April 11, 2026; as well as authorize the County Administrator to obtain a review of the appraisal; authorize the Director of Facilities and Resource Management of County Administrator to execute any related proposals in order to obtain a review of the appraisal; and authorize a waiver of the County's purchasing policy requiring three quotes related to obtaining a review of the appraisal.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1/20/2026	42788	Extend the burn ban to March 10, 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y