

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES



FEBRUARY 3, 2026

STATE OF TEXAS \*  
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2025, 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
ROXANNE RODRIGUEZ	CHIEF 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

*Jessica Caine, Director of Neighborhood Engagement at Southside Community Center, made a public comment about the various types of assistance the center offers to residents and stated the center serves as the only emergency shelter in the county. Carol Pennington made a public comment regarding the proposed animal shelter. She stated that her neighborhood in northern Hays County is not included in the proposed map and requested that it be considered for inclusion.*

**42789** Adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 22, 2026 as President George Washington Day.

*Cliff Caskey, Chaplain of William Hightower Chapter 35, spoke in appreciation of the proclamation, and the importance of educating others about the Revolutionary War. Stan Trull, President of William Hightower Chapter 35 Son of the American Revolution, invited the public to their chapter meeting to learn more of the organization.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 22, 2026 as President George Washington Day.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42790** Adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Dating Violence Awareness Month.

*Melissa Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer at Hays Caldwell Womens Center (HCWC), thanked the Court for the proclamation, highlighted prevention efforts available in English and Spanish, and encouraged the public to wear orange on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, in recognition of Dating Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Smith spoke about the dating violence mock trial. The court thanked HCWC for all their hard work and dedication to the community.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Dating Violence Awareness Month.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**42791** Adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 2 - February 9, 2026 as National Job Corps Groundhog Week.

*Randolph Goodman, Community Relations Coordinator for Gary Job Corps Center, spoke about the programs and skills Gary Job Corp offers to students, and announced his retirement date of March 6, 2026 and thanked the court for their continued support. The court thanked Goodman for all his hard work and dedication.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 2 - February 9, 2026 as National Job Corps Groundhog Week.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42792** Approve payments of County invoices.

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

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42793** Approve the payment of Juror disbursements.

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

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42794** 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 Hammer 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**

**42795** Approve the payment of the February 15, 2026 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$4,600,000.00 effective February 15, 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 Hammer to approve the payment of the February 15, 2026 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$4,600,000.00 effective February 15, 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**

**42796** Approve Commissioners Court Minutes for November 18, 2025, December 2, 2025 and December 16, 2025.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve Commissioners Court Minutes for November 18, 2025, December 2, 2025 and December 16, 2025.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**42797** Amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2026 monthly financial reporting.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2026 monthly financial reporting.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42798** Amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2025 fiscal year-end financial reporting.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2025 fiscal year-end financial reporting.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 7 9 9** Approve the reappointment of Kyle Mylius to the San Marcos Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number 5 (Downtown) Board of Directors for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve the reappointment of Kyle Mylius to the San Marcos Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number 5 (Downtown) Board of Directors for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42800** Approve the reappointment of Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number 5 (Downtown) Board of Directors for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve the reappointment of Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number 5 (Downtown) Board of Directors for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42801** Approve the appointment of Cris Chomel to the board of Emergency Service District (ESD) #9 to replace Krista Pepau; a two-year term ending December 31, 2027.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve the appointment of Cris Chomel to the board of Emergency Service District (ESD) #9 to replace Krista Pepau; a two-year term ending December 31, 2027.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42802** Authorize reimbursement to Carol Bedrich for consumable items purchased for the Chamber of Commerce Government Day event held on January 13, 2026, in Precinct 4.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize reimbursement to Carol Bedrich for consumable items purchased for the Chamber of Commerce Government Day event held on January 13, 2026, in Precinct 4.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**42803** Accept the 2025 Annual Racial Profiling Report from the Hays County Constable Precinct 3.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to accept the 2025 Annual Racial Profiling Report from the Hays County Constable Precinct 3.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42804** Approve Out of State Travel for Senior Deputies Briana Ramirez-Vargas, Korey Thornton, and Anne Medina to attend the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Annual Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia for an estimated amount of \$4,898.34.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve Out of State Travel for Senior Deputies Briana Ramirez-Vargas, Korey Thornton, and Anne Medina to attend the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Annual Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia for an estimated amount of \$4,898.34.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42805** Authorize payment to Waldrip Insurance Agency for the County Clerk in the amount of \$875.00 in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize payment to Waldrip Insurance Agency for the County Clerk in the amount of \$875.00 in which 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**

**42806** Authorize the Human Resources Department to purchase consumable goods for quarterly Training Liaison meetings through Fiscal Year 2026, not to exceed \$400.00 through September 30, 2026.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Human Resources Department to purchase consumable goods for quarterly Training Liaison meetings through Fiscal Year 2026, not to exceed \$400.00 through September 30, 2026.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42807** Authorize the submission of a continuation grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) Assisted Outpatient Treatment grant program in the amount of \$500,000.00.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the submission of a continuation grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) Assisted Outpatient Treatment grant program in the amount of \$500,000.00.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42808** Authorize the execution of an Estimate for Services from Bobcat Movers LLC for the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$1,385.00.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of an Estimate for Services from Bobcat Movers LLC for the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$1,385.00.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42809** Approve the Hart Intercivic Quote for ballot stock in the amount of \$15,050.00; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D).

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve the Hart Intercivic Quote for ballot stock in the amount of \$15,050.00; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42810** Accept a donation from the Harry L. Willett Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a ground penetrating radar study on county-owned property adjacent to the Claiborne Kyle Log House and amend the budget accordingly.

*Kate Johnson, Chairman of the Claiborne Kyle Log House Commission, stated the organization is requesting to proceed without the standard three-bid process for the project. Johnson spoke about the service and expertise of Dr. Michael Martin and the history of the log house. The court thanked Johnson for her expertise to preserve history.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept a donation from the Harry L. Willett Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a ground penetrating radar study on county-owned property adjacent to the Claiborne Kyle Log House and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42811** Authorize the Development Services Department to purchase one (1) replacement Dell Pro Max 16 valued at \$1,639.36 for the Development Coordinator position and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Development Services Department to purchase one (1) replacement Dell Pro Max 16 valued at \$1,639.36 for the Development Coordinator position and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note: Agenda Item #G-21 RE:** *Authorize the Sheriff's Office to purchase Blue Voice software for a total cost of \$78,530.92, to be paid over a 4-year term. - WAS PULLED.*

**42812** Authorize payment to Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas (TACA) for \$675.00 for membership dues where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize payment to Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas (TACA) for \$675.00 for membership dues 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**

**42813** Approve the Hart Intercivic repair estimate in the amount of \$7,250.07 for thirteen (13) Duo Touch and one (1) Controller that need repairs and are no longer under warranty; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D).

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve the Hart Intercivic repair estimate in the amount of \$7,250.07 for thirteen (13) Duo Touch and one (1) Controller that need repairs and are no longer under warranty; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**42814** Approve renewal of IFB 2023-B15 Regulatory Road Signs for one (1) additional year with Road Safe Traffic Systems, Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC, Pathmark Traffic Equipment LLC, and Vulcan Signs (15% proposed price increase), effective January 16, 2026.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve renewal of IFB 2023-B15 Regulatory Road Signs for one (1) additional year with Road Safe Traffic Systems, Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC, Pathmark Traffic Equipment LLC, and Vulcan Signs (15% proposed price increase), effective January 16, 2026.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42815** Approve specifications for IFB 2026-B06 Concrete and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit bids.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve specifications for IFB 2026-B06 Concrete and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit bids.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42816** Approve specifications for IFB 2026-B05 Concrete Contractor and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit bids.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve specifications for IFB 2026-B05 Concrete Contractor and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit bids.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42817** Approve specifications for RFP 2026-P09 Public Engagement Facilitation Services Pool and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for proposals.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve specifications for RFP 2026-P09 Public Engagement Facilitation Services Pool and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for proposals.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42818** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (2026-PSA-31) between Hays County and Ardurra Group, Inc. to provide engineering design services for the Old Kyle Road project in Precinct 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (2026-PSA-31) between Hays County and Ardurra Group, Inc. to provide engineering design services for the Old Kyle Road project in Precinct 3.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42819** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (2026-PSA-35) between Hays County and B2Z Engineering, LLC to provide Construction, Engineering, and Inspection Services for the Low Water Crossing at Bear Creek project in Precinct 4 and amend the budget accordingly.

*Commissioner Smith stated that this is the culmination of the 2016 road bond project, where all work has been completed and they are now coordinating with PEC for the installation of new poles.*



A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (2026-PSA-35) between Hays County and B2Z Engineering, LLC to provide Construction, Engineering, and Inspection Services for the Low Water Crossing at Bear Creek project in Precinct 4 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 8 2 0** Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution of Support for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) submission to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2028-2031 grant applications for the US 290 West (RM 1826 to Rob Shelton Blvd), RM 12 (Hamilton Pool Road to RM 150), and RM 1826 (US 290 to RM 150) projects in Precinct 4 .

*Commissioner Smith stated TxDot is applying to CAMPO and asked for a letter of support from the county.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to adopt a Resolution of Support for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) submission to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2028-2031 grant applications for the US 290 West (RM 1826 to Rob Shelton Blvd), RM 12 (Hamilton Pool Road to RM 150), and RM 1826 (US 290 to RM 150) projects in Precinct 4.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42821** Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of Alfred Benesch & Company (Benesch) to provide design services for the Old San Antonio Road project in Precinct 4; and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract.

*Commissioner Smith stated this is a CO project that was requested by the City of Buda and this was included in the bond.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve the selection of Alfred Benesch & Company (Benesch) to provide design services for the Old San Antonio Road project in Precinct 4; and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

PLN-2720-PC; Hold a Public Hearing regarding Cypress Creek Acres, Replat of Lot 48 & 49-B, Replat.

*Judge Becerra opened the public hearing at 11:41 a.m. No comments were made. Judge Becerra closed the public hearing at 11:41 a.m. Colby Machacek, Senior Planner, Development Services Senior Planner, provided background on the property and stated further action will be requested in court at a later date.*

**42822** Discussion and possible action to terminate the Hays County Central Appraisal District's eligibility to participate in the Hays County health care benefits plans effective October 1, 2026.

*Erik Granjeno, Director of Human Resources, stated that with the county growing at such a rapid pace, it is the right time to evaluate and streamline processes in order to maximize resources. Granjeno believes it is not in the county's best interest to continue allowing the Hays County Central Appraisal District (CAD) to participate in the county's health care benefits program. Commissioner Smith said that this had been discussed during the budget season, and stated there might be confusion about where the Hays CAD is affiliated with the county, which is a subdivision of the State Comptroller. Smith stated there were over \$400,000 in just premiums spent on the CAD and additional costs from the county where this can be assessed to them through the state system. Commissioner Hammer agreed that the county typically does get looped in with being a part of Hays CAD. Commissioner Cohen spoke in agreement that there is a need for change due to the growth of the county and a good step forward. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke in support of terminating the CAD's eligibility and stated this has been discussed in the past and feels it is time to move forward.*



*Judge Becerra stated that, as a local government, the county benefits from consolidating its purchasing power and believes that terminating the partnership with the CAD office could potentially disadvantage the county. The court had a lengthy discussion regarding the various options for terminating the contract.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to terminate the Hays County Central Appraisal District's eligibility to participate in the Hays County health care benefits plans effective October 1, 2026.

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

NAY: Judge Becerra

**4 - 1 Passed**

**42823** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Termination Notice to Texas Helps, formerly Evoke Wellness, related to outpatient substance use services for the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.

Judge Becerra clarified that this is simply a shift and not a cancellation of services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of a Termination Notice to Texas Helps, formerly Evoke Wellness, related to outpatient substance use services for the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42824** Discussion and possible action to accept the Hays County Capital Improvement Plan.

*Kandice Boutte, County Administrator, stated that this is a follow-up to the January 20 meeting regarding the results from Broaddus. Boutte added that she and Tammy Crumley will provide quarterly updates to the court on the CIP and related spending.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to accept the Hays County Capital Improvement Plan.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42825** Discussion and possible action to authorize a Transportation Supervisor, Mario Garcia, to take home a county-issued vehicle to his residence outside the County.

*Judge Becerra stated this is only one mile outside the standard requirement.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize a Transportation Supervisor, Mario Garcia, to take home a county-issued vehicle to his residence outside the County.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42826** Discussion and possible action to execute a five-year Statement of Work Proposal from DLT Solutions to obtain GovOS Public Records Software for the County Clerk's Office effective March 1, 2026, authorize a 50% deposit in the amount of \$77,542.00, and amend the budget accordingly.

*Cynthia Millonzi, Assistant County Clerk, stated that the process of transferring records management systems takes several months but that they have conducted due diligence to ensure a smooth transition. Commissioner Ingalsbe expressed her concern about the implementation transition and the possibility of the I.T. Director leaving, but stated that she hopes for the best. Commissioner Hammer expressed concerns regarding the budget impact. Commissioner Smith asked if year one funding was provided in the budget cycle. Kandice Boutte, County Administrator, provided the court with the amount of the full funding and confirmed that year one funding was covered. Millonzi clarified that all funds were secured previously in discussion with the previous Budget Officer, Vickie Dorsett, and specified that the majority of the cost would come out of the County Clerk's fund.*



Commissioner Smith asked for a timeline on having all paper records digitized. Roxanne Rodriguez, Chief Deputy County Clerk, stated that by statute, the clerk's office is required to preserve documents prior to 1950, and that is currently at an 85% rate of completion. The court had further discussion about the background of preserving documents and the use of A.I. technology.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to execute a five-year Statement of Work Proposal from DLT Solutions to obtain GovOS Public Records Software for the County Clerk's Office effective March 1, 2026, authorize a 50% deposit in the amount of \$77,542.00, and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 8 2 7** Discussion and possible action to establish one new AOT Program Case Manager grade 120, effective February 3, 2026; authorize the necessary equipment purchases with a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,734.00 within the County Courts at Law budget, and amend the budget accordingly.

Judge Becerra spoke on the conflicting numbers of costs and how the public can only read the item and does not have the ability to read what is fully stated in the backup. Kandice Boutte, County Administrator, assured the court that her office will adhere to making future items clear to the public, and stated that the information listed in the item is related to the equipment, but the total cost for the position would be \$55,000. Jennifer Putman, Assistant Outpatient Treatment Program Admin - County Court at Law, spoke on the position that was previously awarded at a lower grade and has remained unfilled, and provided the court with future expansion of the programs and need for residents. The court had further discussion in relation to the position and the affected budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to establish one new AOT Program Case Manager grade 120, effective February 3, 2026; authorize the necessary equipment purchases with a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,734.00 within the County Courts at Law budget, and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

Discussion and possible action to consider granting a variance to Section D.1.C.1 of the Hays County Rules for On-Site Sewage Facilities, and allow the issuance of an On-Site Sewage Facility permit to the owner of the property at 15103 W RR 150, Driftwood, Texas 78619.

Alejandra Rodriguez, Deputy County Clerk, read emailed public comments from the following individuals: Cindy Cassidy and Julie Guyette in support of the variance. Commissioner Smith stated these variances are for the Driftwood Store and provided background of the property. Jake Straub, applicant and owner of the property, stated there will be about 3,400 gallons per day. Smith stated the second variance is a request regarding setback lines. Aaron Jones, Director of Transportation, stated there would be difficulties meeting the required setback lines. Straub provided to the court a future roadmap for the property. Commissioner Hammer expressed her concerns about the high amount of gallons per day and the preservation of the property. Commissioner Cohen thanked Straub for his due diligence and for his support of the community's concerns. Commissioner Ingalsbe expressed her concerns about the extensive work from the variance. Eric Vangaasbeek, Chief Environmental Health Specialist, stated that there are certain regulations allowed and, historically a permit like this has not been approved unless tied to platting. Commissioner Smith stated he purposely did not converse with any of the court members because he wanted them to make their own decision. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, provided the court a brief explanation of a walking quorum.

**Clerk's Note:** Judge Becerra called for a recess that began at 11:04 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:17 a.m.

John Gerlaugh, Driftwood Historical Society, spoke in support of the variance, and requested that a deep conversation to address concerns from the community before approving the variance. RJ Rychlik, Civil Engineer, provided to the court the ADA pathways and sidewalks that will be included in the property's footplan. The court had a lengthy discussion and agreed to table both until a development agreement could be brought to court. No action taken.



**42828** Discussion and possible action to amend the Composition section of the Public Health Advisory Charter to include a member and an ex-officio member from Texas State University, and to accept Associate Vice President for Student Success and Dean of Students, Valerie Holmes, as the member, and University Health Services Director, Dr. Sarah Doss, as the ex-officio member offered to Texas State University.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to amend the Composition section of the Public Health Advisory Charter to include a member and an ex-officio member from Texas State University, and to accept Associate Vice President for Student Success and Dean of Students, Valerie Holmes, as the member, and University Health Services Director, Dr. Sarah Doss, as the ex-officio member offered to Texas State University.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

Discussion and possible action to consider granting a variance to Chapter 721 § 5.03 of the Hays County Development Regulations.

Alejandra Rodriguez, Deputy County Clerk, read emailed public comments from the following individuals: Cindy Cassidy and Julie Guyette in support of the variance. Commissioner Smith stated these variances are for the Driftwood Store and provided background of the property. Jake Straub, applicant and owner of the property, stated there will be about 3,400 gallons per day. Smith stated the second variance is a request regarding setback lines. Aaron Jones, Director of Transportation, stated there would be difficulties meeting the required setback lines. Straub provided to the court a future roadmap for the property. Commissioner Hammer expressed her concerns about the high amount of gallons per day and the preservation of the property. Commissioner Cohen thanked Straub for his due diligence and for his support of the community's concerns. Commissioner Ingalsbe expressed her concerns about the extensive work from the variance. Eric Vangaasbeek, Chief Environmental Health Specialist, stated that there are certain regulations allowed and, historically a permit like this has not been approved unless tied to platting. Commissioner Smith stated he purposely did not converse with any of the court members because he wanted them to make their own decision. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, provided the court with a brief explanation of a walking quorum. Clerk's Note: Judge Becerra called for a recess that began at 11:04 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:17 a.m. John Gerlaugh, Driftwood Historical Society, spoke in support of the variance, and requested that a deep conversation to address concerns from the community before approving the variance. RJ Rychlik, Civil Engineer, provided to the court the ADA pathways and sidewalks that will be included in the property's footplan. The court had a lengthy discussion and agreed to table both until a development agreement could be brought to court. No action taken.

**42829** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Transportation Department to accept insurance proceeds from the Texas Association of Counties totaling \$1,395.64 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Transportation Department to accept insurance proceeds from the Texas Association of Counties totaling \$1,395.64 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42830** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of contract amendments to the County Court at Law Mental Health Specialty Court Program contracts with: A Better Boat, LLC; Axis of Mental Healthcare, PLLC; C. Nichole Mueller-McMorris, LCSW; Hiatus Wellness; Horton House 501C3; Lisa Hinson, LCDC; Moonstone Counseling; Nova Recovery Center; Revive Recovery; Texas Helps (formerly Evoke Wellness); and Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

*Commissioner Smith noted the change is saving the taxpayers quite a bit of money. Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent, clarified that these are two different contracts for two different programs.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of contract amendments to the County Court at Law Mental Health Specialty Court Program contracts with: A Better Boat, LLC; Axis of Mental Healthcare, PLLC; C. Nichole Mueller-McMorris, LCSW; Hiatus Wellness; Horton House 501C3; Lisa Hinson, LCDC; Moonstone Counseling; Nova Recovery Center; Revive Recovery; Texas Helps (formerly Evoke Wellness); and Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.



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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 8 3 1** Discussion and possible action to award RFP 2026-P01 Flood Warning System - Maintenance & Repair Services to Water & Earth Technologies, Inc. and authorize staff and the District Attorney Civil Division to negotiate a contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to award RFP 2026-P01 Flood Warning System - Maintenance & Repair Services to Water & Earth Technologies, Inc. and authorize staff and the District Attorney Civil Division to negotiate a contract.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42832** Discussion and possible action to accept a Proposal from Sidekick GPR related to a ground penetrating radar study on the Claiborne Kyle Log House property owned by Hays County and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy for obtaining three quotes.

*Kate Johnson, Chairman of the Claiborne Kyle Log House Commission, stated the organization is requesting to proceed without the standard three-bid process for the project. Johnson spoke about the service and expertise of Dr. Michael Martin and the history of the log house. The court thanked Johnson for her expertise to preserve history.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept a Proposal from Sidekick GPR related to a ground penetrating radar study on the Claiborne Kyle Log House property owned by Hays County and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy for obtaining three quotes.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 8 3 3** Discussion and possible action to award RFP 2026-P02 Property Tax Collection Software to Appaisal & Collection Technologies, LLC and authorize staff and the District Attorney Civil Division to negotiate a contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to award RFP 2026-P02 Property Tax Collection Software to Appaisal & Collection Technologies, LLC and authorize staff and the District Attorney Civil Division to negotiate a contract.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42834** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor FY27, Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion Grant Program in the amount of \$88,025.74.

*Landon Campbell, Division Chief with the District Attorney's Office, spoke on the nature of juvenile cases worsening to more serious offenses, the strain on current Juvenile Officers, and how the grant will help the Juvenile Department post for a high-risk officer to assist.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor FY27, Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion Grant Program in the amount of \$88,025.74.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42835** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program in the amount of \$20,242.10.



*Mike Jones, Director of the Office of Emergency Services, stated that this is a critical item needed to ensure the safety of officers operating in the field. Aaron Bauer, Senior Deputy Fire Marshal, explained that, over the past year, the Fire Marshal's Office has executed both search and arrest warrants, and the purchase will allow all fire marshals to obtain appropriate body armor. Bauer also noted that the grant for the UTV--an all-terrain, four-seat vehicle--will be awarded through the Criminal Justice Grant program. The UTV will enable fire marshals to access areas that are not reachable by standard vehicles. He added that the UTV will be equipped with a fire pump and will serve as a valuable asset to the county.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program in the amount of \$20,242.10.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42836** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Grant Program in the amount of \$69,553.03.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Grant Program in the amount of \$69,553.03.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42837** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Victim Assistance-Victims of Crime Act grant in the amount of \$57,993.70.

*Landon Campbell, Division Chief with the Hays County District Attorney's Office, gave an overview of the purpose of the Victim's Assistance Coordinator's Office in relation to the District Attorney's Office. Campbell stated the Victim Assistance-Victims of Crime Act grant will help supplement staff to keep up with the increased number of protective orders requested. He stated the Violence Against Women Act grant will allow the staff to receive the proper training to better help victims in various circumstances. Stacy Miles-Thorpe, Victim Assistance Supervisor - District Attorney, stated that this grant was previously awarded to the office and that they had the ability to send staff to conferences and receive the training needed. The court thanked Campbell and the District Attorney's office for finding ways to better assist victims in Hays County.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Victim Assistance-Victims of Crime Act grant in the amount of \$57,993.70.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42838** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) - Mitigation Projects in the amount of \$45,829.65.



*Jeff McGill, Director of Information Technology, thanked the Grants department for bringing this grant to his attention. McGill explained that, with the addition of new programs and the growing volume of data that must be backed up, the funds will be used to expand the county's overall storage capacity. The court expressed appreciation for McGill and Commissioner Ingalsbe recognized the Grants Division for their diligent efforts in securing and pursuing funding opportunities on behalf of the county.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) - Mitigation Projects in the amount of \$45,829.65.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42839** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor FY27, Violence Against Women Act fund in the amount of \$15,874.02.

Landon Campbell, Division Chief with the Hays County District Attorney's Office, gave an overview of the purpose of the Victim's Assistance Coordinator's Office in relation to the District Attorney's Office. Campbell stated the Victim Assistance-Victims of Crime Act grant will help supplement staff to keep up with the increased number of protective orders requested. He stated the Violence Against Women Act grant will allow the staff to receive the proper training to better help victims in various circumstances. Stacy Miles-Thorpe, Victim Assistance Supervisor - District Attorney, stated that this grant was previously awarded to the office and that they had the ability to send staff to conferences and receive the training needed. The court thanked Campbell and the District Attorney's office for finding ways to better assist victims in Hays County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor FY27, Violence Against Women Act fund in the amount of \$15,874.02.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42840** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Specialty Court grant program for the Mental Health Court in the amount of \$72,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Specialty Court grant program for the Mental Health Court in the amount of \$72,000.00.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42841** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Specialty Court Grant Program for the DWI/Drug Court Program in the amount of \$85,473.15.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Specialty Court Grant Program for the DWI/Drug Court Program in the amount of \$85,473.15.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42842** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a continuation grant application and execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Criminal Justice Funds in the amount of \$113,726.71.



*Gregg Cox, First Assistant District Attorney, stated this grant application would be for the third year of funding for the Environmental Enforcement Unit and provided program details. The court thanked Cox and the District Attorney's office.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the submission of a continuation grant application and execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Criminal Justice Funds in the amount of \$113,726.71.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42843** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 2 between SpawGlass Contractors, Inc and Hays County pursuant to RFP 2025-P01 Sentinel Peak Park Improvements - Construction Manager at Risk and amend the budget accordingly.

*Karl Flocke, Director of Parks and Natural Resources, expressed his excitement about starting this phase of the project. Grady Carlson, Pre-Construction Services Manager for SpawGlass Contractors, spoke about all the processes of getting this phase of the project started and stated the demolition of the old building has started. Commissioner Hammer expressed her gratitude to the company for their work in getting this project completed.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the execution of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 2 between SpawGlass Contractors, Inc and Hays County pursuant to RFP 2025-P01 Sentinel Peak Park Improvements - Construction Manager at Risk and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note:** Executive Session began at 11:57 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 12:09 p.m.

**42844** Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 and Section 551.072: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the exchange, purchase, lease, sale, or value of real property located at or near CR133 (Hillside Terrace), in Precinct 2 (Parcel 14, 14E1, 14E2, 14E3) related to the Hillside Terrace Road improvement project. Discussion and/or possible action may follow in open court.

*Those present in Executive Session from 12:02 p.m. to 12:03 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division; Tucker Furlow, Katherine Howard and Chase Young, Assistant Criminal District Attorneys - Civil Division; Janice Jones, Legal Support Services Specialist; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Stephanie Hunt, Hays County Purchasing Agent; and Simone Corprew, Special Programs Coordinator.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve an Agreed Final Judgment in relation to Cause No. 24-1014-C, *Hays County, Texas v. Nancy H. Johnson, Et. Al.*, currently pending in the County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County, Texas in relation to the Hillside Terrace roadway improvement project, (Parcels 14, 14E1, 14 E2, and 14E3) and authorize counsel and staff to take other appropriate action related therewith.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42845** Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 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 Windy Hill, Parcel 41, in Precinct 1, related to the Windy Hill roadway improvement and utility adjustment project. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.



Those present in Executive Session from 12:03 p.m. to 12:05 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division; Tucker Furlow, Katherine Howard and Chase Young, Assistant Criminal District Attorneys - Civil Division; Janice Jones, Legal Support Services Specialist; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Stephanie Hunt, Hays County Purchasing Agent; and Simone Corprew, Special Programs Coordinator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve a Rule 11 Settlement Agreement in relation to Cause No. 25-1109-C, Hays County Texas v 4303 Medical Parkway, LLC, currently pending in the County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County, Texas in relation to the Windy Hill roadway improvement project (Parcel 41) and authorize counsel and staff to take other appropriate action related therewith.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

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 12:03 p.m. to 12:05 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division; Tucker Furlow, Katherine Howard and Chase Young, Assistant Criminal District Attorneys - Civil Division; Janice Jones, Legal Support Services Specialist; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Stephanie Hunt, Hays County Purchasing Agent; and Simone Corprew, Special Programs Coordinator. 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 of the inmate population. The 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 575 with a peak of 581 on January 27, 2026. The estimated cost for outsourcing inmates this week was \$96,965.00. The number of outsourced males is 135, the number of outsourced females is zero. All inmates are housed in Haskell County. The number of "paper-ready" inmates, who are now wardens of the state, is 35.

**Clerk's Note: Agenda Item #M-2 RE: Discussion and possible action related to the burn ban. - WAS PULLED.**

**Clerk's Note: Agenda Item #M-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 12:16 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 FEBRUARY 3, 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
2/3/2026	42790	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Dating Violence Awareness Month.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42791	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing February 2 - February 9, 2026 as National Job Corps Groundhog Week.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42792	Approve payments of County invoices.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42793	Approve the payment of Juror disbursements.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42794	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
2/3/2026	42795	Approve the payment of the February 15, 2026 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$4,600,000.00 effective February 15, 2026, and post totals of wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42796	Approve Commissioners Court Minutes for November 18, 2025, December 2, 2025 and December 16, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42797	Amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2026 monthly financial reporting.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42798	Amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2025 fiscal year-end financial reporting.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42799	Approve the reappointment of Kyle Mylius to the San Marcos Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number 5 (Downtown) Board of Directors for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42800	Approve the reappointment of Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number 5 (Downtown) Board of Directors for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42801	Approve the appointment of Cris Chomel to the board of Emergency Service District (ESD) #9 to replace Krista Pepau; a two-year term ending December 31, 2027.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42802	Authorize reimbursement to Carol Bedrich for consumable items purchased for the Chamber of Commerce Government Day event held on January 13, 2026, in Precinct 4.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42803	Accept the 2025 Annual Racial Profiling Report from the Hays County Constable Precinct 3.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42804	Approve Out of State Travel for Senior Deputies Briana Ramirez-Vargas, Korey Thornton, and Anne Medina to attend the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Annual Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia for an estimated amount of \$4,898.34.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42805	Authorize payment to Waldrip Insurance Agency for the County Clerk in the amount of \$875.00 in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42806	Authorize the Human Resources Department to purchase consumable goods for quarterly Training Liaison meetings through Fiscal Year 2026, not to exceed \$400.00 through September 30, 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42807	Authorize the submission of a continuation grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) Assisted Outpatient Treatment grant program in the amount of \$500,000.00.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42808	Authorize the execution of an Estimate for Services from Bobcat Movers LLC for the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$1,385.00.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42809	Approve the Hart Intercivic Quote for ballot stock in the amount of \$15,050.00; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42810	Accept a donation from the Harry L. Willett Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a ground penetrating radar study on county-owned property adjacent to the Claiborne Kyle Log House and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42811	Authorize the Development Services Department to purchase one (1) replacement Dell Pro Max 16 valued at \$1,639.36 for the Development Coordinator position and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42812	Authorize payment to Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas (TACA) for \$675.00 for membership dues where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42813	Approve the Hart Intercivic repair estimate in the amount of \$7,250.07 for thirteen (13) Duo Touch and one (1) Controller that need repairs and are no longer under warranty; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42814	Approve renewal of IFB 2023-B15 Regulatory Road Signs for one (1) additional year with Road Safe Traffic Systems, Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC, Pathmark Traffic Equipment LLC, and Vulcan Signs (15% proposed price increase), effective January 16, 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42815	Approve specifications for IFB 2026-B06 Concrete and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit bids.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42816	Approve specifications for IFB 2026-B05 Concrete Contractor and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit bids.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42817	Approve specifications for RFP 2026-P09 Public Engagement Facilitation Services Pool and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for proposals.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42818	Authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (2026-PSA-31) between Hays County and Ardurra Group, Inc. to provide engineering design services for the Old Kyle Road project in Precinct 3.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42819	Authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (2026-PSA-35) between Hays County and B2Z Engineering, LLC to provide Construction, Engineering, and Inspection Services for the Low Water Crossing at Bear Creek project in Precinct 4 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42820	Adopt a Resolution of Support for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) submission to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2028-2031 grant applications for the US 290 West (RM 1826 to Rob Shelton Blvd), RM 12 (Hamilton Pool Road to RM 150), and RM 1826 (US 290 to RM 150) projects in Precinct 4.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42821	Approve the selection of Alfred Benesch & Company (Benesch) to provide design services for the Old San Antonio Road project in Precinct 4; and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42822	Terminate the Hays County Central Appraisal District's eligibility to participate in the Hays County health care benefits plans effective October 1, 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO
2/3/2026	42823	Authorize the execution of a Termination Notice to Texas Helps, formerly Evoke Wellness, related to outpatient substance use services for the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42824	Accept the Hays County Capital Improvement Plan.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42825	Authorize a Transportation Supervisor, Mario Garcia, to take home a county-issued vehicle to his residence outside the County.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42826	Execute a five-year Statement of Work Proposal from DLT Solutions to obtain GovOS Public Records Software for the County Clerk's Office effective March 1, 2026, authorize a 50% deposit in the amount of \$77,542.00, and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42827	Establish one new AOT Program Case Manager grade 120, effective February 3, 2026; authorize the necessary equipment purchases with a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,734.00 within the County Courts at Law budget, and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42828	Amend the Composition section of the Public Health Advisory Charter to include a member and an ex-officio member from Texas State University, and to accept Associate Vice President for Student Success and Dean of Students, Valerie Holmes, as the member, and University Health Services Director, Dr. Sarah Doss, as the ex-officio member offered to Texas State University.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42829	Authorize the Transportation Department to accept insurance proceeds from the Texas Association of Counties totaling \$1,395.64 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42830	Authorize the execution of contract amendments to the County Court at Law Mental Health Specialty Court Program contracts with: A Better Boat, LLC; Axis of Mental Healthcare, PLLC; C. Nichole Mueller-McMorris, LCSW; Hiatus Wellness; Horton House 501C3; Lisa Hinson, LCDC; Moonstone Counseling; Nova Recovery Center; Revive Recovery; Texas Helps (formerly Evoke Wellness); and Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42831	Award RFP 2026-P01 Flood Warning System - Maintenance & Repair Services to Water & Earth Technologies, Inc. and authorize staff and the District Attorney Civil Division to negotiate a contract.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42832	Accept a Proposal from Sidekick GPR related to a ground penetrating radar study on the Claiborne Kyle Log House property owned by Hays County and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy for obtaining three quotes.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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2/3/2026	42833	Award RFP 2026-P02 Property Tax Collection Software to Appaisal & Collection Technologies, LLC and authorize staff and the District Attorney Civil Division to negotiate a contract.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42834	Authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor FY27, Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion Grant Program in the amount of \$88,025.74.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42835	Authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program in the amount of \$20,242.10.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42836	Authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Grant Program in the amount of \$69,553.03.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42837	Authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Victim Assistance-Victims of Crime Act grant in the amount of \$57,993.70.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42838	Authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) - Mitigation Projects in the amount of \$45,829.65.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42839	Authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor FY27, Violence Against Women Act fund in the amount of \$15,874.02.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42840	Authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Specialty Court grant program for the Mental Health Court in the amount of \$72,000.00.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42841	Authorize the submission of a grant application and the execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Specialty Court Grant Program for the DWI/Drug Court Program in the amount of \$85,473.15.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42842	Authorize the submission of a continuation grant application and execution of associated documents to the Office of the Governor, FY27 Criminal Justice Funds in the amount of \$113,726.71.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42843	Authorize the execution of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 2 between SpawGlass Contractors, Inc and Hays County pursuant to RFP 2025-P01 Sentinel Peak Park Improvements - Construction Manager at Risk and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42844	Approve an Agreed Final Judgment in relation to Cause No. 24-1014-C, Hays County, Texas v. Nancy H. Johnson, Et. Al., currently pending in the County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County, Texas in relation to the Hillside Terrace roadway improvement project, (Pacels 14, 14E1, 14 E2, and 14E3) and authorize counsel and staff to take other appropriate action related therewith.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/3/2026	42845	Approve a Rule 11 Settlement Agreement in relation to Cause No. 25-1109-C, Hays County Texas v 4303 Medical Parkway, LLC, currently pending in the County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County, Texas in relation to the Windy Hill roadway improvement project (Parcel 41) and authorize counsel and staff to take other appropriate action related therewith.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y