

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES



SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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

Druzella Purkey made a public comment thanking the court for their support for Capital Idea. Anna Nunez, Public Information Officer for the US Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, made a public comment to share information relating to SBA disaster assistance programs and provide information of the organization and encouraged the community to apply for any economic assistance they may need and provided the application deadline information. Roxanne Rodriguez, Chief Deputy County Clerk, read an emailed public comment from the September 2, 2025 meeting, from Kenneth Rocha against the tax increase. Briana Ramirez-Vargas, Senior Deputy Clerk, read emailed public comments from the following individuals for the September 16, 2025 meeting: Christine Hoffer made a public comment suggesting water protection measures. Raul Vela spoke in favor of School Resource Officers (SRO's) for Hays CISD.

42187 Adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 22-26, 2025 as Falls Prevention Awareness Week.

Commissioner Smith stated that the court has placed particular emphasis on older Americans this month and noted that the majority of senior services that run through a 10-county region are administered through Capitol Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG).

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 22-26, 2025 as Falls Prevention Awareness Week.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42188 Adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 2025 as Senior Center Awareness Month.

Commissioner Smith recognized all the senior citizen centers in Hays County, with specific recognition of the Hill Country Senior Center in Dripping Springs. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Ingalsbe both urged the public to visit the senior centers and have fellowship with them.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 2025 as Senior Center Awareness Month.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

42189 Adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 14-20, 2025 as National CERT Week in Hays County.

Mike Jones, Director of Emergency Services, provided an overview of the Hays County CERT team's purpose, including their responsibilities, services offered and the training and certifications they obtain. Candy Lonie, Special Operations Coordinator, spoke about the CERT team and their countless hours of dedication. The court thanked the team for their hard work and dedication.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Becerra to adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 14-20, 2025 as National CERT Week in Hays County.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42190 Adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 15-October 15, 2025 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 15-October 15, 2025 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42191 Approve payments of County invoices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, 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

42192 Approve the payment of Juror disbursements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, 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

42193 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 Commissioner Ingalsbe, 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

42194 Approve Hays County Commissioners Court minutes of July 29, 2025, August 5, 2025 and August 12, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve Hays County Commissioners Court minutes of July 29, 2025, August 5, 2025 and August 12, 2025.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously



42195 Approve the payment of the September 30, 2025 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$5,700,000.00 effective September 30, 2025, and post totals of wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve the payment of the September 30, 2025 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$5,700,000.00 effective September 30, 2025, 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

42196 Approve an increase of \$300.00 in the Tax Office change fund as recommended by the County Auditor pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 130.902 (d).

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve an increase of \$300.00 in the Tax Office change fund as recommended by the County Auditor pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 130.902 (d).

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42197 Accept the delivery of the County Auditor's Monthly Report for July 2025 pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 114.023 and 114.025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to accept the delivery of the County Auditor's Monthly Report for July 2025 pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 114.023 and 114.025.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42198 Amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2025 quarterly financial reporting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2025 quarterly financial reporting.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42199 Authorize payment to ASCO Equipment in the amount of \$633.24 for repair parts for a loader at the Transportation Department where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize payment to ASCO Equipment in the amount of \$633.24 for repair parts for a loader at the Transportation Department 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

42200 Authorize payment to Card Service Center in the amount of \$525.87 for the Veteran Service Office related to a Food Voucher Program purchase for a local veteran in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize payment to Card Service Center in the amount of \$525.87 for the Veteran Service Office related to a Food Voucher Program purchase for a local veteran 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



42201 Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support Hill Country Rally for Kids in an amount of \$1,200.00 in support of local children's charities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support Hill Country Rally for Kids in an amount of \$1,200.00 in support of local children's charities.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42202 Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support Foster Village in an amount of \$1,200.00 for the purchase of Welcome Packs for children navigating the foster care system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support Foster Village in an amount of \$1,200.00 for the purchase of Welcome Packs for children navigating the foster care system.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42203 Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support Patriots Hall of Dripping Springs in an amount of \$1,200.00 for expanded veteran's services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support Patriots Hall of Dripping Springs in an amount of \$1,200.00 for expanded veteran's services.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42204 Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support the Dripping Springs Education Foundation in an amount of \$1,200.00 to support programs that directly support student success.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support the Dripping Springs Education Foundation in an amount of \$1,200.00 to support programs that directly support student success.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42205 Authorize the Hays County Constable, Pct.1 office to accept a \$400.00 dollar donation from Mr. Carter Morris of San Marcos and amend the budget accordingly.

David Peterson, Constable Precinct 1, thanked the court for the acceptance of the donation and stated that the funds will be utilized to support the purchase of child car seats.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Hays County Constable, Pct.1 office to accept a \$400.00 dollar donation from Mr. Carter Morris of San Marcos and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42206 Approve out-of-state travel for Emergency Communications Officer Manager Megan Jones to attend the Tyler New World Advisory Board Meeting on October 14-15, 2025, in Troy, Michigan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve out-of-state travel for Emergency Communications Officer Manager Megan Jones to attend the Tyler New World Advisory Board Meeting on October 14-15, 2025, in Troy, Michigan.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously



42207 Authorize the Civil Service Department to utilize existing funds totaling \$2,000.00 for travel expenses related to third-party testing assessment fees for the Sheriff's Office promotional process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Civil Service Department to utilize existing funds totaling \$2,000.00 for travel expenses related to third-party testing assessment fees for the Sheriff's Office promotional process.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42208 Authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, FY25 Formula Grant Program in the amount of \$214,738.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, FY25 Formula Grant Program in the amount of \$214,738.00.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42209 Authorize the acceptance of a budget amendment to the FY25 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Assisted Outpatient Treatment Grant Program and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the acceptance of a budget amendment to the FY25 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Assisted Outpatient Treatment Grant Program and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42210 Authorize the acceptance of a contract amendment to the FY26 Department of State Health Services, Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

Matthew Gonzales, Hays County Health Department Director, provided background on this item and stated they must accept this amendment with the reduced funding now but a follow-up amendment will be presented to the court at a later date to bring back to full funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the acceptance of a contract amendment to the FY26 Department of State Health Services, Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 1 1 Authorize the acceptance of a continuation grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, FY26 Improvement Grant Program in the amount of \$38,696.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the acceptance of a continuation grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, FY26 Improvement Grant Program in the amount of \$38,696.00.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42212 Approve out-of-state travel for CECC Director Stephanie Robinson to attend the Tyler New World Advisory Board Meeting on October 14-25, 2025 in Troy, Michigan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve out-of-state travel for CECC Director Stephanie Robinson to attend the Tyler New World Advisory Board Meeting on October 14-25, 2025 in Troy, Michigan.



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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42213 Authorize the execution of an agreement with Mobile Modular Portable Storage in the amount of \$1,448.60 for the temporary rental of a portable office to be used at the Driftwood recycling facility, and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of an agreement with Mobile Modular Portable Storage in the amount of \$1,448.60 for the temporary rental of a portable office to be used at the Driftwood recycling facility, and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 1 4 Authorize Countywide Operations Building Maintenance to purchase one (1) DC Refrigerant Recovery Machine in the amount of \$652.98 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize Countywide Operations Building Maintenance to purchase one (1) DC Refrigerant Recovery Machine in the amount of \$652.98 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 1 5 Authorize the execution of a First Amendment to the agreement between Hays County and Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership (formerly Greater San Marcos Partnership).

Commissioner Hammer stated this item would include an amendment, and that a representative from the Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership will be available to address any questions regarding the agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of a First Amendment to the agreement between Hays County and Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership (formerly Greater San Marcos Partnership).

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 1 6 Authorize the execution of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Hays Consolidated Independent School District (HCISD) and Hays County related to school resource officers, effective October 1, 2025.

Briana Ramirez-Vargas, Senior Deputy Clerk read emailed public comments from the following individuals in favor of the agreement: Savannah Garcia, Sarah Miller, Ashley Murphy, Cristyn Cordova, Keely O'Rourke, Leah Hart, Fabiola Sanchez, Stephanie Arvizu, Joanna Garcia, Mary Neel, Katherine Heeb and Esperanza Orosco. Commissioner Smith thanked the Sheriff's office for their continued collaboration with Hays Consolidated ISD and Dripping Springs ISD, as well as for updating their Interlocal Cooperation Agreements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Hays Consolidated Independent School District (HCISD) and Hays County related to school resource officers, effective October 1, 2025.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 1 7 Authorize the execution of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) and Hays County related to school resource officers, effective October 1, 2025.



Commissioner Smith thanked the Sheriff's office for their continued collaboration with Hays Consolidated ISD and Dripping Springs ISD, as well as for updating their Interlocal Cooperation Agreements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) and Hays County related to school resource officers, effective October 1, 2025.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42218 Approve Utility Permits.

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

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42219 Approve the Power the Tower event on the courthouse grounds sponsored by KZSM to be held on September 16, 2025, that shall include commercial vendors.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve the Power the Tower event on the courthouse grounds sponsored by KZSM to be held on September 16, 2025, that shall include commercial vendors.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42220 Authorize the execution of the Eighth Amendment to the Waste Connections Lone Star Inc. contract, pursuant to IFB 2021-B12 Countywide Dumpsters, in relation to the removal of the 5-Mile Dam location.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of the Eighth Amendment to the Waste Connections Lone Star Inc. contract, pursuant to IFB 2021-B12 Countywide Dumpsters, in relation to the removal of the 5-Mile Dam location.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42221 Authorize the execution of Contract Amendment 2 between Hays County and United Site Services of Texas, Inc. related to IFB 2022-B05 Countywide Portable Toilets and Handwashing Stations Rental Services, adding services for the transportation yard in Precinct 1, and the removing services located at 5-Mile Dam.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of Contract Amendment 2 between Hays County and United Site Services of Texas, Inc. related to IFB 2022-B05 Countywide Portable Toilets and Handwashing Stations Rental Services, adding services for the transportation yard in Precinct 1, and the removing services located at 5-Mile Dam.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42222 Authorize the execution of Contract Amendment 1 between Hays County and Vulcan Construction, Inc. pursuant to IFB 2022-B06 Road Building Material - Limestone Rock Asphalt - Cold Mix, adding the addition of TxDOT 330 Item: LRA TY I GR D Plus, effective September 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of Contract Amendment 1 between Hays County and Vulcan Construction, Inc. pursuant to IFB 2022-B06 Road Building Material - Limestone Rock Asphalt - Cold Mix, adding the addition of TxDOT 330 Item: LRA TY I GR D Plus, effective September 1, 2025.



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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 2 3 Authorize the Elections Office to purchase a one-year service agreement from Crael, Inc. for the canon scanner in the amount \$2,315.89, and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy of obtaining three quotes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the Elections Office to purchase a one-year service agreement from Crael, Inc. for the canon scanner in the amount \$2,315.89, 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

4 2 2 2 4 Authorize Firetrol Protection Systems to conduct annual backflow inspections per their Buyboard Contract 751-24, and authorize a discretionary expectation pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(7)(d) for the permit required by the City of San Marcos, effective August 28, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize Firetrol Protection Systems to conduct annual backflow inspections per their Buyboard Contract 751-24, and authorize a discretionary expectation pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(7)(d) for the permit required by the City of San Marcos, effective August 28, 2025.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42225 Authorize the execution of a contract amendment with Water & Earth Technologies for FY 25 related to the 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 Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of a contract amendment with Water & Earth Technologies for FY 25 related to the 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

4 2 2 2 6 Approve specifications for RFP 2025-P09 Workers Compensation Insurance & Administrative Services and authorize Purchasing to solicit proposals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve specifications for RFP 2025-P09 Workers Compensation Insurance & Administrative Services and authorize Purchasing to solicit proposals.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 2 7 Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of Engagement Letters with S&P Global and Fitch Ratings for services related to the credit rating of Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025, authorizing a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024(a)(4).

Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor, provided background on the purpose of this item. She stated the county is currently holding an AA Plus rating and that this letter is needed to obtain updated ratings.



A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of Engagement Letters with S&P Global and Fitch Ratings for services related to the credit rating of Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025, authorizing a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024(a)(4).

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42228 Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. to provide Utility Coordination services for the RM 12 at Jacobs Well Road, Precinct 3, 2016 Road Bond Program project and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. to provide Utility Coordination services for the RM 12 at Jacobs Well Road, Precinct 3, 2016 Road Bond Program project and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42229 Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of Buda related to the design, review, and maintenance responsibility related to the future 1626 connector at FM 967 in Precinct Four.

Commissioner Smith stated this agreement is between Hays County and the City of Buda, and the developer is working with the city to build a connection from FM967 to FM1626 in Buda to bypass neighborhoods. He stated this agreement would outline the maintenance responsibility between the county and city.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of Buda related to the design, review, and maintenance responsibility related to the future 1626 connector at FM 967 in Precinct Four.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Discussion and possible action to authorize staff and HNTB to proceed with the attached road projects as recommended by the Transportation Task Force. Totaling approximately \$200M to be funded with Certificates of Obligation (COs).

Bobby Levinski made a public comment expressing his appreciation for the Transportation Task Force bus shared his concerns on Certificates of Obligation. He dedicated a portion of his time to Dr. Cynthia High, Fitzhugh Neighbors, reading aloud a public comment on road developments. Carol Pennington made a public comment against the timing of the road projects. Commissioner Cohen stated she will not take away projects that have been approved by voters and expressed concern over the creation of the task force. She stated her intention to establish an advisory board for the Transportation Department in the future. Judge Becerra stated this item was to provide clear information, and the court had opportunities to appoint a member to the body. Commissioner Ingalsbe stated she was unaware of the possibility of appointing someone to the Task Force, and feels as a county, they should listen to their constituents. Commissioner Hammer stated the county should not go backwards on what the voters wanted and questioned the integrity of the Task Force. Commissioner Smith stated the court was unaware of the members who were a part of the Task Force. The court had a lengthy discussion regarding the recommended road projects presented by the Transportation Task Force.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize staff and HNTB to proceed with the attached road projects as recommended by the Transportation Task Force. Totaling approximately \$200M to be funded with Certificates of Obligation (COs).

AYE: Judge Becerra

NAY: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Hammer,
Commissioner Smith

**1 - 4 Failed**

42230 Discussion and possible action to consider the acceptance of road construction & surface drainage improvements, acceptance of the 2-year maintenance bond #CNB-25-0005648-00 in the amount of \$26,782.01 and acceptance of the 1-year revegetation bond #CNB-25-0005639-00 in the amount of \$14,581.00 for the Skylight Hills subdivision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to consider the acceptance of road construction & surface drainage improvements, acceptance of the 2-year maintenance bond #CNB-25-0005648-00 in the amount of \$26,782.01 and acceptance of the 1-year revegetation bond #CNB-25-0005639-00 in the amount of \$14,581.00 for the Skylight Hills subdivision.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

PLN-1889-PC; Hold a Public Hearing regarding the Douglas Estates, Lot D4, Replat.

Judge Becerra opened the Public Hearing at 12:19 p.m. No comments were made. Judge Becerra closed the Public Hearing at 12:19 p.m. Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the property and stated no further action is required aside from holding the public hearing.

4 2 2 3 1 Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Development Agreement between Hays County and GBRK Edgewood LLC, for the Ellington Subdivision.

Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the property and stated the developer is seeking several variances as well as a deferral in the payment of subdivision fees. Pacheco also reviewed several considerations to the county from the developer. Commissioner Cohen stated the primary impact of this project will be the widening of Satterwhite Road. Austin Evetts, Green Brick Partners, provided background on the company and the proposed development. Further discussion was held by the court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of a Development Agreement between Hays County and GBRK Edgewood LLC, for the Ellington Subdivision.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42232 PLN-2707-NP; Ratify Approval for the Spoke Pile Subdivision.

Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, stated this item is for ratification approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to ratify approval for the Spoke Pile Subdivision (PLN-2707-NP).

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42233 PLN-2749-PC; Ratify approval of Indian Hills Ranch, Lot 1, Replat.

Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the property and stated staff recommends ratifying the approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Smith to ratify approval of Indian Hills Ranch, Lot 1, Replat (PLN-2749-PC).

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 3 4 Hold a public hearing in accordance with section 293.101 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, to discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the proposed mandatory payments to be assessed on institutional healthcare providers in fiscal year (FY) 2026 pursuant to the County Health Care Provider Participation Program.



Judge Becerra opened the Public Hearing at 10:34 a.m. Robin Oldham, Director of Finance Policy with Adelanto, thanked the court for the past 10 years of support. Julie Holly, Senior Director of Net Revenue, thanked the court for their continued support and stated the organization supports the 6% rate. Judge Becerra closed the public hearing at 10:38 a.m. Tammy Crumley, Director of Countywide Operations, stated that Hays County's role is to facilitate between the hospital and HHS and that this program is very valuable to the hospital and county. The court spoke in support of the program and agreed on the 6% rate. A resolution was read aloud.

Clerks Note: The item was adopted without objection, despite the absence of a formal motion and second.

Approval of the mandatory payments to be assessed on institutional healthcare providers in fiscal year (FY) 2026 pursuant to the County Health Care Provider Participation Program.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42235 Discussion and possible action to approve unused vacation time to be rolled to FY26 to be used by March 31, 2026.

Tammy Crumley, Director of Countywide Operations, stated this item is for the Manager of the Recycling Center only. Jordan Powell, First Assistant District Attorney -- Civil Division, stated that the motion should specify the one position this change is for.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to approve unused vacation time of the Recycling and Solid Waste Department Manager to be rolled to FY26 to be used by March 31, 2026.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42236 Discussion and possible action to adopt the Portal to Portal Pay Policy in the Personnel Policies effective September 19, 2025.

Erik Granjeno, Director of Human Resources, provided his recommendation on the new Portal to Portal Pay Policy.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt the Portal to Portal Pay Policy in the Personnel Policies effective September 19, 2025 as presented in court.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 3 7 Discussion and possible action to adopt new market sources for employee compensation benchmarking, Effective October 1, 2025.

Erik Granjeno, Director of Human Resources, gave a PowerPoint presentation with the recommendations of the new compensation market sources. Commissioner Smith requested City of Kyle and City of Buda be added to the list.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to adopt new market sources for employee compensation benchmarking, Effective October 1, 2025.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 3 8 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Health Department to convert the vacant Animal Welfare Services Division Manager, grade 123 to an Intake Coordinator, grade 116 effective September 16, 2025.

Commissioner Ingalsbe stated this position will strengthen the partnership with the City of San Marcos. Matthew Gonzales, Hays County Health Department Director, stated this position at the San Marcos Animal Regional Shelter will support the shelter's intake process, which currently demands significant time and resources due to the high volume of incoming animals.



Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent, stated the requirements for this position are listed in the contract with the City of San Marcos. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, stated the ordinance is a framework regarding any statutory rules and regulations, where the standard operating procedures (SOPs) would supplement the ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the Health Department to convert the vacant Animal Welfare Services Division Manager, grade 123 to an Intake Coordinator, grade 116 effective September 16, 2025.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

4 2 2 3 9 Discussion and possible action to accept a Proposal from Water & Earth Technologies (WET) related to the replacement of the Pressure Transducers located at Post Road and Chapparral Road; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024 (a)(7)(D), and amend the budget accordingly.

Commissioner Smith asked if there was a way to get the item under a contract. Mike Jones, Director of Emergency Services, stated that typically the transducers last anywhere between eight and ten years and they are currently exploring other options for next year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to accept a Proposal from Water & Earth Technologies (WET) related to the replacement of the Pressure Transducers located at Post Road and Chapparral Road; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024 (a)(7)(D), and amend the budget accordingly.

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 11:24 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:34 a.m.

42240 Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership.

Commissioner Hammer stated the current agreement will expire on September 30, 2025, and this new agreement will continue for a four-year period beginning on October 1, 2025. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked if the counties' contributions will remain the same. Commissioner Hammer provided the current and past contribution amounts. Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer, stated the \$400,000 is included in the proposed FY26 budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42241 Discussion and possible action to approve the following Joint Election Agreements for entities wishing to run jointly with Hays County in the Constitutional Amendment Election: City of Austin, City of Buda, City of Kyle, City of Mountain City, City of San Marcos, City of Umland, City of Woodcreek, Blanco Independent School District, Hays Consolidated Independent School District, Crystal Clear SUD, Hays County MUD #12, Mason MUD, North Hays County ESD #1, Overlook MUD.

Jennifer Doinoff, Hays County Elections Administrator, stated there will be 17 constitutional amendments for this year's election ballot. Doinoff stated the Joint Election Agreement for the appointment of an election officer was extended by the court to December 2026. Commissioner Smith noted the potential changes in the law that could occur because of the election. The court thanked Doinoff for all her hard work and dedication to the county.



A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the following Joint Election Agreements for entities wishing to run jointly with Hays County in the Constitutional Amendment Election: City of Austin, City of Buda, City of Kyle, City of Mountain City, City of San Marcos, City of Umland, City of Woodcreek, Blanco Independent School District, Hays Consolidated Independent School District, Crystal Clear SUD, Hays County MUD #12, Mason MUD, North Hays County ESD #1, Overlook MUD.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42242 Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026 Sheriff & Constable Fees.

Commissioner Ingalsbe requested the addition of squatter's verbiage to the Writ of Possession line due to a legislative bill that has been passed. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, agreed to adding the squatter's fee and will notify the court should there be an issue. David Peterson, Constable Precinct 1, explained the benefits of implementing this fee and stated that many Constables agree with adding this fee. Commissioner Smith asked if there should be any additional costs associated with this fee since it changes from a civil penalty to a criminal penalty. Michael Varela, Chief Deputy Constable Precinct 1, clarified that there is an additional \$50 per deputy to execute this service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the 2026 Sheriff & Constable Fees.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #K-10 RE: Discussion and possible action to adopt the Hays County Drainage Criteria Manual. - **WAS PULLED.**

Discussion and possible action to update the Commissioners Court on the Combined Emergency Communications Center (CECC) partnership funding for Fiscal Year 2026.

Stephanie Robinson, Director of Combined Emergency Communications Center (CECC), provided the court with an update. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation of the Hays County Salary Grievance Committee related to FY 2026 salary grievances filed by elected officials.

Judge Becerra reviewed the process of the grievance committee. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, stated the committee's recommendation is an increase to the Sheriff's salary resulting in a salary of \$175,000. Judge Becerra stated his full support for this recommendation from the Salary Grievance Committee. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked if this recommendation would affect the new market study for elected officials. Erik Granjeno, Human Resources Director, stated this recommendation could affect the new market sources for elected officials but feels the compression from the Sheriff and his subordinate should be addressed. Commissioner Smith spoke on the salaries for elected officials and stated he does feel the Sheriff is underpaid but cannot support the recommended increase. Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer, stated that this item is to only consider the recommendation and no vote is necessary, since this item is included in the budget packet to be voted on at 1 p.m. No action taken.

1:00p.m.- Hold a final public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Hays County Proposed Budget.

Judge Becerra opened the Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m. Joe Castillo, President of Nosotros La Gente, made a public comment requesting \$8,000 for the 2026 budget, and spoke on the organization's service to the public. Becky Hites made a public comment on behalf of Jim Clements, against the removal of property by the government. Diana Boyd made a public comment on the 2026 budget and urged the court not to raise property taxes. Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer, recognized her staff for their work in assisting with the review and creation of the final budget documents. Dorsett provided the court with packets that included additional requests and required items. Dorsett provided the court with information concerning the required changes, general fund changes, and special revenue fund changes, as well as additional requests presented from the last public hearing. She presented the court with a summary of various funds that had budgetary savings and impact on the overall budget.



Commissioner Smith asked about the total intergovernmental loss for the year and Dorsett responded that revenue was down a little over 4 million from the prior year. Dorsett provided the court with equipment and data updates that included price or software changes as well as various departmental requests. She stated the tax rate has been agreed on, and the budget has been balanced. The court had a lengthy discussion and made several decisions regarding various departmental needs and requests. Judge Becerra closed the Public Hearing at 2:23 p.m.

Clerk's Note: Judge Becerra called for a recess that began at 2:23 p.m. and resumed back into open court at 2:45 p.m.

42243 Discussion and possible action to set the Fiscal Year 2026 salaries and allowances for Hays County Elected Officials.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Judge Becerra to set the salaries and allowances for Hays County Elected Officials as presented for Fiscal Year 2026.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

42244 Discussion and possible action to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Hays County budget after making final changes as a result of the public hearing.

Briana Ramirez-Vargas, Senior Deputy Clerk, read emailed public comments from the following individuals: Geogg Seibel made a public comment in favor of the court committing to staffing SRO's at all Hays CISD school campuses. Katy Armstrong made a public comment in favor of funding for SRO's at Hays CISD school campuses.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Hays County Budget to include all changes as presented by the Budget Office.

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

NAY: Commissioner Hammer

4 - 1 Passed

42245 Discussion and possible action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026 Hays County budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Judge Becerra to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026 Hays County Budget. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$16,959,126 or a 11.27% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$6,905,010.

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

NAY: Commissioner Hammer

4 - 1 Passed

42246 Discussion and possible action to approve an order adopting the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026 and levy the taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Becerra to set the Fiscal Year 2026 property tax rate be set by the adoption of a tax rate of .3999 cents:

.2544 cents - General Maintenance & Operations

.1029 cents - General Debt

.0426 cents - Road & Bridge Maintenance & Operations

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

NAY: Commissioner Hammer

4 - 1 Passed

Clerk's Note: Executive Session for L-1, L-4 and L-5 began at 12:43 pm and resumed back into open court at 1:00 pm.

Clerk's Note: Executive Session for L-2 and L-3 reopened at 2:55 pm and resumed back into open court at 3:12 pm.



4 2 2 4 7 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 Dutton Drive in Precinct 3. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

Those present in Executive Session from 12:46 p.m. to 12:57 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; 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 Services Specialist; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Natalie Frels, Communications Manager; Tammy Crumley, Countywide Operations Director.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize Countywide Operations, the County Administrator, and the Civil Division of the Hays County Criminal District Attorney's office to negotiate a lease agreement related to the property located at or near 1901 Dutton Drive, San Marcos, Texas in Precinct #3.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel regarding the scopes of engagement and roles of outside counsels. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

Those present in Executive Session from 2:58 p.m. to 3:02 p.m. were the Commissioners Court, 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 Services Specialist; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Natalie Frels, Communication Manager; and Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer. No action taken.

4 2 2 4 8 Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel related to pending litigation involving, but not limited to: (1) *Hays County, Texas v. Ana Yuliana Posada, et. al.* (Cause No. 25-0568-C pending in County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County); (2) *Hays County, Texas v. Ana Yuliana Posada* (Cause No. 25-0573-C pending in County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County); and (3) *Andres Garcia v. Hays County Sheriff's Office, et. al.* (Case No. 1:23-CV-01217-DH pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas--Austin Division). Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

Those present in Executive Session from 12:57 p.m. to 12:58 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division; Tucker Furlow, Chase Young and Katherine Howard, Assistant Criminal District Attorneys; Janice Jones, Legal Support Services Specialist; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Natalie Frels, Communication Manager and Tammy Crumley, Countywide Operations Director. Those present in Executive Session from 3:02 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division; Tucker Furlow, Chase Young and Katherine Howard, Assistant Criminal District Attorneys; Janice Jones, Legal Support Services Specialist; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent and Natalie Frels, Communication Manager.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the Civil Division of the Hays County Criminal District Attorney's Office to execute a settlement agreement related to *Andres Garcia v. Hays County, Texas et. al.*, Cause No. 1:23-CV-01217-DH, pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas - Austin Division.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously



A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of a settlement agreement related to *Hays County, Texas v. Ana Yuliana Posada, et. al.* (Cause No. 25-0568-C pending in the County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County) and *Hays County, Texas v. Ana Yuliana Posada* (Cause No. 25-0573-C pending in the County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County).

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 Munch. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

No action taken.

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 associated with Parks and Open Space Projects being considered by Hays County: Sentinel Peak. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

Those present in Executive Session from 12:58 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division; Tucker Furlow, Chase Young and Katherine Howard, Assistant Criminal District Attorneys; Janice Jones, Legal Support Services Specialist; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Natalie Frels, Communication Manager and Tammy Crumley, Countywide Operations Director. 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. Current maximum jail capacity is 410 inmates. Jail Standards recommends holding 10% open, lowering current capacity to 368 inmates. The jail's daily average was 542 for the week of September 7, 2025, with a peak of 549 inmates on September 12, 2025. The estimated cost for outsourcing inmates this week was \$132,335. The average number of outsourced males is 202 and females is 0. This week's inmates were housing in the following county: Haskell. The number of "paper-ready" inmates who are now wardens of the state is 38.

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 3:14 pm

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 SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.




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
9/16/2025	42187	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 22-26, 2025 as Falls Prevention Awareness Week.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42188	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 2025 as Senior Center Awareness Month.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42189	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 14-20, 2025 as National CERT Week in Hays County.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42190	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing September 15-October 15, 2025 as Hispanic Heritage Month.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42191	Approve payments of County invoices.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42192	Approve the payment of Juror disbursements.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42193	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
9/16/2025	42194	Approve Hays County Commissioners Court minutes of July 29, 2025, August 5, 2025 and August 12, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42195	Approve the payment of the September 30, 2025 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$5,700,000.00 effective September 30, 2025, and post totals of wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42196	Approve an increase of \$300.00 in the Tax Office change fund as recommended by the County Auditor pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 130.902 (d).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42197	Accept the delivery of the County Auditor's Monthly Report for July 2025 pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 114.023 and 114.025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42198	Amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2025 quarterly financial reporting.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42199	Authorize payment to ASCO Equipment in the amount of \$633.24 for repair parts for a loader at the Transportation Department where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42200	Authorize payment to Card Service Center in the amount of \$525.87 for the Veteran Service Office related to a Food Voucher Program purchase for a local veteran in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42201	Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support Hill Country Rally for Kids in an amount of \$1,200.00 in support of local children's charities.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42202	Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support Foster Village in an amount of \$1,200.00 for the purchase of Welcome Packs for children navigating the foster care system.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42203	Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support Patriots Hall of Dripping Springs in an amount of \$1,200.00 for expanded veteran's services.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42204	Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 4 Office to support the Dripping Springs Education Foundation in an amount of \$1,200.00 to support programs that directly support student success.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42205	Authorize the Hays County Constable, Pct.1 office to accept a \$400.00 dollar donation from Mr. Carter Morris of San Marcos and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42206	Approve out-of-state travel for Emergency Communications Officer Manager Megan Jones to attend the Tyler New World Advisory Board Meeting on October 14-15, 2025, in Troy, Michigan.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42207	Authorize the Civil Service Department to utilize existing funds totaling \$2,000.00 for travel expenses related to third-party testing assessment fees for the Sheriff's Office promotional process.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42208	Authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, FY25 Formula Grant Program in the amount of \$214,738.00.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42209	Authorize the acceptance of a budget amendment to the FY25 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Assisted Outpatient Treatment Grant Program and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42210	Authorize the acceptance of a contract amendment to the FY26 Department of State Health Services, Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42211	Authorize the acceptance of a continuation grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, FY26 Improvement Grant Program in the amount of \$38,696.00.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42212	Approve out-of-state travel for CECC Director Stephanie Robinson to attend the Tyler New World Advisory Board Meeting on October 14-25, 2025 in Troy, Michigan.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42213	Authorize the execution of an agreement with Mobile Modular Portable Storage in the amount of \$1,448.60 for the temporary rental of a portable office to be used at the Driftwood recycling facility, and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42214	Authorize Countywide Operations Building Maintenance to purchase one (1) DC Refrigerant Recovery Machine in the amount of \$652.98 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42215	Authorize the execution of a First Amendment to the agreement between Hays County and Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership (formerly Greater San Marcos Partnership).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42216	Authorize the execution of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Hays Consolidated Independent School District (HCISD) and Hays County related to school resource officers, effective October 1, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42217	Authorize the execution of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) and Hays County related to school resource officers, effective October 1, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42218	Approve Utility Permits.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42219	Approve the Power the Tower event on the courthouse grounds sponsored by KZSM to be held on September 16, 2025, that shall include commercial vendors.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42220	Authorize the execution of the Eighth Amendment to the Waste Connections Lone Star Inc. contract, pursuant to IFB 2021-B12 Countywide Dumpsters, in relation to the removal of the 5-Mile Dam location.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42221	Authorize the execution of Contract Amendment 2 between Hays County and United Site Services of Texas, Inc. related to IFB 2022-B05 Countywide Portable Toilets and Handwashing Stations Rental Services, adding services for the transportation yard in Precinct 1, and the removing services located at 5-Mile Dam.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42222	Authorize the execution of Contract Amendment 1 between Hays County and Vulcan Construction, Inc. pursuant to IFB 2022-B06 Road Building Material - Limestone Rock Asphalt - Cold Mix, adding the addition of TxDOT 330 Item: LRA TY I GR D Plus, effective September 1, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42223	Authorize the Elections Office to purchase a one-year service agreement from Cranel, Inc. for the canon scanner in the amount \$2,315.89, and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy of obtaining three quotes.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42224	Authorize Firetrol Protection Systems to conduct annual backflow inspections per their Buyboard Contract 751-24, and authorize a discretionary expectation pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(7)(d) for the permit required by the City of San Marcos, effective August 28, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42225	Authorize the execution of a contract amendment with Water & Earth Technologies for FY 25 related to the 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
9/16/2025	42226	Approve specifications for RFP 2025-P09 Workers Compensation Insurance & Administrative Services and authorize Purchasing to solicit proposals.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42227	Authorize the execution of Engagement Letters with S&P Global and Fitch Ratings for services related to the credit rating of Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025, authorizing a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024(a)(4).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42228	Authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. to provide Utility Coordination services for the RM 12 at Jacobs Well Road, Precinct 3, 2016 Road Bond Program project and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42229	Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of Buda related to the design, review, and maintenance responsibility related to the future 1626 connector at FM 967 in Precinct Four.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42230	Acceptance of road construction & surface drainage improvements, acceptance of the 2-year maintenance bond #CNB-25-0005648-00 in the amount of \$26,782.01 and acceptance of the 1-year revegetation bond #CNB-25-0005639-00 in the amount of \$14,581.00 for the Skylight Hills subdivision.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42231	Authorize the execution of a Development Agreement between Hays County and GBRK Edgewood LLC, for the Emington Subdivision.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42232	Ratify approval for the Spoke Pile Subdivision (PLN-2707-NP).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42233	Ratify approval of Indian Hills Ranch, Lot 1, Replat (PLN-2749-PC).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42234	Approval of the mandatory payments to be assessed on institutional healthcare providers in fiscal year (FY) 2026 pursuant to the County Health Care Provider Participation Program.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42235	Approve unused vacation time of the Recycling and Solid Waste Department Manager to be rolled to FY26 to be used by March 31, 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42236	Adopt the Portal to Portal Pay Policy in the Personnel Policies effective September 19, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42237	Adopt new market sources for employee compensation benchmarking, Effective October 1, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42238	Authorize the Health Department to convert the vacant Animal Welfare Services Division Manager, grade 123 to an Intake Coordinator, grade 116 effective September 16, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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9/16/2025	42239	Accept a Proposal from Water & Earth Technologies (WET) related to the replacement of the Pressure Transducers located at Post Road and Chapparral Road; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024 (a)(7)(D), and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42240	Authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42241	Approve the following Joint Election Agreements for entities wishing to run jointly with Hays County in the Constitutional Amendment Election: City of Austin, City of Buda, City of Kyle, City of Mountain City, City of San Marcos, City of Uhland, City of Woodcreek, Blanco Independent School District, Hays Consolidated Independent School District, Crystal Clear SUD, Hays County MUD #12, Mason MUD, North Hays County ESD #1, Overlook MUD.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42242	Approve the 2026 Sheriff & Constable Fees.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42243	Set the salaries and allowances for Hays County Elected Officials as presented for Fiscal Year 2026.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42244	Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Hays County Budget to include all changes as presented by the Budget Office.	Y	Y	NO	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42245	Ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026 Hays County Budget. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$16,959,126 or a 11.27% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$6,905,010. "	Y	Y	NO	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42246	Set the Fiscal Year 2026 property tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of .3999 cents; .2544 cents - General Maintenance & Operations .1029 cents - General Debt .0426 cents - Road & Bridge Maintenance & Operations	Y	Y	NO	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42247	Authorize Countywide Operations, the County Administrator, and the Civil Division of the Hays County Criminal District Attorney's office to negotiate a lease agreement related to property located at or near 1901 Dutton Drive, San Marcos, Texas in Precinct #3.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9/16/2025	42248	Authorize the Civil Division of the Hays County Criminal District Attorney's Office to execute a settlement agreement related to Andres Garcia v. Hays County, Texas et. al., Cause No. 1:23-CV-01217-DH, pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas - Austin Division. , Authorize the execution of a settlement agreement related to Hays County, Texas v. Ana Yuliana Posada, et. al. (Cause No. 25-0568-C pending in the County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County) and Hays County, Texas v. Yuliana Posada (Cause No. 25-0573-C pending in the County-Court-at-Law #1 in Hays County).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y