

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES



OCTOBER 14, 2025

STATE OF TEXAS \*  
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 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

*Sam Benavides, Naomi Testamicael, and Amy Kamp made public comments in favor of the cancellation of the Flock Safety Cameras. Jon Leonard made a public comment concerning the voting locations and election statistics. Claudia Zapata, Alyssa Garza, C.J. Cetina, and Amanda Rodriguez spoke against the Flock Safety Cameras. Linda K. Rogers, Vice President of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, made a public comment in support of the appointment of Keith Miller as Board Director of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. Kathi Thomas made a public comment in support of terminating the Flock Safety Cameras and against the removal of certain voting locations.*

**42311** Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Mediation Awareness Week.

*Martha Joyce, Director at Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center, spoke about the organization and thanked the court for its continuous support. The court thanked the organization for their hard work and dedication.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Mediation Awareness Week.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42312** Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

*Commissioner Smith noted a few typos in the Proclamation that need to be corrected. Holly Cunningham-Kizer, Chief Development Officer for the Hays-Caldwell Womens Center, thanked the court and spoke about the organization's dedication and services provided to the county. Commissioner Smith spoke about how the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) were able to assist with the expansion of the second new center. The court thanked the organization.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42313** Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

*Matthew Gonzales, Hays County Health Department Director, thanked the court for their sponsorship and introduced David Wiley, Grant Consultant with Community Action. Wiley thanked the court, provided health-related statistics, and spoke about the various health screening programs Community Action has to offer for the community. The court thanked the organization for all its hard work and dedication to giving back to the community.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42314** Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 20--24, 2025 as Bus Safety Week in Hays County.

*Commissioner Cohen clarified the corrected date to March 22, 2024, and spoke about the importance of bus safety. Commissioner Smith stated after speaking with local school districts in Precinct 4 that there is a large shortage of bus drivers and encouraged the public to inquire about the positions.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 20--24, 2025 as Bus Safety Week in Hays County.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42315** Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 19-25, 2025 as Texas Native Plant Week in Hays County.

*Laura Leggett, President of the Native Plant Society of Texas, Hill Country Chapter, thanked the court for the recognition and spoke about various new policies. Leggett invited the public to visit stores in the county in Dripping Springs at 290 and 12, Nutty Brown, and Kyle Store on Saturday and Sunday, October 18th and 19th. Commissioner Smith spoke about the current issues residents are facing with Homeowner Association fees. The court thanked the organization.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 19-25, 2025 as Texas Native Plant Week in Hays County.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42316** Approve payments of County invoices.

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

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42317** Approve the payment of Juror disbursements.

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

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 1 8** 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 Cohen 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**

**42319** Approve the payment of the October 31, 2025 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$5,900,000.00 effective October 31, 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 Cohen to approve the payment of the October 31, 2025 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$5,900,000.00 effective October 31, 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**

**42320** Approve Commissioners Court Minutes of September 2, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve Commissioners Court Minutes of September 2, 2025.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42321** Approve the August 2025 Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the August 2025 Treasurer's Report.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42322** Authorize corrections to the Fiscal Year 2025 purchase order rollover list to the FY 2026 budget and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize corrections to the Fiscal Year 2025 purchase order rollover list to the FY 2026 budget and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42323** Authorize additional continuing education funds for the District Clerk's Office related to the 2025 County and District Clerk's Association of Texas Fall Conference and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize additional continuing education funds for the District Clerk's Office related to the 2025 County and District Clerk's Association of Texas Fall Conference and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42324** Authorize the Civil Service Department to utilize existing funds for consumable items related to the Sheriff's Office promotional third-party assessment panel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the Civil Service Department to utilize existing funds for consumable items related to the Sheriff's Office promotional third-party assessment panel.



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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42325** Accept the resignation of David Smith from the Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, District 1, and, pursuant to Section 8843.055 of the Texas Special District and Local Laws Code, to appoint Keith Miller to serve the remainder of the term, effective immediately.

*Commissioner Smith thanked David Smith for his service to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation Board and thanked Keith Miller for accepting the new position.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to accept the resignation of David Smith from the Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, District 1, and, pursuant to Section 8843.055 of the Texas Special District and Local Laws Code, to appoint Keith Miller to serve the remainder of the term, effective immediately.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42326** Authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, FY26 Criminal Justice Grant Program in the amount of \$109,476.89.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, FY26 Criminal Justice Grant Program in the amount of \$109,476.89.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42327** Authorize the submission of an intent to apply form to the Texas Water Development Board, Flood Infrastructure Fund for Community Flood Mitigation Planning Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the submission of an intent to apply form to the Texas Water Development Board, Flood Infrastructure Fund for Community Flood Mitigation Planning Project.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42328** Authorize Facilities and Resource Management to purchase one new Hazmat Storage Cabinet in the amount of \$1,593.66 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize Facilities and Resource Management to purchase one new Hazmat Storage Cabinet in the amount of \$1,593.66 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42329** Authorize Facilities and Resource Management to purchase one (1) replacement Dell Pro 16 Plus PB16250 Laptop valued at \$1,304.94 for the Facilities Lead and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize Facilities and Resource Management to purchase one (1) replacement Dell Pro 16 Plus PB16250 Laptop valued at \$1,304.94 for the Facilities Lead and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**42330** Authorize the execution of the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Interlocal Participation Agreement Renewal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Interlocal Participation Agreement Renewal.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 3 1** Authorize the execution of a contract extension to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - San Marcos, for a period not to exceed thirty-one (31) days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of a contract extension to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - San Marcos, for a period not to exceed thirty-one (31) days.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 3 2** Approve specifications for RFP 2026-P02 Property Tax Collection Software and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for proposals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve specifications for RFP 2026-P02 Property Tax Collection Software and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for proposals.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 3 3** Authorize payment to Eموcha Mobile Health Inc. for the Health Departments TB Program in the amount of \$7,800.00 for access to the FY 2025 Directly Observed Therapy Software in which no purchase order was obtained as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy, and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize payment to Eموcha Mobile Health Inc. for the Health Departments TB Program in the amount of \$7,800.00 for access to the FY 2025 Directly Observed Therapy Software in which no purchase order was obtained as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy, and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 3 4** Authorize the execution of contract renewal three for RFP 2022-P10 County Clerk Auto-Indexing System with Just Appraised, Inc., effective October 11, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of contract renewal three for RFP 2022-P10 County Clerk Auto-Indexing System with Just Appraised, Inc., effective October 11, 2025.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 3 5** Approve the renewal of RFP 2023-P08 Pre-Trial Services Case Management Software with Corrections Software Solutions, LP for two (2) additional years, effective August 8, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the renewal of RFP 2023-P08 Pre-Trial Services Case Management Software with Corrections Software Solutions, LP for two (2) additional years, effective August 8, 2025.





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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42336** Authorize the execution of an agreement between Axon Enterprise, Inc. and Hays County, effective 12/1/2025, for fiscal year 2026 Law Enforcement positions for the Sheriff's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of an agreement between Axon Enterprise, Inc. and Hays County, effective 12/1/2025, for fiscal year 2026 Law Enforcement positions for the Sheriff's Office.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 3 7** Authorize additional travel funds of \$200.52 for the Sheriff's Office related to Community Outreach and Inventory travel for fiscal year 2025 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize additional travel funds of \$200.52 for the Sheriff's Office related to Community Outreach and Inventory travel for fiscal year 2025 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42338** Authorize payment of \$1,408.58 to Card Service Center for the Sheriff's Office related to criminal investigation expenses where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing policy and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize payment of \$1,408.58 to Card Service Center for the Sheriff's Office related to criminal investigation expenses where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing policy and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42339** Authorize telephone allowances for slots 0507-001 Multi-Media Specialist, and 0474-001 Office of Professional Responsibility Inspector, effective 10/1/25 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize telephone allowances for slots 0507-001 Multi-Media Specialist, and 0474-001 Office of Professional Responsibility Inspector, effective 10/1/25 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

Authorize the execution of Amendment #2 Order Form between Hays County and Flock Group, Inc. related to Flock Safety equipment approved by the Commissioners Court on February 11, 2025.

*Alejandra Rodriguez, Deputy County Clerk, read emailed public comments from the following individuals: Elizabeth Arceneaux, Jeff Thompson and Representative Erin Zwiener, against the proposed contract with Flock Safety Cameras.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of Amendment #2 Order Form between Hays County and Flock Group, Inc. related to Flock Safety equipment approved by the Commissioners Court on February 11, 2025.

AYE: Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith

NAY: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Judge Becerra

**2 - 3 Failed**



**4 2 3 4 0** Authorize the execution of the FY 2026 Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Geographic Information System (GIS) Database Management with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) for emergency communications and GIS services to be provided by Hays County with no County matching funds required.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of the FY 2026 Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Geographic Information System (GIS) Database Management with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) for emergency communications and GIS services to be provided by Hays County with no County matching funds required.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42341** Approve Utility Permits.

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

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42342** Authorize execution of a Letter Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Operations and Maintenance of the Combined Emergency Communications Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize execution of a Letter Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Operations and Maintenance of the Combined Emergency Communications Center.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 4 3** Approve renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement with SHI Governmental Solutions for three (3) additional years, effective October 1st, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement with SHI Governmental Solutions for three (3) additional years, effective October 1st, 2025.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42344** Authorize the execution of a replat application for the property located at 810 South Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of a replat application for the property located at 810 South Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42345** Approve the execution of a Second Amendment to the Professional Services Contract between Hays County and Neighborhood Defender Service, Inc. (NDS).

*Commissioner Smith asked for verifiable information to ensure defendants are getting services provided by the county in the most useful form. Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer, stated this item is a renewal of the current services provided as well as an expansion of adding 2 new positions and additional operational costs. Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent, stated the contract would need to be re-bid at a later point.*



*Kandice Boutte, County Administrator, stated her office is able to work with the Purchasing Department to create an amendment for FY26 that would reflect certain metrics. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, stated there will be a correction to the finalized document to reflect the wording "annually."*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the execution of a Second Amendment to the Professional Services Contract between Hays County and Neighborhood Defender Service, Inc. (NDS).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42346** Approve the execution a bargain sale letter on behalf of Hays County to Mary Jane Wood and Jeri Susan Wood, and acknowledge and accept into the official record the executed General Warranty Deed and accompanying closing documents for the farm and ranch contract executed on September 2, 2025, and closed on October 3, 2025, for the property located near Jacobs Well & Karst Canyon in Precinct 3 (Jacobs Well Acres, Section 2, Lot 1).

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the execution a bargain sale letter on behalf of Hays County to Mary Jane Wood and Jeri Susan Wood, and acknowledge and accept into the official record the executed General Warranty Deed and accompanying closing documents for the farm and ranch contract executed on September 2, 2025, and closed on October 3, 2025, for the property located near Jacobs Well & Karst Canyon in Precinct 3 (Jacobs Well Acres, Section 2, Lot 1).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42347** Authorize the County Judge to support the Hill Country Cook-Off Association (HCCO) in the amount of \$500.00 for a community event benefiting Hometown Boxer Michael Trejo.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the County Judge to support the Hill Country Cook-Off Association (HCCO) in the amount of \$500.00 for a community event benefiting Hometown Boxer Michael Trejo.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

Hold a public hearing with possible action to establish "No Parking" zones along Tubman Drive, Smithsonian Lane, and Niagara Falls Lane.

*Judge Becerra opened the public hearing at 11:53 a.m. Michael Garemkko, Board of Directors of Anthem Community MUD, made a public comment urging the court to approve a no parking zone for the area. Judge Becerra closed the public hearing at 11:56 p.m. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, stated the item is being tabled due to a lack of public notice. No action taken.*

**42348** Discussion and possible action to call for a public hearing on October 28, 2025 to establish a "No Parking" zone along Windy Hill Drive for the Valor School.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to call for a public hearing on October 28, 2025 to establish a "No Parking" zone along Windy Hill Drive for the Valor School.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42349** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of Work Authorization No. 9 for Fiscal Year 2026 between Hays County and HNTB Corporation for \$656,676.00 to continue providing General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/ Program Management services for the Hays County 2016 Road Bond Program pursuant to RFQ 2021-Q07 General Engineering Consultant - Road Bond 2016, effective October 1, 2025.





*Commissioner Cohen stated that this authorization allows the continuation of work that began in 2016. Kandice Boutte, County Administrator, stated she has not been involved in the process. Judge Becerra stated that he would like Boutte to oversee contracts within the Transportation Department for the time being, until a permanent director is selected. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, clarified to Judge Becerra that she is to construct an agenda item tied to including Boutte. Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent, stated this item is brought to court every fiscal year to approve the work the company will be doing for the year and not to exceed the amount.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of Work Authorization No. 9 for Fiscal Year 2026 between Hays County and HNTB Corporation for \$656,676.00 to continue providing General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/ Program Management services for the Hays County 2016 Road Bond Program pursuant to RFQ 2021-Q07 General Engineering Consultant - Road Bond 2016, effective October 1, 2025.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42350** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of Work Authorization No. 10 for Fiscal Year 2026 between Hays County and HNTB Corporation for \$809,960.00 to continue providing General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/ Program Management services for the Hays County Transportation Department, effective October 1, 2025, and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(4).

*Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent, stated that the original item was issued under a discretionary exemption for professional services and that the engineer was selected accordingly. Judge Becerra clarified that this item is a continuation and that the companies were selected from a pre-qualified pool.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the execution of Work Authorization No. 10 for Fiscal Year 2026 between Hays County and HNTB Corporation for \$809,960.00 to continue providing General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/ Program Management services for the Hays County Transportation Department, effective October 1, 2025, and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(4).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42351** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of Contract Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$19,720.00 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Halff Associates, Inc. for right-of-way acquisition services on the RM 12 safety improvements near the intersection of Skyline Drive and Mountain Crest Drive project in Precinct 3; pursuant to RFQ 2021-Q02 Professional Right-of-Way Services, and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the execution of Contract Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$19,720.00 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Halff Associates, Inc. for right-of-way acquisition services on the RM 12 safety improvements near the intersection of Skyline Drive and Mountain Crest Drive project in Precinct 3; pursuant to RFQ 2021-Q02 Professional Right-of-Way Services, and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 5 2** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Temporary Construction Easement agreement between Hays County and Qualico Developments (U.S.), Inc., regarding the construction of Posey Road extension road improvements on County-owned property.

*Marcus Pacheco, Development Services Director, stated this is an agreement request regarding a temporary construction easement. Commissioner Ingalsbe recused herself from the vote. Kevin Fleming, Qualico Communities Vice President, provided background for the court on the easement and stated there will be 886 rooftops added to the community.*



A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the execution of a Temporary Construction Easement agreement between Hays County and Qualico Developments (U.S.), Inc., regarding the construction of Posey Road extension road improvements on County-owned property.

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

**4 - 0 Passed**

**42353** Discussion and possible action on the termination of all contracts with Flock Safety.

*Jonathan Steinberg made a public comment stating his concerns about the Flock Safety cameras and urged the court to vote against it. Alejandra Rodriguez, Deputy County Clerk, read emailed public comments from the following individuals: Tyler Owen emailed a public comment urging the court to renew the agreement with the Flock Safety Cameras, and Chase Stapp emailed a public comment against the termination of the Flock Safety cameras. Commissioner Ingalsbe expressed serious concerns from constituents regarding the Flock Camera System, and stated she is ready to take action with the possibility of looking at other avenues. Commissioner Cohen gave her appreciation for the calls and emails regarding this issue, and stated she feels any company working with the county should uphold the ethical values of the county. Cohen stated she would like to find a middle ground where all issues are addressed and feels it is time to make a decision. Commissioner Hammer stated this is a tool that law enforcement has the ability to use and would not compromise public safety. Commissioner Smith stated this is an issue of weighing the pros and cons, but more specifically, of public safety. Judge Becerra spoke about the concerns the community has brought in court and stated the community should feel supported with a transparent process. The court had further discussion regarding the Flock Safety camera systems.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to terminate all contracts with Flock Safety.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Cohen, Judge Becerra

NAY: Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith

**3 - 2 Passed**

**4 2 3 5 4** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a First Amendment between Hays County and Corrections Software Solutions, LP (CSS) for utilization by the County Court at Law Specialty Courts pursuant to RFP 2023-P08, and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of a First Amendment between Hays County and Corrections Software Solutions, LP (CSS) for utilization by the County Court at Law Specialty Courts pursuant to RFP 2023-P08, and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42355** Discussion and possible action to approve the revised Hays County Travel Policy.

*Kandice Boutte, County Administrator, spoke about the revisions made to the travel policy. Judge Becerra provided Boutte suggestions to be included in the policy. Commissioner Smith asked if the rates in the policy could be addressed per diem or annually. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, provided the court with proper wording to be added to the policy to ensure the rate revision is conducted. Commissioner Cohen thanked all involved in the revision process of the policy.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the revised Hays County Travel Policy.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42356** Discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to the current Hays County Salary Exception Policy effective October 1, 2025.



*Kandice Boutte, County Administrator, stated that staff discussed adding language to address discrepancies between the department head and HR, which will help create a more efficient process.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve an amendment to the current Hays County Salary Exception Policy effective October 1, 2025.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42357** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Auditor to obtain a credit card in the amount of \$8,000.00, and cancel the additional travel credit card from the Purchasing Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the County Auditor to obtain a credit card in the amount of \$8,000.00, and cancel the additional travel credit card from the Purchasing Office.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42358** Discussion and possible action to award and execute a contract for IFB 2025-B11 Cemetery Maintenance with Grass Works Lawn Care, effective November 1, 2025 at \$101,456.00 annually and amend the budget accordingly.

*Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent, stated that Phillips Cemetery has emailed and is requesting to no longer be included in the county maintenance and has asked to be reimbursed for the work already done. Commissioner Smith provided background of why Phillips Cemetery has requested to no longer be included and suggested other ways to accommodate other cemeteries in the future. Tammy Crumley, Director of Countywide Operations, stated that within this contract 14 cemeteries are maintained. The court had further discussion regarding the maintenance of the cemeteries.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to award and execute a contract for IFB 2025-B11 Cemetery Maintenance with Grass Works Lawn Care, effective November 1, 2025 at \$101,456.00 annually and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42359** Discussion and possible action to award and execute a contract for IFB 2025-B12 Roadway Striping to D.I.J. Construction, Inc. to perform roadway striping services throughout the County on an as-needed basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to award and execute a contract for IFB 2025-B12 Roadway Striping to D.I.J. Construction, Inc. to perform roadway striping services throughout the County on an as-needed basis.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42360** Discussion and possible action to execute a Service Contract between Hays County and AMG Printing & Mailing pursuant to RFP 2025-P08 Countywide Printing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to execute a Service Contract between Hays County and AMG Printing & Mailing pursuant to RFP 2025-P08 Countywide Printing.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**42361** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of an Agreement between Hays County and Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. pursuant to their Buyboard Contract 708-23 Auctioneer Services; approve the Purchasing Department to hold an online auction to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 263.152 (a)(1); authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise; and authorize the Purchasing Department to properly dispose of items that are placed in the online auction but do not sell.

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

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**4 2 3 6 2** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Health Department to use the remaining Employee Flu Shots for the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Health Department to use the remaining Employee Flu Shots for the public.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42363** Discussion and possible action to adopt the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) Charter and nominate the Board Chair.

*Matthew Gonzales, Hays County Health Department Director, stated the purpose of the Charter and felt the chair should be appointed by a member of the court.*

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to adopt the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) Charter and nominate Commissioner Cohen as the Board Chair.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note: Agenda Item #J-12 RE:** *Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a three (3) year subscription Agreement and authorize payment of year 1 Invoice between Hays County and KnowledgeCity, Inc. for \$26,134.50 effective October 14, 2025.*  
**- WAS PULLED.**

**42364** Discussion and possible action regarding the RFQ 2025-Q01 Professional Services Pool.

*Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent, stated a conflict in one of the scores in the Professional Services Pool was brought to her attention. Hunt stated she removed the score in question and there were no changes to the pool. She informed the court that there were three data entry errors with transposed numbers which affected three companies. Hunt provided two options to the court for rectifying the issue. Commissioner Cohen stated she will be recusing herself from this discussion and abstaining from the vote. Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor, recommended canceling or terminating the pool based on audit risk findings. Judge Becerra suggested terminating the pool and creating a body that will review the selections. The court had further discussion with various suggestions on how to select a new committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to:

- Cancel RFQ 2025-Q01 Professional Services Pool.
- Re-solicit new pools for engineering Services, CE&I Services, Land Surveying Services, and Utility Coordination Services, which shall be brought to court on 10/28. Proposals will be due December 4, and reviewed during December with award in early January of 2026.
- During the interim of the cancellation of the new award, there will be a process developed to review qualifications of the firms pursuant to Government Code 2254 Professional Services, with the following professions: engineering and land surveying. That process will include selecting three firms who can potentially provide the services needed.





- Send them a specific scope of work for the particular project and give them a week to respond with their scope of services and fee schedule.
- Have an internal review process to score the proposal and then take those individually back to court for award and contract execution.
- Utility Coordination and CE&I Services will need to be reviewed on a case- by-case basis, depending on the depth of the service being initiated, some of which may include engineering services and may be awarded.
- Any current contracts that were executed under the current pool will be reviewed by the sitting Commissioner, the Auditor, the Office of Procurement, and Legal in order to determine how to move forward with those projects.
- The interim committee will be comprised of two individuals from the Transportation Department and the sitting Commissioner from that precinct.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Smith

NAY: Judge Becerra

**3 - 1 Passed**

**4 2 3 6 5** Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of Langford Community Management Services to provide grant writing services for the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Program grant application for our Community Flood Mitigation Planning Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the selection of Langford Community Management Services to provide grant writing services for the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Program grant application for our Community Flood Mitigation Planning Project.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of Halff Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Program grant application for our Community Flood Mitigation Planning Project.

*Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent, stated that the Grants Department is currently reviewing all proposals in the engineering pool based on their knowledge of specific grants. Judge Becerra explained how the county would inform the public about how certain companies are chosen. Commissioner Smith stated that a minimum level was set for requirements, and that Halff Associates, Inc. has met those requirements. Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division, asked if this item could be tabled and be brought back at a later time along with the related item. No action taken.*

Discussion and possible action to approve changes to election precincts resulting from redistricting maps approved in the 89th Legislative 2nd Special Session.

*Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator, stated this is an election precinct compliance which is typically done in March and April of odd years and the realignment of precincts for the congressional redistricting. Jonathan Steingberg made a public comment in favor of the revised maps. Doinoff provided the court with the updated changes to election precincts. Commissioner Smith stated that by statute there is a limit on voters per precinct, and that Precinct 4 will exceed that cap in the coming future. Doinoff stated all maps were sent out to party chairs on October 2 for review, to ensure no confusion for the public. Judge Becerra spoke about the public's confusion with the proposed maps, stating the maps were hard to find and there was no articulation to detail. Becerra proposed to have this item tabled to allow the community the ability to view the maps. Doinoff spoke about the difficulties of tabling this item due to the times the court is able to meet and to allow the Elections Office the time to prepare the maps. No action taken.*

**Clerk's Note:** Judge Becerra called for a recess that began at 11:40 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:51 a.m.

**42366** Discussion and possible action to approve the revised polling locations and schedule for the November 4, 2025 election as presented in the back-up documents, including the removal or relocation of the following locations: Sunfield Station, Driftwood Community Center, Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership, and the LBJ Student Center at Texas State University.





*Alejandra Rodriguez, Deputy County Clerk, read emailed public comments from the following individuals: Jessica Durning, Jennifer King and Greg McCarty emailed public comments against the possible removal or relocation of polling locations. Commissioner Smith urged the court to not move any polling locations. Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator, stated her office has worked tirelessly to ensure that any movement of locations would be the best possible outcome for the public. Commissioner Cohen stated that the lack of infrastructure in that precinct causes limitations for polling locations. Commissioner Ingalsbe expressed concern about the location of the LBJ Student Center. Commissioner Hammer asked when the last assessment was conducted. Judge Becerra asked Doinoff to clarify which locations are being affected. The court had further discussion regarding the polling locations and decided to reopen the item after Executive Session.*

**Clerk's Note:** This item was reopened at 3:10 p.m.

*Commissioner Smith provided the court with a motion regarding the relocation of polling locations.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Judge Becerra to remove the Driftwood Community Center as a polling location, relocate the Sunfield Station polling location to the Holiday Inn Express located at 15295 Interstate 35 in Buda, next door to Sunfield Station, relocate the Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership polling location to Patriots Hall of Dripping Springs Wellness Center located at 231 Patriots Hall Blvd Dripping Springs Texas, and reiterate the polling location will remain at the normal location at the LBJ Student Center at Texas State University located at 301 Student Center Drive San Marcos Texas.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note:** Executive Session began at 1:34 p.m. and resumed back into open court at 3:12 p.m.

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 Grease Lightning, Project Shirley Temple, Project Eagle Pro, and Project San Antonio. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

*Those present in Executive Session from 1:43 p.m. to 2:02 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; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Erik Granjeno, Human Resources Director; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer; Emily Mathes, Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) Director of Business Development; and Kandice Boutte, County Administrator. No action taken.*

**4 2 3 6 7** 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.

*Those present in Executive Session from 1:42 p.m. to 1:43 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Jordan Powell, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney - Civil Division; Tucker Furlow and Chase Young, Assistant Criminal District Attorneys - Civil Division; Janice Jones, Legal Support Services Specialist; Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor; Erik Granjeno, Director of Human Resources; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer; Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator; and Kandice Boutte, County Administrator.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to forego the annual incentive payment to H.E.B. Grocery Company, L.P., in light of H.E.B.'s partial performance under the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement between Hays County and H.E.B. (otherwise known as Project Munch).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**42368** Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the appointment of an Interim Director of Transportation. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

*Those present in Executive Session from 2:04 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. were the Commissioners Court; Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer; Erik Granjeno, Human Resources Director; and Aaron Jones, Interim Director of Transportation.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to appoint the field operations superintendent slot 1027-001 (Aaron Jones) as the interim Transportation Director, adding a \$1,000 monthly salary stipend effective October 16, 2025, as discussed in Executive Session.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**42369** Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel regarding pending and/or contemplated litigation involving, but not limited to: *City of San Marcos and Hays County, Texas v. Pecos Housing Finance Corporation and Pleasanton Housing Finance Corporation* (Cause No. 25-1185-DCB in the 207th Judicial District Court in Hays County), including the possible engagement of appellate counsel.

*Those present in Executive Session from 2:47 p.m. to 2:58 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; Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator; and Erik Granjeno, Human Resources Director.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Hammer to authorize the County Judge to execute an Attorney Employment Contract with Durham, Pittard & Spalding, LLP for purposes of engaging the firm for appellate representation in litigation related to *City of San Marcos, City of Kyle and Hays County, Texas v. Pecos Housing Finance Corporation and Pleasanton Housing Finance Corporation*.

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 pending and/or contemplated litigation involving, but not limited to, DJ No. 204-76-240 between the United States of America and Hays County; and election polling places. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

*Those present in Executive Session from 2:18 p.m. to 2:47 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; Vickie Dorsett, Budget Officer; Kandice Boutte, County Administrator; Stephanie Hunt, Purchasing Agent; Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator; Michael Shaunessy, attorney with McGinnis Lochridge; and Erik Granjeno, Human Resources 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. The current maximum capacity is 410 inmates. Jail standards recommends we hold 10% open, lowering current capacity to 368 inmates. The jail's daily average was 580 with a peak of 584 inmates on October 5, 2025. The estimated cost for outsourcing inmates this week was \$101,460. The average number of outsourced males is 153 and females is 0. The number of "paper-ready" inmates is 39 who are now wards of the state.*

**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 3:16 p.m.

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 OCTOBER 14, 2025.



  
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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
10/14/2025	42311	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Mediation Awareness Week.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42312	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42313	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42314	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 20–24, 2025 as Bus Safety Week in Hays County.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42315	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing October 19-25, 2025 as Texas Native Plant Week in Hays County.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42316	Approve payments of County invoices.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42317	Approve the payment of Juror disbursements.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42318	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
10/14/2025	42319	Approve the payment of the October 31, 2025 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$5,900,000.00 effective October 31, 2025, and post totals of wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42320	Approve Commissioners Court Minutes of September 2, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42321	Approve the August 2025 Treasurer's Report.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42322	Authorize corrections to the Fiscal Year 2025 purchase order rollover list to the FY 2026 budget and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42323	Authorize additional continuing education funds for the District Clerk's Office related to the 2025 County and District Clerk's Association of Texas Fall Conference and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42324	Authorize the Civil Service Department to utilize existing funds for consumable items related to the Sheriff's Office promotional third-party assessment panel.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42325	Accept the resignation of David Smith from the Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, District 1, and, pursuant to Section 8843.055 of the Texas Special District and Local Laws Code, to appoint Keith Miller to serve the remainder of the term, effective immediately.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42326	Authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, FY26 Criminal Justice Grant Program in the amount of \$109,476.89.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42327	Authorize the submission of an intent to apply form to the Texas Water Development Board, Flood Infrastructure Fund for Community Flood Mitigation Planning Project.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42328	Authorize Facilities and Resource Management to purchase one new Hazmat Storage Cabinet in the amount of \$1,593.66 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42329	Authorize Facilities and Resource Management to purchase one (1) replacement Dell Pro 16 Plus PB16250 Laptop valued at \$1,304.94 for the Facilities Lead and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42330	Authorize the execution of the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Interlocal Participation Agreement Renewal.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42331	Authorize the execution of a contract extension to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - San Marcos, for a period not to exceed thirty-one (31) days.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42332	Approve specifications for RFP 2026-P02 Property Tax Collection Software and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for proposals.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42333	Authorize payment to Emocha Mobile Health Inc. for the Health Departments TB Program in the amount of \$7,800.00 for access to the FY 2025 Directly Observed Therapy Software in which no purchase order was obtained as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy, and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42334	Authorize the execution of contract renewal three for RFP 2022-P10 County Clerk Auto-Indexing System with Just Appraised, Inc., effective October 11, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42335	Approve the renewal of RFP 2023-P08 Pre-Trial Services Case Management Software with Corrections Software Solutions, LP for two (2) additional years, effective August 8, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42336	Authorize the execution of an agreement between Axon Enterprise, Inc. and Hays County, effective 12/1/2025, for fiscal year 2026 Law Enforcement positions for the Sheriff's Office.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42337	Authorize additional travel funds of \$200.52 for the Sheriff's Office related to Community Outreach and Inventory travel for fiscal year 2025 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42338	Authorize payment of \$1,408.58 to Card Service Center for the Sheriff's Office related to criminal investigation expenses where no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing policy and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42339	Authorize telephone allowances for slots 0507-001 Multi-Media Specialist, and 0474-001 Office of Professional Responsibility Inspector, effective 10/1/25 and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42340	Authorize the execution of the FY 2026 Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Geographic Information System (GIS) Database Management with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) for emergency communications and GIS services to be provided by Hays County with no County matching funds required.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42341	Approve Utility Permits.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42342	Authorize execution of a Letter Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Operations and Maintenance of the Combined Emergency Communications Center.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42343	Approve renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement with SHI Governmental Solutions for three (3) additional years, effective October 1st, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42344	Authorize the execution of a replat application for the property located at 810 South Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42345	Approve the execution of a Second Amendment to the Professional Services Contract between Hays County and Neighborhood Defender Service, Inc. (NDS).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42346	Approve the execution a bargain sale letter on behalf of Hays County to Mary Jane Wood and Jeri Susan Wood, and acknowledge and accept into the official record the executed General Warranty Deed and accompanying closing documents for the farm and ranch contract executed on September 2, 2025, and closed on October 3, 2025, for the property located near Jacobs Well & Karst Canyon in Precinct 3 (Jacobs Well Acres, Section 2, Lot 1).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42347	Authorize the County Judge to support the Hill Country Cook-Off Association (HCCO) in the amount of \$500.00 for a community event benefiting Hometown Boxer Michael Trejo.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42348	Call for a public hearing on October 28, 2025 to establish a "No Parking" zone along Windy Hill Drive for the Valor School.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42349	Authorize the execution of Work Authorization No. 9 for Fiscal Year 2026 between Hays County and HNTB Corporation for \$656,676.00 to continue providing General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/ Program Management services for the Hays County 2016 Road Bond Program pursuant to RFQ 2021-Q07 General Engineering Consultant - Road Bond 2016, effective October 1, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42350	Authorize the execution of Work Authorization No. 10 for Fiscal Year 2026 between Hays County and HNTB Corporation for \$809,960.00 to continue providing General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/ Program Management services for the Hays County Transportation Department, effective October 1, 2025, and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(4).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42351	Authorize the execution of Contract Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$19,720.00 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Halff Associates, Inc. for right-of-way acquisition services on the RM 12 safety improvements near the intersection of Skyline Drive and Mountain Crest Drive project in Precinct 3; pursuant to RFQ 2021-Q02 Professional Right-of-Way Services, and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42352	Authorize the execution of a Temporary Construction Easement agreement between Hays County and Qualico Developments (U.S.), Inc., regarding the construction of Posey Road extension road improvements on County-owned property.	RECUSE	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42353	Terminate all contracts with Flock Safety.	Y	Y	NO	NO	Y
10/14/2025	42354	Authorize the execution of a First Amendment between Hays County and Corrections Software Solutions, LP (CSS) for utilization by the County Court at Law Specialty Courts pursuant to RFP 2023-P08, and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42355	Approve the revised Hays County Travel Policy.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

10/14/2025	42356	Approve an amendment to the current Hays County Salary Exception Policy effective October 1, 2025.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42357	Authorize the County Auditor to obtain a credit card in the amount of \$8,000.00, and cancel the additional travel credit card from the Purchasing Office.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42358	Award and execute a contract for IFB 2025-B11 Cemetery Maintenance with Grass Works Lawn Care, effective November 1, 2025 at \$101,456.00 annually and amend the budget accordingly.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42359	Award and execute a contract for IFB 2025-B12 Roadway Striping to D.I.J. Construction, Inc. to perform roadway striping services throughout the County on an as-needed basis.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42360	Execute a Service Contract between Hays County and AMG Printing & Mailing pursuant to RFP 2025-P08 Countywide Printing.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42361	Authorize the execution of an Agreement between Hays County and Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. pursuant to their Buyboard Contract 708-23 Auctioneer Services; approve the Purchasing Department to hold an online auction to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 263.152 (a)(1); authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise; and authorize the Purchasing Department to properly dispose of items that are placed in the online auction but do not sell.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42362	Authorize the Health Department to use the remaining Employee Flu Shots for the public.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42363	Adopt the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) Charter and nominate Commissioner Cohen as the Board Chair.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42364	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cancel RFQ 2025-Q01 Professional Services Pool.</li> <li>- Re-solicit new pools for engineering Services, CE&amp;I Services, Land Surveying Services, and Utility Coordination Services, which shall be brought to court on 10/28. Proposals will be due December 4, and reviewed during December with award in early January of 2026.</li> <li>- During the interim of the cancellation of the new award, there will be a process developed to review qualifications of the firms pursuant to Government Code 2254 Professional Services, with the following professions: engineering and land surveying. That process will include selecting three firms who can potentially provide the services needed.</li> <li>- Send them a specific scope of work for the particular project and give them a week to respond with their scope of services and fee schedule.</li> <li>- Have an internal review process to score the proposal and then take those individually back to court for award and contract execution.</li> <li>- Utility Coordination and CE&amp;I Services will need to be reviewed on a case- by-case basis, depending on the depth of the service being initiated, some of which may include engineering services and may be awarded.</li> <li>- Any current contracts that were executed under the current pool will be reviewed by the sitting Commissioner, the Auditor, the Office of Procurement, and Legal in order to determine how to move forward with those projects.</li> <li>- The interim committee will be comprised of two individuals from the Transportation Department and the sitting Commissioner from that precinct.</li> </ul>	Y	RECUSE	Y	Y	NO
10/14/2025	42365	Approve the selection of Langford Community Management Services to provide grant writing services for the Flood Infrastrucure Fund (FIF) Program grant application for our Community Flood Mitigation Planning Project.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42366	Remove the Driftwood Community Center as a polling location, relocate the Sunfield Station polling location to the Holiday Inn Express located at 15295 Interstate 35 in Buda, next door to Sunfield Station, relocate the Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership polling location to Patriots Hall of Dripping Springs Wellness Center located at 231 Patriots Hall Blvd Dripping Springs Texas, and reiterate the polling location will remain at the normal location at the LBJ Student Center at Texas State University located at 301 Student Center Drive San Marcos Texas.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42367	Forego the annual incentive payment to H.E.B. Grocery Company, L.P., in light of H.E.B.'s partial performance under the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement between Hays County and H.E.B. (otherwise known as Project Munch).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42368	Appoint the field operations superintendent slot 1027-001 (Aaron Jones) as the interim Transportation Director, adding a \$1,000 monthly salary stipend effective October 16, 2025, as discussed in Executive Session.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10/14/2025	42369	Authorize the County Judge to execute an Attorney Employment Contract with Durham, Pittard & Spalding, LLP for purposes of engaging the firm for appellate representation in litigation related to City of San Marcos, City of Kyle and Hays County, Texas v. Pecos Housing Finance Corporation and Pleasanton Housing Finance Corporation.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y