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County Commissioner, Precinct 4

Wayne McDaniel  
County Judge

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**HARDIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ■ COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM (A-131)**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY | AUGUST 22, 2023 | 10:00 A.M.**

- 1) Call meeting to order.
- 2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. *Commissioner Ernie Koch*
- 3) Approve Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented by *Connie Becton, County Clerk*.
- 4) Consider approval of request to cancel all Registered Claims from August 8, 2023; and Approval of Cash Statement as presented by *Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer*.
- 5) Authorization to pay County bills as presented by *Angela Gore, County Auditor*.
- 6) Consider request for approval of the following FY2022 budget amendments and transfers as presented by Angela Gore, County Auditor. (See attached list).
- 7) Presentation of the Independent audit for FY22 by Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP and acceptance by the Court.
- 8) Discussion and possible action to approve and accept for filing in the Minutes of the Court the District Court Orders setting salaries of the County Auditor, Assistant County Auditors and Official Court Reporters of the 88<sup>th</sup> and 356<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courts for the fiscal year 2024.
- 9) Discussion and possible action to set salaries, expenses and other allowances of all Elected County and Precinct Officers.
- 10) Discussion and possible action to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2024 Hardin County Budget.
- 11) Discussion and possible action to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Hardin County Budget.
- 12) Consider and possibly approve Order to adopt tax rate of \$0.540835 per \$100.00 valuation (The debt service tax rate is \$0.006573 per \$100 valuation and the maintenance and operations tax rate is \$0.534262 per \$100 valuation).

- 13) Discussion and possible action to approve an Order designating CLR Silsbee Property Owner, LLC, property located at 735 FM 92, Silsbee, Texas a Reinvestment Zone for the purpose of possible Tax Abatement of proposed improvements.
- 14) Consider request by the County Judge to authorize a 30 day Continuation of the Declaration of Disaster and Order Restricting Outdoor Burning issued on July 27, 2023 and continued by Commissioners Court on August 1, 2023, as a result of current and forecasted extreme drought conditions in Hardin County.
- 15) Consider and possibly approve request by *Sheriff Mark Davis* to set the Sheriff's and Constables' Fees to become effective January 1, 2024.
- 16) Consider and possibly authorize increasing the amount paid to persons reporting for jury service effective September 1, 2023. Pursuant to HB 3474 (88<sup>th</sup> Legislature), a person who reports for jury service in response to the process of a court is entitled to receive as reimbursement for travel and other expenses an amount not less than \$20 for the first day or fraction of the first day the person is in attendance in court, and not less than \$58 for each day or fraction of each day the person is in attendance in court after the first day.
- 17) Consider request by *Sharon Whitley, Health Services Director*, for approval to apply for two new immunization grants with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO):
  - a. \$75,000 Strengthening Vaccine Confidence and Uptake among Adolescents and their Families through Community Partnerships. (\$0 local match).
  - b. \$100,000 Improving Vaccine Access, Education, and Outreach through Faith-Based Partnerships. (\$0 local match).
- 18) Consider request by *Sharon Whitley, Health Services Director*, for approval to apply for a \$75,000 Infectious Disease Outbreaks: Enhancing Forecasting and Analytics Capabilities Grant for Local Health Departments with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This grant will support local health departments in strengthening readiness to respond to existing or emerging infectious disease that will impact the community. (\$0 local match).
- 19) Consider request by *Sharon Whitley, Health Services Director*, to authorize the County Judge to sign a one-year Service Agreement beginning September 1, 2023 between Allied Holdings Group, LLC and Hardin County Health Services to exclusively collect, transport, treat, store and dispose of all medical waste.
- 20) Consider and possibly authorize Hardin County Health Services to increase the fees for Food Establishment Permits, as requested by *Sharon Whitley, Health Services Director*.
- 21) Consider and possibly approve updated job description for Public Health Specialist position in Health Services, as requested by *Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director*.

- 22) Consider request by *Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director*, to authorize the County Judge to sign the 2023 - 2024 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation for Health, Dental, & Life Insurance Rates offered by the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP); and the 2023 - 2024 Healthy County: County Specific Incentive (CSI) Program Participation Agreement.
- 23) Consider and possibly approve recommendation by the Health Insurance Committee to enroll in the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP) Vision Plan. If approved, this plan will become effective December 1, 2023 and the current contract with Kansas City Life/Davis Vision will not be renewed for plan year 2024.
- 24) Consider request by *ReJena Bolton, Heath Inspections Manager*, to adopt Resolution 26-23 proclaiming September 2023 as Food Safety Month.
- 25) Consider approval of request by *Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent*, to present results of bids received for Demolition Services related to the Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and possibly award to successful vendor.
- 26) Discussion regarding Disaster/Emergency Debris Removal Services previously awarded in Commissioners Court on August 8, 2023 and possibly modify award to successful bidder(s) as requested by *Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent*.
- 27) Consider approval of request by *Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent*, to present results of bids received for materials and emulsions for all Road and Bridge Departments; and possibly award to successful vendor.
- 28) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids related to asbestos abatement of the former Hardin County Hospital (Annex) utilizing American Rescue Plan Act Funding.
- 29) Consider and possibly authorize Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for demolition of the former Hardin County Hospital (Annex) utilizing American Rescue Plan Act Funding.
- 30) Discussion only by Any County Official of any item not on the Agenda without taking any action.
- 31) Adjourn.

*\*Any attendee of this Open Meeting may be permitted to comment on an Agenda item for a period of three (3) minutes by raising their hand and being recognized by the Presiding Member prior to the Court acting on any item. Anyone who addresses Commissioners Court must do so from the podium.*



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Wayne McDaniel  
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE