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County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Amanda Young
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Chris Kirkendall
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

Ernie Koch
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 | MARCH 25, 2025 | 10:00 A.M.

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.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON MARCH 25, 2025, THERE WAS BEGUN AND HOLDEN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT PRESENT:

HONORABLE WAYNE MCDANIEL
HONORABLE L.W. COOPER, JR.
HONORABLE CHRIS KIRKENDALL
HONORABLE AMANDA YOUNG
HONORABLE ERNIE KOCH
HONORABLE CONNIE BECTON

HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE
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HARDIN COUNTY CLERK

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD AND ORDERS MADE TO-WIT; IN ADDITION TO THE ROUTINE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY, THE SUBJECT OF SAID MEETING WILL BE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Establish Quorum and Call Meeting to Order | Hon. Wayne McDaniel
- 2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance | Hon. Chris Kirkendall

- 3) Consider and possibly approve Minutes of the March 11, 2025 Regular and Special Meetings as presented by Hon. Connie Becton, County Clerk.
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED
- 4) Consider approval of request by Hon. Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer to cancel all Registered Claims from March 11, 2025; and Approval of Cash Statement. (SEE ATTACHED)
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED
- 5) Authorization to pay County bills as presented by Mrs. Angela Gore, County Auditor. (SEE ATTACHED)
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED
- 6) Consider approval of request by Mr. Calvin Gauthier of S & C Builders, LLC to approve a variance for the lot side setbacks of four (4) platted lots: Replat of Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block 14 of the Woodcrest Subdivision Addition 2, as recorded in Volume 2, Page 65 Plat Records of Hardin County, Texas into Lots 5A, 5B, 6A, and 7A, Block 14 of the Woodcrest Subdivision Addition 2, Elisha Duncan League, Abstract 14, located in Precinct 4.
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED
- 7) Presentation by Mr. Jimmy McKim, Chairman, Historical Commission, of Hardin County Historical Commission annual report for Fiscal Year 2023; and the Alamo "Victory or Death" Letter Project. (SEE ATTACHED)
PRESENTATION ONLY OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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- 8) Acceptance of resignation of Mr. Sam Ashworth as a Director of Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District; and Consider appointment of Mr. Paul Andruess to fill the vacancy effective immediately for the remainder of the three (3) year term, ending on December 31, 2027. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED RESIGNATION OF SAM ASHWORTH AND APPOINTMENT OF PAUL ANDRUES.

- 9) Consider request by Ms. Lisa Nix, HCCVAC Director, to adopt the following three (3) Resolutions: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

- a. Resolution 10-25 Proclaiming April as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- b. Resolution 11-25 Proclaiming the first Wednesday of April to be Start by Believing Day.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH

OPPOSED: COMMISSIONER COOPER

ACTION: APPROVED FOUR TO ONE

- c. Resolution 12-25 Proclaiming the week of April 6th through April 12th, 2025 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 10) Consider approval of an Order Authorizing San Jacinto Day Fireworks Sales beginning April 16, 2025 and ending at midnight April 21, 2025. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

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- 11) Consider approval of request by Mr. Aaron Tupper, Technology Director, to adjust the following line items to purchase mobile data terminals and vehicle docking stations for the Sheriff's Office, utilizing Opioid Settlement Funds. If approved, amend the FY25 Opioid Settlement Budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	035-560-391 Medical Supplies	\$30,000.00
	035-560-570 Equipment	\$6,200.00
TO	035-560-352 Minor Equipment & Supplies	\$36,200.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 12) Consider approval of request by Mr. Aaron Tupper, Emergency Management Coordinator, to pay Invoice #24-662 in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Hydrex Environmental for preparation and submission of environmental documentation for GLO Contract #20-065-145-C857, Saratoga Road Improvements Project, to be paid out of line item '010-401-411 Grant Administrative Expenses'. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 13) Consider adoption of Resolution 13-25 authorizing submission of one or more applications for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program through the Texas Division of Emergency Management under DR-4781 and commit matching funds in the amount not to exceed 25% of accepted grant awards, as requested by Mr. Aaron Tupper, Emergency Management Coordinator. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 14) Consider approval of request by Hon. Sheriff Mark Davis, to authorize the County Judge to execute Amendment 5 to Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Spindletop Center for Mental Health Liaison Program.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

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- 15) Consider approval of request by Hon. Sheriff Mark Davis, to purchase a 2024 Ford Expedition SSV in the amount of \$61,926.20 utilizing the buy board cooperative purchasing program, and funding the purchase with the Spindletop Center Mental Health Liaison Grant, to be paid as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	707-560-574 Auto Purchase	\$61,526.20
	707-560-390 Dues and Subscriptions	\$400.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 16) Consider approval of request by Judge Wayne McDaniel to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Traverse SUV from Lake Country Chevrolet in the amount of \$37,536.70 to be assigned to the Motor Pool and paid utilizing '010-510-574 Auto Purchase'. If approved, amend the FY25 Budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	010-510-574 Auto Purchase	\$300.00
TO	010-510-390 Dues and Subscriptions	\$300.00

*Create New Line Item

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 17) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to authorize the County Judge to execute Change Order No. 1 with Construction Managers of Southeast Texas (CMOST) for Courthouse and Jail Renovations, an ARPA funded project. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 18) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to pay Invoice #2501030 in the amount of \$10,244.50 to Leavins Engineering & Design, LLC (LEAD) for engineering services related to Cooks Lake Road Drainage Project, to be paid out of April 26 Severe Weather line item '420-622-402 Engineering Services'. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 19) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to accept donation of a True Model GDM-26-LD Cooler (SN 8458503) from Subway in Lumberton, Texas, to be used in the Courthouse Café. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 20) Discussion by Hon. Matthew Minick, County Attorney, regarding the utilization of the \$3,617.10 from Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for promotion of the Healthy County Initiative to encourage participation in the Hardin County Healthy County Program, sustaining employee engagement in health and wellness activities throughout the year. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

DISCUSSION ONLY

- 21) Consider approval of request by Hon. Matthew Minick, County Attorney, to amend the FY2025 County Attorney Supplement Budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	145-475-490 Miscellaneous	\$1,500.00
	145-475-310 Office Supplies	\$1,300.00
TO	145-475-426 Travel & Training Expense	\$2,800.00

*Create New Line Item

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

- 22) Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action, including announcements which may be of interest to the public.

- 23) Adjourn.

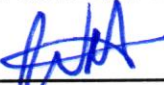
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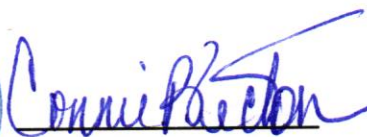
ACTION: APPROVED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.



Wayne McDaniel
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE





Connie Becton
HARDIN COUNTY CLERK