

**L. W. "Nubbin" Cooper Jr.**  
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 SPECIAL MEETING AND AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY | AUGUST 26, 2025 | 9:00 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 AUGUST 26, 2025, THERE WAS BEGUN AND HOLDEN A SPECIAL 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**  
**HONROABLE ERNIE KOCH**  
**HONORABLE CONNIE BECTON**

**HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 1**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 2**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 3**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 4**  
**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, Call Meeting to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance | Hon. Wayne McDaniel

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2) Conduct Public Hearing to receive comments from citizens of Hardin County concerning the Fiscal Year 2026 Hardin County Budget (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026). **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**NO DISCUSSION FROM THE PUBLIC**

3) Conduct Public Hearing to receive comments from citizens of Hardin County concerning the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.496965 per \$100 valuation for the 2025 tax year. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**NO DISCUSSION FROM THE PUBLIC**

4) Adjourn.

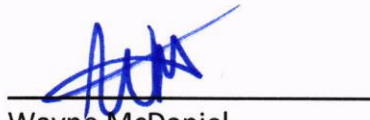
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**

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

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**



Wayne McDaniel

**HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE**



Connie Becton

**HARDIN COUNTY CLERK**

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

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY | AUGUST 26, 2025 | 10:00 A.M.**

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**AGENDA AND MEETING**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON AUGUST 26, 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**  
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**HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 1**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 2**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 3**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 4**  
**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 the August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes 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 August 12, 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. Candice McKinney, County Auditor. (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**
- 6) Consider and possibly set the salaries, expenses and other allowances of all Elected County and Precinct Officers for Fiscal Year 2026. (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 7) Consider and possibly ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026 Hardin County Budget. (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: JUDGE MCDANIEL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 HARDIN COUNTY BUDGET. THE 2025-2026 COUNTY BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM THE PROPERTY TAXES THAN THE 2024-2025 BY THE AMOUNT OF \$796,085.00 WHICH IS A 3.212 PERCENT INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PEOPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$461,946.00. THIS IS A RECORD VOTE OF ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COURT.**

- 8) Consider, discuss, and possibly adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Hardin County Budget.  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS PRESENTED WITH A RECORD VOTE OF ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COURT.**
- 9) Consider and possibly approve an Order to adopt a tax rate of \$0.496965 per \$100.00 valuation for the 2025 tax year (The debt service tax rate is \$0.0042910 per \$100 valuation and the maintenance and operations tax rate is \$0.492674 per \$100 valuation). **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS PRESENTED WITH A RECORD VOTE OF ALL FIVE MEMBERS.**
- 10) Discussion and possible action to adjust the TCDRS retirement match as requested by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED THE 225% MATCH FOR PAST AND FUTURE DEPOSITS AND PARTIAL LUMP SUM PAYMENT OPTION AT RETIREMENT**
- 11) Consider and possibly approve the revised Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan as requested by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director. These revisions were recommended by TxDOT. **(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**
- 12) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Candice McKinney, County Auditor, to create the following revenue line item in the Special Revenue Fund 082, Article 18 Seizures, previously established in Commissioners Court on June 10, 2025: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

INCREASE REVENUE	082-360-100 Interest Revenue	\$100.00
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**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**



- 13) Consider acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2024, for Hardin County Emergency Services District No 6. (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 14) Consider approval of request by Hon L.W. (Nubbin) Cooper, Jr, County Commissioner, Precinct 1, to authorize the County Judge to execute new contract for onsite garbage removal by way of dumpsters with Republic Services at the Citizens' Collection Station: and presentation of current expenses and revenue since the rate increase in February, 2024. (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 15) Consider approval of request by Hon. L.W. (Nubbin) Cooper, Jr, County Commissioner, Precinct 1, to authorize the County Judge to execute Routine Maintenance and Inspection Agreement with D. Anderson Construction, for the onsite Septic System at Hawthorne Field/Hardin County Airport, for 1 year in the amount of \$300.00, to be paid out of the County Airport-Expense line item '022-664-450 Building Maintenance/Repairs'. (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 16) Accept for filing in the Minutes of the Court: Copy of Texas Department of Criminal Justice Community Justice Assistance Division Financial Management Manual (TDCJ-CIAD FMM0) in accordance with LGC 140.004; and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Community Justice Assistance Division Initial Budget 2026/2027 Biennium as requested by Chief Adult Probation Officer Kevin Cummings, Adult Probation Department. (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**

- 17) Consider and possibly set the Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2026. (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 Hon. Amanda Young, County Commissioner, Precinct 3, to accept a Settlement Agreement, Grant of Easement and Quitclaim Deed on a certain portion of Bragg/Ghost Road, also known as Ghost Road County Park, located in Saratoga, Texas from ThreeTree Southern Growth, LLC c/o Manulife Investment Timberland and Agriculture, Inc. (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 TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENT AND QUITCLAIM DEED BUT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WILL BE TABLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

- 19) Consider approval of request to amend the FY2025 budget to properly account for the proceeds received from the sale of a John Deere Tractor with Boom Mower and Ford F750 Dura Patch Truck for the R&B 3 Department as follows: (SEE ATTACHED)

INCREASE REVENUE	017-364-100 Sale of Capital Assets	\$44,122.00
INCREASE EXPENDITURES	017-623-351 Vehicle/Equipment Expense	\$44,122.00

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**

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

**ACTION: APPROVED**

- 20) Consider adoption of Resolution 27-25 recognizing September as "Family Mealtime: Connecting Families for Better Health", as requested by Mrs. Katie Pace, AgriLife Extension Agent. (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**

- 21) Consider and possibly approve the reappointment of Mrs. Gaye Lokey as Trustee of Spindletop Center for a two (2) year term, effective September 1, 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**



- 22) Authorization for the County Judge to execute the Exhibit K - Secondary Manufacturers' Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form regarding the Purdue, Sackler, Alvogen, Inc., Apotex Corp., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, LLC, Hikma Pharmaceuticals Inc., Indivior, Inc., Viartis, Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Opioid Settlements. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**

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

**ACTION: APPROVED**

- 23) Consider approval of request by Mrs. ReJena Bolton, Health Inspections Manager, to approve Amended Ordinance No. 1999-19.3 regarding the Regulation of Food Establishments including Food Service Establishments, Retail Food Stores, Mobile Food Units, Temporary Food Establishments, and Roadside Food Vendors. **(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**

- 24) Consider approval of request by Hon. Ernie Koch, County Commissioner, Precinct 4, to trade a 2009 Ford F150 Truck (VIN...7783) to Silsbee Ford toward the purchase of a 2023 Ford F150 Crew Cab 4X4 Truck (VIN...0952). Total purchase price, less trade-ins, being \$38,587.20. If approved, amend the FY25 R&B 4 budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

INCREASE EXPENDITURES	017-624-570 Equipment Purchase	\$38,588.00
DECREASE EXPENDITURES	017-624-334 Materials & Supplies	\$38,588.00

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**

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

**ACTION: APPROVED**

- 25) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to present results of bids received for overlaying approximately 237' x 14' on Palm Lane and approximately 229' x 13' on Robert Lane, located in Precinct 4, and possibly award to successful vendor. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**

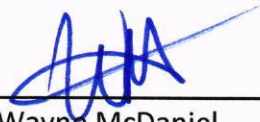
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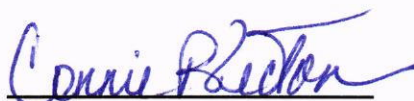
**ACTION: APPROVED CMM CONSTRUCTION AS PRESENTED**



- 26) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to present results of bids received for overlaying approximately 2,584' x 20' on Quail Chase, located in Precinct 3, and possibly award to successful vendor. (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 CMM CONSTRUCTION**
- 27) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to authorize the County Judge to execute Amendment No. 2 Administrative Services Contract between Public Management, Inc. and Hardin County concerning CDBG-MIT Contract No. 24-065-065-E596. (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**
- 28) Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action including announcements which may be of interest to the public.
- 29) Presentation by Mr. Jeff Leavins with Leavins Engineering and Design (LEAD) regarding the status of the six (6) mitigation projects throughout Hardin County associated with the CDBG-MIT 2022 grant funding.  
**PRESENTATION ONLY**
- 30) Adjourn.  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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Wayne McDaniel  
**HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE**

  
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**HARDIN COUNTY CLERK**