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County Commissioner, Precinct 2

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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 | NOVEMBER 26, 2024 | 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 NOVEMBER 26, 2024, 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
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1
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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 Regina Bolton, Hardin County Health Inspector

- 3) Consider and possibly approve the November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting and November 18, 2024 Special Meeting [Minutes](#) as presented by *Hon. Connie Becton, County Clerk*.
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG
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 November 12, 2024; 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 YOUNG
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED

- 6) Consider adoption of [Resolution 32-24](#) authorizing the County Judge to execute the Settlement Participation and Release forms regarding settlement offers from Kroger in the matter of Texas Opioid Multi-District Litigation for the County in the matter of *County of Hardin v. Endo Health Solutions, Inc., et al.* (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

- 7) Consider approval of [request](#) by *Ms. Sharon Whitley, Health Director*, to apply for a \$25,000.00 2025 cohort of the Wastewater Surveillance Mentorship Program grant application with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This mentorship program will help to support local health departments in implementing and expanding their wastewater surveillance efforts to monitor disease trends and emerging health threats in the community. (\$0 local match). (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

- 8) Consider approval of **request** by *Ms. Sharon Whitley, Health Director*, to reapply for a \$100,000.00 2025 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Learning Collaborative Project grant application with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This funding will provide the Health Services Department the opportunity to build capacity to train staff on infection prevention and control basics and best practices. (\$0 local match). **(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

- 9) Consider and possibly approve **deallocating** funds previously approved for use on ARPA projects as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

Broadband Study	\$30,675.00
Motorola Portable & Mobile Radios for First Responders / Dispatch	\$431.54
Mitchell Road / FM 3513 Drainage Improvement	\$195.00
(6) Kiosks for Courthouse	\$390.00
Old Hospital Demo / Asbestos Abatement	\$371,275.00
JP Court Software Integration	\$1,500.00
Hurricane Safe Room - Match	\$2,000,000.00
(6) LED Signs	\$350,000.00
Record Preservation	\$261,447.22
LaBiche Architectural	\$262,786.73
TOTAL >>>	\$3,278,700.49

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 10) Consider and possibly approve **allocating** the remaining / unallocated ARPA funds for the three (3) projects awarded in Commissioners Court on November 12, 2024, as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

Hurricane Safe Room	\$525,462.00
Courthouse/Annex Renovation/Remodel	\$807,499.09
Jail Updates/Remodel – Additional Cost Allocation \$1.1M already allocated in Commissioners Court March 3, 2023 Making the total cost for Jail Updates/Remodel \$2,536,500.91	\$1,436,500.91
TOTAL >>>	\$2,769,462.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 11) Discuss, consider and possibly approve utilizing the remaining **balance** of unallocated ARPA funds in the amount of \$297,065.79 on one or more additional project(s). **(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 TO ALLOCATE \$200,000.00 AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT, MISTY SIMS.

- 12) Present recommendation from evaluation committee concerning **proposals** received from qualified contractors to install additional parking lots and improve existing parking lots/spaces, including the Floodplain and Extension Agent buildings and possibly award successful vendor or take other action as deemed appropriate. **(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 \$584,800.00 TO BE TAKEN FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE

- 13) Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action, including reports from Elected Officials / Department Heads; or announcements which may be of interest to the public.

- 14) Adjourn.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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