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County Commissioner, Precinct 1



Amanda Young
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Ernie Koch
County Commissioner, Precinct 4

Chris Kirkendall
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

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 27, 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 AUGUST 27, 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
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. Amanda Young*
- 3) Consider and possibly approve [Minutes](#) of the August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting and the August 20, 2024 Special Meeting 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

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- 4) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer* to cancel all Registered Claims from August 13, 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 KIRKENDALL
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED

- 6) 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 88th and 356th Judicial District Courts for the fiscal year 2025. (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 AS PRESENTED

- 7) Discussion and possible action to set salaries, expenses and other allowances of all Elected County and Precinct Officers. (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

- 8) Discussion and possible action to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2025 Hardin County Budget. (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

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- 9) Discussion and possible action to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Hardin County Budget. (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 AS PRESENTED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COURT.

- 10) Consider and possibly approve Order to adopt tax rate of \$0.502473 per \$100.00 valuation for the 2024 tax year (The debt service tax rate is \$0.005685 per \$100 valuation and the maintenance and operations tax rate is \$0.496788 per \$100 valuation). (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 AS PRESENTED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COURT.

- 11) Consider, possibly authorize and direct the County Treasurer to provide a retention stipend to all eligible full-time and part-time employees who have completed their orientation period as of August 27, 2024, equivalent to each hourly employee's pay rate times eighty (80); or each exempt/public safety employee's bi-weekly rate; or each part-time employee's pay rate times their bi-weekly average over the past six (6) months (or the number of months employed if less than 6 months). The compensation will be funded from available grant funds and/or excess funds derived from accrued interest earned in line item 010-360-100, to be paid out on September 12, 2024. If approved, amend the FY24 Budget as presented. (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

- 12) Consider approval of request by *J.A. McKim, III, Chairman, Historical Commission*, for permission to purchase a bronze plaque from the Alamo Letter Society and place in an appropriate location in the Hardin County Courthouse, or on the courthouse grounds, which contains the text of the famous "Victory or Death" letter written from the Alamo by William Barret Travis in 1836. (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 AND TO ALLOW THE JUDGE TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE AT A LATER DATE ON WHERE TO PLACE THE PLAQUE

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13) Consider approval of request by *Fire Chief Bobby Love, Votaw-Thicket Volunteer Fire Department*, for Hardin County to reimburse Votaw-Thicket Fire Department for professional services accrued during the process of establishing Hardin County Emergency Services District № 7. (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 TABLE UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED

14) Consider approval of request by *Mr. Dale Williford, Hardin County Airport / Hawthorne Field FBO*, to authorize the County Judge to sign Texas Department of Transportation Airport Project Participation Agreement (2420KNTZE) for improvements to the Hardin County Airport, Hawthorne Field; and consider approval to pay Texas Department of Transportation Invoice in the amount of \$353,700.00, as approved by Commissioners Court on August 13, 2024. (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

15) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Ernie Koch, County Commissioner*, to enter into an Agreement with the Hardin County Youth Soccer Club (HCYSC) whereby HCYSC will contribute or reimburse \$1,800.00 to Hardin County for the use of Hardin County Veteran's Memorial Park concession stand, soccer fields, normal utilities, and supplies. If approved, this agreement will be in effect from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. (SEE ATTACHED)

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

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

ACTION: APPROVED

16) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Ernie Koch, County Commissioner*, to authorize a payoff to Cadence Equipment Finance, effective immediately, in the amount of \$41,192.47 for a 2021 John Deere Model 6110M Tractor (SN...3445) equipped with a 22' Tiger Bengal Boom Mower (SN...0682). If approved, amend the FY24 Budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	017-624-334 Materials and Supplies	\$41,193.00
TO	017-624-649 Equipment Notes	\$40,873.00
	017-624-670 Equipment Notes Interest	320.00

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 acceptance of the Annual Financial Statement for the year ending August 1, 2024, for Hardin County Emergency Services Districts № 7. **(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

18) Consider adoption of Resolution 24-24 proclaiming September 2024 as Food Safety Month as requested by *Mrs. ReJena Bolton, Health Inspector*. **(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

19) Consider and possibly accept the Governor's Proclamation ordering the November 5, 2024 General Election. **(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 AMENDED

20) Consider approval of request by *Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent*, to present recommendation from evaluation committee concerning proposals received for Engineering Services concerning the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4781 April/May Severe Storms and Flooding and possibly award to successful firm. (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 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR LEAVINS ENGINEERING AS NUMBER ONE AND SHAUMBURG & POLK AS NUMBER TWO

21) Consider approval of request by *Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent*, to present recommendation from evaluation committee concerning proposals received for Grant Administrator and Project Management concerning the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4781 April/May Severe Storms and Flooding and possibly award to successful firm. (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 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES AS NUMBER ONE AND LANGFORD COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT AS NUMBER TWO

22) Consider approval of request by *Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent*, to solicit bids for County Courtroom renovations to accommodate upgrade to courtroom video / audio. (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

23) 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.

24) Adjourn.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

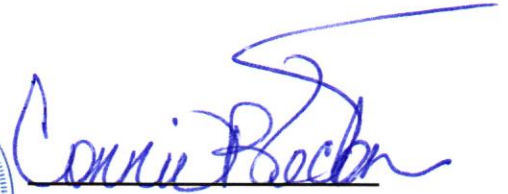
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.

ACTION: APPROVED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Wayne McDaniel
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE



Connie Becton
HARDIN COUNTY CLERK