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County Commissioner, Precinct 3

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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 | SEPTEMBER 23, 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 SEPTEMBER 23, 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 AMANADA YOUNG
HONORABLE ERNIE KOCH
HONORABLE CONNIE BECTON

HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1
COMMISSIONER PCT. 2
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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. Ernie Koch

- 3) Consider and possibly approve the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by Hon. Connie Becton, County Clerk.
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
- 4) Consider approval of request by Hon. Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer to cancel all Registered Claims from September 9, 2025; and Approval of Cash Statement. **(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 PRESENTED
- 5) Authorization to pay County bills as presented by Mrs. Candice McKinney, 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) Presentation by Mrs. Katie Pace, Extension Agent, of departmental report from Texas A&M Hardin County AgriLife Extension Office. **(SEE ATTACHED)**
PRESENTATION ONLY
- 7) Consider adoption of Resolution 28-25 proclaiming October 2025 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month as requested by Mrs. Lisa Broucher, HCCVAC Director. **(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
- 8) Discussion and possible action regarding Annual Review and Approval of the Hardin County Investment Policy as requested by Hon. Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer. **(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

- 9) Consider adoption of Resolution 29-25 reappointing Deborah McWilliams as the County's Investment Officer pursuant to the Hardin County Investment Policy. **(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

- 10) Consider approval of request to amend the FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Grants (SB22) Budget to utilize grant funds where needed as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	034-560-202 Health Insurance	\$30,000.00
TO	034-560-346 Safety Equipment	\$13,013.00
	034-560-345 Firearms	\$16,987.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 11) Consider approval of request to amend the FY25 budget to properly account for insurance proceeds received for Courthouse repairs from roof damage as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

INCREASE REVENUE	071-361-100 Insurance Proceeds	\$822,227.00
INCREASE EXPENDITURES	071-500-450 C/H Maintenance, Repairs, Renovations	\$822,227.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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

ACTION: APPROVED AND CREATE NEW LINE ITEMS 071-500-450 AND 071-361-100

- 12) Consider approval of request to amend the FY25 budget to adjust revenue and expenditures related to the Regional Radio Tower as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

INCREASE REVENUE	010-373-200 Regional Radio Reimbursement	\$101,682.00
INCREASE EXPENDITURES	010-401-424 Regional Radio System	\$101,682.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 13) Consider approval of request to amend the FY25 budget regarding the FY24 surplus carryover funds for R&B 1 and R&B 4 Departments: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	Road & Bridge Fund Balance	\$280,115.74
TO	017-621-395 R&B 1 Contingency	\$168,975.83
	017-624-395 R&B 4 Contingency	\$111,139.91

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 14) Consider approval of request to correct an amendment previously approved in Commissioners Court on August 26, 2025 for R&B 4 to properly account for a transaction regarding the trade-in and purchase of a Ford F150 truck as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	017-624-570 Equipment Purchase	\$38,588.00
TO	017-624-574 Auto Purchase	\$38,188.00
	017-624-390 Dues & Subscriptions	\$400.00

*Create New Line Item

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 15) Consider approval of request to amend the FY25 budget to accommodate expense associated with SB387 legislation requiring an increase to the public official bond amount for the County Judge as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	010-400-416 Visiting Judge	\$1,930.00
TO	010-400-480 Bond Expense	\$1,930.00

*Create New Line Item

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 and possibly adopt Hardin County Uniform Tax Abatement Policy, effective for two (2) years, pursuant to Texas Tax Code §312.002(c). **(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

- 17) Consider approval of an Order Authorizing Diwali Fireworks Sales beginning October 13, 2025 and ending at midnight October 22, 2025. (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
- 18) Consider approval of request by Mr. Alex Parker, Floodplain Administrator, to approve replat of part of Blocks 22 and 23, Volume 4, Page 102, into Lots 1-A and 2-A of the William Weiss Subdivision in the Day Land and Cattle Survey, Abstract No. A-607, Hardin County, Texas, located in Precinct 3. (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
- 19) Consider and possibly accept the Governor's Proclamation ordering the November 4, 2025 Constitutional Amendment Special Election. (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
- 20) Consider approval of request by Ms. Alysa Freeman, Elections Administrator, to approve Notice of Election for the November 4, 2025 Constitutional Amendment Special Election, including Village Mills Emergency Services District No 8 Sales Tax Proposition. (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 approval of request by Ms. Alysa Freeman, Elections Administrator, to approve an Order of appointment for Election Judges and alternate Election Judges for the November 4, 2025 Constitutional Amendment Special Election. (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

- 22) Consider approval of request by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, to amend the FY26 Schedule of Sheriff's and Constables' Fees to include new requirements pursuant to Property Code Chapter 24B, to become effective January 1, 2026. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

Order to Remove Person Occupying Dwelling	\$200.00
Additional Law Enforcement Assistance	\$150.00/hr.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 23) Consider request by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director to approve the updated Retiree Health Insurance Policy to become effective October 1, 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

- 24) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director, to appoint the 2025-2026 Hardin County Sick Leave Pool Committee. **(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 AND APPOINTED: MELINDA HERRINGTON, COMMISSIONER KOCH, JUDGE CHARLES BREWER, MONICA KELLEY AND MICHELLE DOUGHARTY.

- 25) 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 to Hardin County for the use of Hardin County Veteran's Park concession stand, soccer fields, normal utilities, and supplies. If approved, this agreement will be in effect from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. **(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

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- 26) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to present results of bids received for materials and emulsions for all Road & Bridge Departments and possibly award to successful 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

- 27) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Grant Administration services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the County's Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Local Communities Program (LCP) funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under the 2024 Disasters DR-4781 Texas Severe Storms and DR-4798 Hurricane Beryl. (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 AND APPOINTED COMMISSIONER KOCH, AARON TUPPER AND CLAY WOODWARD TO THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

- 28) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit qualification statements for Engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the County's Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Local Communities Program (LCP) funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under the 2024 Disasters DR-4781 Texas Severe Storms and DR-4798 Hurricane Beryl. (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 APPOINTED COMMISSIONER KOCH, AARON TUPPER AND CLAY WOODWARD TO THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

- 29) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to authorize the County Judge to execute Change Order No. 1 with N&T Construction related to Hurricane Safe Room Construction. (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 INCREASE WAS APPROVED ON JULY 22, 2025 BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,366.00. DUE TO A ROUNDING ISSUE, CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE IS \$149,367.00. THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$5,472,315.00

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

31) Adjourn.

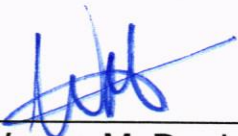
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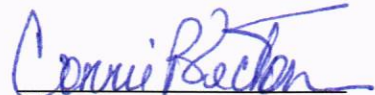
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER,
COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**

ACTION: APPROVED

REPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Wayne McDaniel
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE



Connie Becton
HARDIN COUNTY CLERK