

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 REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY | APRIL 28, 2026 | 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 APRIL 28, 2026, THERE WAS BEGUN AND HOLDEN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, THE SUBJECT OF SAID MEETING WILL BE THE FOLLOWING:**

**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. Ernie Koch

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- 3) Consider and possibly approve the April 14, 2026 Regular 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 to cancel all Registered Claims from April 14, 2026; and Approval of Cash Statement as presented 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 AS PRESENTED**
  
- 5) Authorization to pay County bills as presented by Ms. Angie Smith, Assistant 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 and possibly approve setting a speed limit of 30 MPH on Sugar Maple Road, located in Precinct 2.  
**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 to [amend](#) the FY26 Budget by transferring \$229,480.00 from Road & Bridge Fund Balance to a newly created line item '017-700-494 Transfers to USDA - Emergency Watershed Program' for local match funds related to the construction contract signed with ERS of MS, Inc., previously approved by Commissioners Court on February 10, 2026 relating to the National Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program. If approved authorize payment of Pay App #1 to ERS, Inc. in the amount of \$144,405.62. **(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**

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8) Consideration of two Resolutions for adoption as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

- a. **Resolution 10-26** proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month.
- b. **Resolution 11-26** reaffirming policies and procedures for Civil Rights, Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing as required by the Texas Community Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program; and authorizing posting/publication of required notices.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**

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

**ACTION: APPROVED**

9) Consider approval of **request** by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, to amend the FY26 budget by increasing the following line items to reflect the acceptance of insurance claims for damaged patrol vehicles: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

INCREASE REVENUE	010-361-100 Insurance Proceeds	\$8,400.00
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	010-560-454 Auto Maintenance/Repair	\$8,400.00

**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 **request** by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, to authorize payment to Kent's Collision Center for repair order dated December 29, 2025 for vehicle repairs to a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab PPV truck (VIN ...4856) in the amount of \$6,724.93, to be paid out of line item '010-560-454 Auto Maintenance/Repair'. **(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**

11) Consider approval of **request** by Hon. Amanda Young, County Commissioner, for the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the GLO CDBG-MIT-MOD Kountze Roadside Ditch and Channel Improvements Project, GLO Contract No. 24-065-065-E596, located in Precinct 3. **(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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- 12) Consider authorization for the County Judge to execute the Unclaimed Property Credits for Counties form and submit to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts pursuant to § 381.004 Texas Local Government Code. **(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**
- 13) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Texas Water Development Board Water Supply & Infrastructure Grant Management Services; and appoint evaluation committee to make a recommendation for award to Commissioners Court. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPOINTED EVALUATION COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONER AMANDA YOUNG, AARON TUPPER AND CLAY WOODWARD, APPROVED**
- 14) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to authorize County Judge to execute Amendment No. 1 concerning Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR4332-0232, Lumberton Detention Pond; Amendment No. 1 concerning Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR4332-0233, Hurricane Safe Room; Amendment No. 1 concerning Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR4485-0405/DR 4485-0523, LHS Generators and Black Creek Drainage Study; and Amendment No. 1 concerning Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR4485-0522/DR 4485-0524, Boggy Creek and Mill Creek Drainage Study with Traylor & Associates, Inc. for grant administration. **(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**
- 15) Consider approval of request by Alysa Freeman, Elections Administrator, to authorize the County Judge to sign Notice of the Democratic and Notice of the Republican General Primary Runoff Elections to be held May 26, 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**

16) Consider **appointment** of Mrs. Whitney Heinicke to the position of Director of Hardin County Health Services effective May 4, 2026, as recommended by the County Judge. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED WITH COMMISSIONER COOPER ABSTAINING**

17) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Whitney Heinicke, Health Director, to authorize the County Judge to execute an **Affiliation Agreement and Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Program Preceptor Agreement** between Lamar Institute of Technology and Hardin County Health Services Department. This will allow students enrolled in the program to use the Health Services facility, equipment, and supplies within the guidelines and restrictions established so students may obtain practical clinical education experiences in patient care as a part of their educational studies. **(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 Mrs. Kristen White, Veteran Service Officer, to create a new Temporary Clerk position in the Veterans Service Office with a pay rate not to exceed \$15.91 per hour. If approved, amend the FY26 Budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	010-405-108 Salaries – Part Time	\$2,459.00
TO	010-405-107 Salaries - Temporary	\$2,459.00

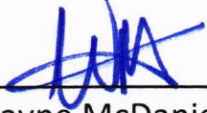
\*Create New Line Item

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**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**

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

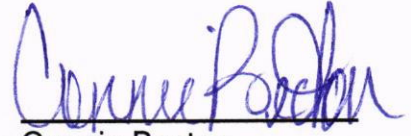
20) Adjourn.  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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Wayne McDaniel  
**HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE**



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Connie Becton  
**HARDIN COUNTY CLERK**