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County Commissioner, Precinct 1



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County Commissioner, Precinct 3

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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 | AUGUST 13, 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 13, 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. Chris Kirkendall*

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- 3) PUBLIC HEARING: Conduct Public Hearing to receive comments from citizens of Hardin County to discuss abandoning a portion of a 50 foot undeveloped roadway between Block 22 and Block 23 of the William Weiss Subdivision, located in Precinct 3, as requested by Samantha Granato and Caddo Sustainable Timberlands (aka Crown Pine Timber). (SEE ATTACHED)

NO COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC

- 4) Consider and possibly approve Minutes of the July 23, 2024 Regular Meeting and the July 30, 2024 Special Meeting as presented by *Hon. Connie Becton, County Clerk*.

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

- 5) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer* to cancel all Registered Claims from July 23, 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

- 6) 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

- 7) Consider and possibly adopt an Order abandoning a portion of a 50 foot undeveloped roadway between Block 22 and Block 23 North of the William Weiss Subdivision, located in Precinct 3, as requested by Samantha Granato and Caddo Sustainable Timberlands (aka Crown Pine Timber). (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

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- 8) Consider and possibly adopt an Order abandoning a portion of a 50 foot undeveloped roadway between Block 22 and Block 23 South of the William Weiss Subdivision, located in Precinct 3, as requested by Samantha Granato and Caddo Sustainable Timberlands (aka Crown Pine Timber). (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

- 9) Consider and possibly set the Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2025. (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 SAME RATES AS 2024

- 10) Consider approval of request by *Mrs. Angela Gore, County Auditor*, to amend the FY24 Budget in association with dump truck repairs for the R&B 4 Department as follows: (SEE ATTACHED)

Increase Revenue	017-361-100 Insurance Proceeds	\$18,712.00	*Create New Line Item
Increase Expenditures	017-624-351 Vehicle/Equipment Expense	\$18,712.00	

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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 *Mrs. Angela Gore, County Auditor*, to amend the FY24 Budget for utilities expenditures associated with the building leased for the AgriLife Extension Agent at 445 West Monroe Street, Kountze, Texas as follows: (SEE ATTACHED)

FROM	010-401-800 Contingency-General	\$1,000.00	
TO	010-665-440 Utilities	\$1,000.00	*Create New Line Item

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 *Hon. Amanda Young, County Commissioner*, to purchase an Allied 2024 Diamond Mower from Shoppa’s Farm Supply Inc. in the amount of \$21,859.00 utilizing a cooperative purchasing agreement, to be paid out of line item ‘017-623-570 Equipment Purchase’ and amend the FY24 Budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	017-623-334 Materials and Supplies	\$23,000.00
TO	017-623-570 Equipment Purchase	\$23,000.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 13) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Chris Kirkendall, County Commissioner*, to authorize a pay off to Cadence Equipment Finance in the amount of \$111,691.66 for a 2024 Kubota M6S-111D 4WD Tractor (VIN ...3541) equipped with a Terrain King KB22 22’ Boom Mower (SN ...1102); and amend the FY24 Budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	017-622-334 Materials and Supplies	\$100,000.00
	017-622-570 Equipment Purchase	\$11,692.00
TO	017-622-649 Equipment Notes	\$109,500.00
	017-622-670 Equipment Notes Interest	\$2,192.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 14) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Chris Kirkendall, County Commissioner*, to accept the donation of a used 1994 Chevrolet Oil Truck (VIN ...1778) from Bryan and Bryan Asphalt, LLC. **(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 purchase an Ansung 5070QB Loader, 72” Q/A Bucket and Terra Force YRG074 74” Root Grapple from Beaumont Tractor in the amount of \$12,895.00 to be paid for utilizing line item ‘017-624-570 Equipment Purchase’. **(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

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- 16) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Cory Jeffcoat, Constable*, to authorize the County Judge to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Hardin County Constable's Office, Precinct 4, and Hardin Jefferson Independent School District regarding School Resource Officers for the 2024-2025 school year, effective September 1, 2024. (SEE ATTACHED)
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
OPPOSED: COMMISSIONER COOPER
ACTION: APPROVED FOR ONE YEAR ONLY.
- 17) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for materials and emulsions for all Road & Bridge Departments. (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
- 18) Consider approval of request by *Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent*, to appoint evaluation committee to make recommendation to Commissioners Court concerning proposals received for Grant Administration and Engineering Services for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4781 April/May Severe Storms and Flooding. (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 WITH A COMMITTEE OF AARON TUPPER, CLAY WOODWARD AND ANGIE SMITH
- 19) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Grant Administration and Engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the County's 2025-2026 Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG grant and appoint an evaluation committee to make recommendations to Commissioners Court. (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 WITH A COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONER YOUNG, AARON TUPPER, CLAY WOODWARD

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20) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for record preservation and shredding of documents located in the Old Hardin County Hospital / Annex Building. (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 authorize the Purchasing Agent to sell cabinets, sinks, mirrors, and other miscellaneous items from the Old Hardin County Hospital / Annex Building, utilizing Rene' Bates Auctioneers, Inc. (ReneBates.com). (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

22) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals from qualified contractors to install additional parking lots and improve existing parking lots/spaces, including the Floodplain and Extension Agent buildings and appoint an evaluation committee to make a recommendation to Commissioners Court. (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 WITH A COMMITTEE OF JUDGE MCDANIEL, JUDGE INGRAM, AARON TUPPER AND BRIAN GUILLORY.

23) Consider approval of request by *Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent*, to authorize County Judge to execute Construction Contract with Sitek Omni Services, LLC for Asbestos Abatement of the former Hardin County Hospital / Annex Building. (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. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent*, to authorize County Judge to execute Construction Contract with TRT Environmental, LLC for Commercial Demolition of the former Hardin County Hospital / Annex Building. (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

25) Consider approval of request by *Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director*, to authorize the County Judge to sign the 2024 - 2025 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation for Health, Dental, Vision, & Life Insurance Rates offered by the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP); and the 2024 – 2025 Healthy County: County Specific Incentive (CSI) Program Participation Agreement. (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

26) Consider and possibly approve updated Data Entry Clerk and Immunization/WIC Data Entry Clerk Job Descriptions in the Health Services Department as requested by *Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director*. (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

27) Consider and possibly adopt the Hardin County Financial Policy. (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

28) Consider approval of request by *Ms. Sharon Whitley, Health Services Director*, to authorize the County Judge to execute Real Property Commercial Lease Agreement renewal between Hardin County Commissioner, Precinct 3, and Hardin County Health Department/WIC for leased office space located at 615 Hwy 105 West, Sour Lake, Texas, funded by grant funds, for the purpose of performing WIC services one day a month from this location. (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

29) Consider approval of request by Ms. Sharon Whitley, Health Services Director, for permission to remove two (2) Surveillance Specialist positions and create two (2) new Community Health Specialist positions at a pay rate of \$22.18 per hour effective October 1, 2024 and approval of the Community Health Specialist Job Description. These positions will be grant funded at 100%. (ATTACHED)

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

ACTION: APPROVED

30) Consider approval of request by Ms. Sharon Whitley, Health Services Director, for permission to remove one (1) Public Health Nurse, LVN position and replace with a new Epidemiology Nurse position at a pay rate of \$24.00 per hour effective October 1, 2024 and approval of the updated Epidemiology Nurse Job Description. This position will be grant funded at 100%. (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

31) Consider approval of request by Ms. Sharon Whitley, Health Services Director, for permission to create a new Public Health Specialist Manager position at a pay rate of \$24.00 per hour effective October 1, 2024 and approval of Public Health Specialist Manager Job Description. This position will be grant funded at 100%. (SEE ATTACHED)

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

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

OPPOSED: JUDGE MCDANIEL

ACTION: APPROVED WITH A SALARY OF \$22.18 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024.

32) Consider approval of request by Mr. Dale Williford, Hardin County Airport / Hawthorne Field FBO, to amend the FY2024 Airport Fund budget to accommodate the purchase of an LED Airport beacon by utilizing \$14,247.00 of the Airport Fund Balance to increase expense line item '022-664-570 Equipment'. (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

33) Consider approval of request by *Mr. Dale Williford, Hardin County Airport / Hawthorne Field FBO*, to amend the FY24 Budget to accommodate an increase in total project costs from \$1,838,400.00 to \$4,069,400.00 associated with the Texas Department of Transportation Airport Project Participation Agreement for improvements to the Hardin County Airport, Hawthorne Field as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

From	General Fund Balance	\$215,860.00
To	010-700-022 Transfers to Airport Fund	\$215,860.00
Increase Revenue	022-390-000 Transfers In-General Fund	\$215,860.00
Increase Expenditures	022-664-550 Construction Costs	\$215,860.00

*Create New Line Item

If approved, correct budget amendment allocating General Fund contingency as approved by Commissioners Court January 9, 2024 to increase newly created expenditure line item '022-664-550 Construction Costs' in the amount of \$137,840.00. This will result in a total construction allocation of \$353,700, a 10% match of the \$3,537,000.00 estimated construction cost.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

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

ACTION: APPROVED

34) Consider approval of request by *Ms. Alysa Freeman, Elections Administrator*, to approve an Order calling for the November 5, 2024 General 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

35) Consider approval of request by *Ms. Alysa Freeman, Elections Administrator*, to approve an Order of appointment for Election Judges and alternate Election Judges for Hardin County to serve for a period beginning on September 1, 2024 and ending on July 31, 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

36) Consider and possibly authorize *Hon. Shirley Cook, Tax Assessor-Collector*, to issue Tax Refunds as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

TAXPAYER	AMOUNT	YEAR	REASON FOR REFUND
Sally Meadows Byrd	\$1,298.54	2023	Homestead / Over 65
Jimmy C & Raye Norwood	\$1,087.78	2023	ARB Value
Kyle & Jennifer M Meads	\$1,240.21	2023	Homestead / Disabled Veteran / ARB Value
TOTAL REFUNDS	\$3,626.53		

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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

ACTION: APPROVED

37) Consider approval of request by *Mrs. ReJena Bolton, Health Inspector*, to accept funds from Entergy Grants Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be utilized for the annual Courthouse Christmas Tree Lighting event on December 3, 2024. **(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

38) Consider approval of request by *Mr. Aaron Tupper, Emergency Management Coordinator*, to authorize the County Judge to execute DR-4485 Texas Covid-19 Pandemic Sub-Grant Award contract with Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) outlining the terms of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4485, Project 0405, Hardin County LHS Generators, in the amount of \$1,317,850.00 including the local cost share of \$125,510.00 to be paid by Lumberton Independent School District. **(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

39) Consider approval of request by *Mr. Aaron Tupper, Emergency Management Coordinator*, to authorize the County Judge to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lumberton Independent School District outlining the terms of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4485, project 0405, Hardin County LHS Generators, including the local cost share responsibilities of matching funds totaling \$125,510.00. **(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

40) Consider approval of request by *Mr. Aaron Tupper, Emergency Management Coordinator*, to allocate up to \$15,500.00 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding toward the purchase and installation of six (6) interactive information kiosks within the Hardin County Courthouse and Courthouse Annex Building. (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

41) Consider approval of request by *Mr. Aaron Tupper, Emergency Management Coordinator*, to allocate up to \$350,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding toward the purchase and installation of six (6) permanent LED public information digital signs throughout Hardin County. (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

42) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the purchase and installation of six (6) permanent LED public information digital signs at locations to be determined throughout Hardin County. (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

43) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Matthew Minick, County Attorney*, to apply for a grant through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to provide prosecutors' offices in eligible rural counties to ensure professional law enforcement and legal representation throughout the state, pursuant to SB 22, 88R. (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

44) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Rebecca Walton, District Attorney*, to apply for a grant through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to provide prosecutors' offices in eligible rural counties to ensure professional law enforcement and legal representation throughout the state, pursuant to SB 22, 88R. (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

45) Consider and possibly authorize the County Judge to submit a grant application to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the 2024 - 2025 Rural Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 on behalf of the Sheriff pursuant to Senate Bill 22 (SB 22), 88R, through the adoption of Resolution No. 22-24. No matching funds are required. (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

46) Consider approval of request by *Mrs. Angela Gore, County Auditor*, to provide a supplement pay of \$1,500.00 to the First Assistant-Internal Auditor for additional duties associated with the Senate Bill 22 (SB 22) reporting requirements. If approved, compensation will be sourced from excess funds in the Auditing Department, line item '010-495-103 Salaries-Assistants' on August 22, 2024. (SEE ATTACHED)

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER COOPER

ACTION: APPROVED

47) Consider, possibly authorize and direct the Purchasing Agent to publish increases of salaries and expenses for Elected County and Precinct Officers in The Silsbee Bee pursuant to § 152.013 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

48) Setting of Public Hearing to receive comments from citizens of Hardin County concerning the Fiscal Year 2025 Hardin County Budget (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025); and direct the Purchasing Agent to publish Notice pursuant to § 111.007(c) 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 TO SET ON AUGUST 27, 2024 AT 9:00 AM

49) Setting of Public Hearing to receive comments from citizens of Hardin County concerning the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.502473 per \$100 valuation for the 2024 tax year; and direct the Purchasing Agent publish Notice pursuant to § 26.06 Tax Code. (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 TO SET ON AUGUST 27, 2024 AT 9:00 AM

50) Consider adoption of Resolution 23-24 to support South East Texas Regional Planning Commissioner – Metropolitan Planning Organization's (SETRPC-MPO) effort to re-designate and expand its planning area boundaries to accept Jasper County, Texas. (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

51) Announcement of Executive (Closed) Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (1)(A) for consultation with the Hardin County Attorney, Matthew Minick, to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation.

RECESSED AT 11:22 AM

**-Return to Open Meeting and resume agenda-
BACK IN SESSION AT 11:46 AM**

52) Consider request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to present recommendation from evaluation committee concerning proposals received for Grant Administration and Project Management Phase II (Construction) of the Hardin County Lumberton Detention Pond Project under Hazard Mitigation Project (HMGP) DR-4332-0232 and possibly award to successful firm or take other action as the Court deems necessary. (SEE ATTACHED)

MOTION BY: JUDGE MCDANIEL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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

ACTION: APPROVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE OF TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES

53) Consider request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to present recommendation from evaluation committee concerning proposals received for Grant Administration and Project Management for Phase II (Construction) of the Hardin County Hurricane Safe Room under Hazard Mitigation Project (HMGP) DR-4332-0233 and possibly award to successful firm or take other action as the Court deems necessary. (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 TO REJECT BIDS DUE TO INADEQUATE COMPETITION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PURCHASING AGENT.

54) 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.

55) 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