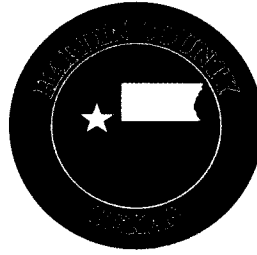


**L. W. "Nubbin" Cooper Jr.**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 1



**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 | DECEMBER 26, 2023 | 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 lectern.

**AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON DECEMBER 26, 2023, 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. Ernie Koch*

- 3) Consider and possibly approve the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes 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**
  
- 4) Consider approval of request to cancel all Registered Claims from December 12, 2023; and Approval of Cash Statement as presented by *Hon. Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer.* (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**
  
- 5) Authorization to pay County bills as presented by *Mrs. Angela Gore, County Auditor.* (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**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 35-23 recognizing Mrs. Debra Yancey for 37 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Hardin County, and wishing her well in her retirement as Tax Deputy for the Hardin County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office. (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) Discussion and possible action concerning initial appointments of Emergency Services Commissioners to the Hardin County Emergency Services District № 7. The Court shall designate three Emergency Services Commissioners to serve a two-year term, and two Emergency Services Commissioners to serve a one-year term pursuant to § 775.034(c) Health and Safety Code. (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 AS PRESENTED**

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- 8) Discussion and possible action concerning reappointments/appointments of Emergency Services Commissioners to Hardin County Emergency Services Districts and Village Mills Emergency Services District № 8 to serve a two (2) year term, effective January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2025. (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 AS PRESENTED**
- 9) Discussion and possible action to set the amount of the Official Bond for the Treasurer of each Emergency Services District, pursuant to § 755.037 Health and Safety Code.  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED TO TABLE**
- 10) Consider request by *Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff*, to authorize the County Judge to execute Amendment 3 to Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Spindletop Center for Mental Health Liaison Program. (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 request by *Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff*, to authorize the County Judge to execute Amendment 2 to Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Spindletop Center for Jail Services. (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**
- 12) Consider request by *Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff*, to authorize the County Judge to execute Amendment 1 to Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Spindletop Center for Jail Based Competency Restoration Services. (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**

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- 13) Consider approval of request by *Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff*, to apply for a grant through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to provide sheriffs' 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 COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 14) 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 COOPER**  
**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 *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 COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 16) Consider and possibly approve request by *Hon. Matthew Minick, County Attorney*, to utilize funds from the waived County Attorney's Supplement in the amount of \$1,653.20 (remaining balance of \$6,990) to cover renovations to maintain and improve the County Attorney's Office by taking in an unused maintenance closet adjacent to the County Attorney's Office. (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**

- 17) Consider and possibly approve request by *Hon. Matthew Minck, County Attorney*, to utilize funds from the waived County Attorney's Supplement in the amount of \$840.00 (remaining balance of \$6,990) to cover the cost of the HotDocs Program, which is a software program used to help create Child Protective Services documents. (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**OPPOSED: JUDGE MCDANIEL**  
**ACTION: APPROVED FOUR TO ONE**
- 18) Consider and possibly approve new job descriptions in the County Attorney's Office as follows: Legal Secretary and Victims Assistant Coordinator, as requested by *Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director*. If approved, position titles shall be updated accordingly. This is in preparation for an upcoming SB 22, 88R, grant funding. (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**
- 19) Consider and possibly authorize an allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in the amount of \$39,000.00 to implement and configure eFile Texas with Justice Courts' records management software. This include initial setup and one year of support for all JP Offices. (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 20) Consider approval of request by Judge Wayne McDaniel to approve Requisition No. 07345 in the amount of \$876.00 to M & M Embroidery for shirts for Commissioners Court Members. (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**
- 21) Discussion only by Any County Official of any item not on the Agenda without taking any action.

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22)Adjourn.

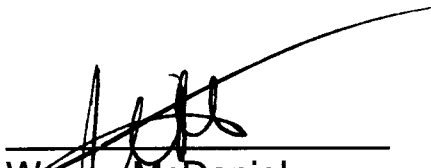
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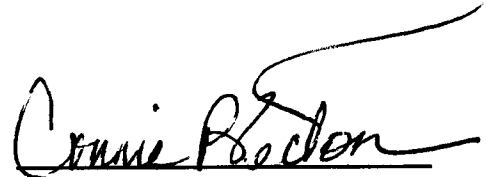
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER,  
COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**



Wayne McDaniel  
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE



Connie Becton  
HARDIN COUNTY CLERK