

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS

The Commissioners Court of Austin County, Texas, will convene in public session on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Austin County Courthouse, One East Main, Bellville, Texas, to consider the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to meet in a closed session on agenda items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

THE BUILDING IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUEST FOR INTERPRETERS OR LISTENING DEVICES MUST BE MADE 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE AT (979) 865-5911 FOR INFORMATION.

9:00 A.M. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

1. Introduction of new K-9 Officer by Sheriff Brandes
2. Proclamation – American Red Cross Month
3. Petitions or Requests from the Public.
(In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the Commissioners Court. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Commissioners' Court.)
4. Consideration and action to approve Resolution supporting HB 3000/SB 1377 Rural Ambulance Services Grant Program. (Judge Lapham)
5. Consideration and action to solicit construction bids to complete the EMS Stations in Bellville, Industry and Wallis. (Judge Lapham)
6. Consideration and action to solicit construction bids for a new building to house OEM Command Vehicle. (Jonathan Hopko)
7. Discussion to approve Aguado Subdivision, Final Plat and action as appropriate, Pct. 4. (Jonathan Hopko)
8. Discussion and action as appropriate to approve New Ulm Division of property, Hickory Street, Pct. 2. (Jonathan Hopko)
9. Discussion to approve the purchase of a 2015 Freightliner MA 106 for Pct. 4 and action as appropriate. (Reed)
10. Discussion regarding the Austin County Employee Policy Manual and action as appropriate: (Rinn)
 - a. Section 6.9 - Emergency Closing
 - b. Section 8.6 – Sick Leave
11. Consideration and action to request bids for SUV for Constable, Pct. 3. (Judge Lapham)
12. Discussion and action to approve purchase of a 2025 Dura-Haul Bottom Dump Trailer for Pct. 3.
13. Discussion regarding postage machine renewal and action as appropriate.
14. Consideration and action to approve purchase of comprehensive tracking/scheduling software for EMS Department.
15. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Items listed are of routine nature and may be acted on in a single motion unless requested otherwise by member of Commissioners Court.
 - a. Consideration and action to approve G24HN0026A HIDTA Grant increase of \$21,200. (Sheriff)
 - b. Approval of minutes:
 - i. January 27, 2025
 - ii. February 3, 2025
 - c. Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Wesley Peschel, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, to be held April 1-4, 2025 at TJC Training Center in Bee Cave, Texas.
 - d. Consideration and action to authorize interlocal agreements for street maintenance between:
 - i. Austin County, Pct. 1 and the City of Bellville
 - ii. Austin County, Pct. 2 and the City of Industry
 - iii. Austin County, Pct. 3 and:
 1. City of Sealy
 2. Town of San Felipe
 - iv. Austin County, Pct. 4 and:
 1. City of Brazos Country
 2. Town of San Felipe

3. City of Sealy
4. City of South Frydek
5. City of Wallis
- e. Consideration and action to approve contract for professional engineering services between DPK Engineering LLC and Austin County, Pct. 2 for the purpose of engineering a bridge crossing at Beaty Branch on Hurtig Road.
- f. Consideration and action to accept special donations per LGC 81.032 for the summer reading program:
 - i. to Knox Memorial Library
 1. \$ 50
 2. \$ 50
 3. \$100
 4. \$100
 5. \$100
 6. \$125
 7. \$500
 - ii. To West End Library
 1. \$ 50
 2. \$100
 3. \$100
 4. \$100
 5. \$100
 6. \$100
 7. \$100
 8. \$100
 9. \$100
 10. \$100
 11. \$100
 12. \$100
 13. \$100
 14. \$200
 15. \$200
 16. \$250
 17. \$250
 18. \$500
- g. Consideration and action to accept executed lease contract between the State of Texas House of Representative and Austin County
- h. Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Jesse Skinner, Assistant District Attorney, to be held June 18-20, 2025 in San Antonio, Texas.
- i. Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Kim Rinn, Tax Assessor Collector, to be held June 1-4, 2025, in Galveston, Texas.
16. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.
 - a. Payment of Claims
 - b. Fund Transfers
 - c. Budget Amendments
 - d. County Auditor's Review of finances
 - e. County Treasurer
 - i. Payroll and Escrow Report
 1. 03.07.2025
17. Written end-of-the-month reports submitted by County Offices.
 - a. Criminal Court – February 2025
 - b. Civil Court – February 2025
 - c. Family Court – February 2025
 - d. Constable Pct. 1 – February 2025
 - e. Constable Pct. 2 – February 2025
 - f. Constable Pct. 4 – January 2025
 - g. Justice of Peace, Pct. 3 – February 2025
 - h. Jail Report – February 2025
 - i. Library – February 2025
 - j. TDMV – February 2025
 - k. OSSF - February 2025
18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code §551.071, §551.125 and §551.129, a closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- a. Legal Matter
- 19. Action as appropriate on Executive Session
- 20. **Commissioners' Court Inquiry.**

(Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.042, the Commissioners Court may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.)

This Notice of Meeting is a true copy and was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board located in the main foyer, and at or near the main entrance door of the County Courthouse on the 7th day of March 2025 at 8:00 A.m. and is to remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of Meeting.

Tim Lapham / Dianna Hoke
Tim Lapham, County Judge

Witnessed By: Yasmine Ingen