

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

Chris Kirkendall
County Commissioner, Precinct 2



Amanda Young
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

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 | JANUARY 14, 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.

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BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON JANUARY 14, 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 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. L.W. (Nubbin) Cooper, Jr.

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- 3) Consider and possibly approve [Minutes](#) of the December 23, 2024 Regular and Special Meetings; and the December 30, 2024 Special Meeting 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 by Hon. Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer to cancel all [Registered Claims](#) from December 23, 2024; and Approval of [Cash Statement](#). (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 COOPER
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED

- 6) [WORKSHOP](#) to discuss particulars concerning the development of a Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) application with James Moore / SETRPC and the associated Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). (SEE ATTACHED)
DISCUSSION ONLY

- 7) [Update](#) by Judge McDaniel regarding negotiations with Perry Andersen Properties LP for the purchase of the current lease space located at 445 West Monroe Street (AgriLife Extension Department leased space) and purchase of approximately 20 acres of vacant land adjacent to the County-owned property at 440 West Monroe Street as authorized by Commissioners Court on December 10, 2024; and update on possible sale of County-owned property located on W Vaughn Street to the Central Appraisal District. (SEE ATTACHED)
JUDGE MCDANIEL UPDATED THE COURT

- 8) Consider request by Mr. Carl Marshall, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission, to approve the 2025 Hardin County Atlas.
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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- 9) Discussion and possible action to re-appoint Mr. Sam Ashworth as Director of Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District effective January 1, 2025 (until replacement is chosen). (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

- 10) Consider approval of request by Mr. Jimmy McKim, Chairman of Hardin County Historical Commission, to appoint/reappoint members for the 2025-2026 term of service for the Hardin County Historical Commission, pursuant to Chapter 318, 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

- 11) Consider adoption of Resolution 1-25 authorizing submission of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Funding 2025/2026 application in the amount of \$275,000.00 to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD), as requested by Hon. Rebecca Walton, District Attorney. (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 AND INCLUDED IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$275,000.00

- 12) Consider adoption of Resolution 2-25 authorizing submission of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Funding 2025/2026 application in the amount of \$300,000.00 to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD), as requested by Mrs. Lisa Nix, HCCVAC Interim 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 AND INCLUDED IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00

- 13) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Lisa Nix, HCCVAC Interim Director, to solicit and accept donations for Pave the Way to Prevention for Child Abuse Awareness Month, tentatively set for Saturday, April 5, 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

14) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Lisa Nix, HCCVAC Interim Director, to solicit and accept donations for the annual HCCVAC Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner (LEAD), tentatively set for Thursday, May 15, 2025. (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

15) Consider and possibly authorize Hon. Steve Smith, Tax Assessor-Collector, to issue a Tax Refund as follows: (SEE ATTACHED)

TAXPAYER	AMOUNT	YEAR	REASON FOR REFUND
Christopher Coleman	\$1,850.67	2023	Homestead / Disabled Veteran
TOTAL REFUND	\$1,850.67		

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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

ACTION: APPROVED

16) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director, to appoint the 2025 Healthy County Committee to offer recommendations for the County Specific Incentive to participating employees, and present to Commissioners Court for consideration. (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 AND THE COMMITTEE WILL BE: MATTHEW MINICK (CHAIR), CONNIE BECTON, MIKE CUSTER, AMBER MEREDITH, MICHELLE PHILLIPS, TRACY TURNER AND BRITTANY WAYNE.

17) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director, to appoint the 2025 Hardin County Safety Committee. (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 AND THE COMMITTEE WILL BE: ERNIE KOCH (CHAIR), MARK MINTON, KEVIN CUMMINGS, BRIAN GUILLORY, KARL HARDY, MISTY SIMS AND MELINDA HERRINGTON.

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- 18) Consider approval of request by Hon. Ernie Koch, County Commissioner, for the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids to repair two (2) drainage culvert crossings on Cooks Lake Road, located in Precinct 4. (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

- 19) Consider and possibly authorize the request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,097.00 submitted by FNT Construction Services for the following additional labor and materials for the County Courtroom Renovations project as follows: Fir out wall (40 ft. X 8 ft.); additional electrical and CAT 6; paint interior and exterior window panels; and new workstation (elevated 12 ft. X 4 ft.). This Change Order is to be funded utilizing interest earned in the ARPA account. (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

- 20) Consider approval of request by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, to make a correction to agenda item previously approved by Commissioners Court on August 20, 2024 regarding purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab Truck PPV (VIN ...4599) from Lake Country Chevrolet in the amount of \$76,448.85. The vehicle delivered is a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab Truck PPV (VIN ...2079) in the amount of \$73,582.00. (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

- 21) 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.

- 22) 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