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COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS
HARDIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ▪ COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM (A-131)

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA
TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 24, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.

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AGENDA AND MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026, 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
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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 February 10, 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 February 10, 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 Mrs. Candice McKinney, 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) Presentation by Mr. Marvin Benoit, Building Official/Floodplain Administrator, City of Orange, concerning the Flood Gauge Project. **(SEE ATTACHED)**
PRESENTATION ONLY

- 7) Recognize James "Jim" Augeri for 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Hardin County as the Foreman for Road & Bridge, Precinct 3, and wish him well in his retirement. **(SEE ATTACHED)**
PRESENTATION ONLY

- 8) Consider adoption of Resolution 4-26 proclaiming March 2026 as American Red Cross Month, as requested by Mrs. Kimberly Cline, Executive Director, Southeast Deep East Chapter, American Red Cross – Texas Gulf Coast Region. **(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

- 9) Consider request by Ms. Lisa Nix, HCCVAC Director, to adopt the following three (3) Resolutions: **(SEE ATTACHED)**
- a. Resolution 5-26 Proclaiming April as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED

 - b. Resolution 6-26 Proclaiming April 1st as Start by Believing Day.
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
OPPOSED: COMMISSIONER COOPER
ACTION: APPROVED

 - c. Resolution 7-26 Proclaiming the week of April 19th through April 25th, 2026 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED
- 10) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Lisa Broucher, HCCVAV Director, for permission to create a Virtual 5k Run/Walk/Jog event for the month of April called "Pave the Way 5k" for Child Abuse Awareness Month to solicit donations for various HCCVAC outreach/educators/awareness campaigns throughout our communities; and permission to solicit sponsorships for t-shirts for each participant.
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IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED
- 11) Consider request by Hon. Steve Smith, Tax Assessor-Collector, to approve and accept for filing in the minutes of the Court the transcripts for the 2025 Tax Assessor-Collector Continuing Education hours pursuant to § 6.231 Tax Code for Steve Smith, TAC, and Lisa Finn, Chief Deputy TAC. **(SEE ATTACHED)**
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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 and authorize payment for a 2026 F150 Truck (VIN...2112) at a cost of \$47,749.50 from Sour Lake Ford, to be paid out of line item '017-623-574 Auto Purchase'. If approved, amend the FY26 R&B 3 Budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	017-623-570 Equipment Purchase	\$47,750.00
TO	017-623-574 Auto Purchase	\$47,750.00

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

- 13) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to dispose of miscellaneous furniture that received no bids on Rene' Bates Auctioneers, Inc. (ReneBates.com). **(SEE ATTACHED)**

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ACTION: APPROVED

- 14) Consider and possibly authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with The LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc., related to Hurricane Safe Room Phase C. **(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

- 15) Consider and possibly authorize County Judge to sign Change Order No. 2 with N&T Construction related to Hurricane Safe Room. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

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SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG
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ACTION: APPROVED

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18) Adjourn.

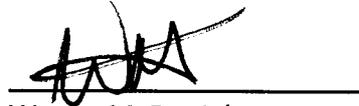
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**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER,
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ACTION: APPROVED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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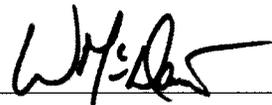
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HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE



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