

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 | APRIL 14, 2026 | 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 APRIL 14, 2026, THERE WAS BEGUN AND HOLDEN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, THE SUBJECT OF SAID MEETING WILL BE THE FOLLOWING:

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. Amanda Young

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- 3) Consider and possibly approve Minutes of the March 24, 2026 Regular Meeting and March 31, 2026 Special Meeting 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 March 24, 2026; 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. Candice McKinney, County Auditor. **(SEE ATTACHED)**
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED

- 6) Consider and possibly approve amendments/transfers to the FY25 Budget as presented by Mrs. Candice McKinney, County Auditor. **(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

- 7) Consider and possibly authorize the County Judge to sign the 'STAN Agreement to Participate' and submit to South East Texas Regional Planning Commission for continued participation as a subscriber of the Southeast Texas Alerting Network via the Everbridge system at an estimated annual cost of \$5,895.00 for FY27. Final cost to be determined by the number of participating agencies, based upon population. **(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

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- 8) Consider and possibly approve request by Hon. Wayne McDaniel, County Judge, to reappoint Dr. Jana M. Winberg to the position of Local Health Authority for a two (2) year term.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

OPPOSED: COMMISSIONER COOPER

ACTION: APPROVED FOUR TO ONE

- 9) Authorization for the County Judge to execute the Exhibit G – Six (6) Remnant Defendants’ Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form regarding the Associated Pharmacies, Inc. and American Associated Pharmacies, JM Smith Co., Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., Morris and Dickson, North Carolina Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., and UNFI/SuperValu Opioid Settlements. **(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

- 10) Consider approval of request by Mr. J.A. McKim, II, Chairman, Historical Commission, to authorize the County Judge to execute Lease Agreement (Renewal) between Hardin County Genealogical Society and Hardin County for leased office building located at 830 Maple Street, Kountze. **(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

- 11) Consider and possibly amend the FY26 Budget to accommodate additional expenses for the Hardin County Historical Museum, contingent upon approval of new lease effective May 1, 2026, as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	010-401-800 Contingency - General	\$5,000.00
TO	010-650-460 Rent	\$2,500.00
	010-650-440 Utilities	\$1,500.00
	010-510-458 Museum Bldg Maintenance/Repair	\$1,000.00

*Increase Expenditure

*Create New Line Item

*Create New Line Item

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

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

ACTION: APPROVED

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- 12) Consider approval of request by Mr. Alex Parker, Floodplain Administrator, to end the warranty period for Rock Creek Ridge Phase 5 including Prickly Pine, located in Precinct 3, and accept these roads into the County Road and Bridge Maintenance System. **(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

- 13) Consider approval of request by Mr. Alex Parker, Floodplain Administrator, to amend the Hardin County Subdivision Manual as follows: Add provisions and regulations for Townhomes, Condominiums, and Zero Lot Line Developments. This will include amendments to Article 2, "Definition of Terms"; Article 3, Section A, "Platting Requirements"; and Appendix E1, "Lot Dimensions". **(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 EFFECTIVE THIS DAY OF APRIL 14, 2026

- 14) Consider approval of request by Mr. Alex Parker, Floodplain Administrator, to allow the Commissioner of each Precinct to waive Article 2, "Definition of Terms" (Sidewalk), when it is not applicable to the adjacent properties on an existing county road. **(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 approval of request by Hon. Matthew Minick, County Attorney, to authorize the purchase of multiple de minimis items to be purchased for the Healthy County initiative, not to exceed \$3,050.00 from the \$4,050.00 currently deposited in the general fund, from the Texas Association of Counties for promotion of the Healthy County Initiative. The purpose of these items will be to encourage participation and sustain employee engagement in health and wellness activities throughout the year. **(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

- 16) Consider approval of request by Hon. Chris Kirkendall, County Commissioner, to amend the FY26 Budget as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	017-622-334 Materials & Supplies	\$36,000.00
TO	017-622-352 Minor Equipment	\$36,000.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 17) Consider approval of request by Hon. Amanda Young, County Commissioner, to authorize the County Judge to execute Flood Management Evaluation (FME) for Small Communities Community Interest Affirmation to coordinate with the Neches Regional Flood Planning Group to produce a Master Drainage Plan for Hardin County. This will be funded by the Texas Water Development Board and there is no cost to the County. **(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

- 18) Consider approval of request by Hon. Amanda Young, County Commissioner, to eliminate a Heavy Equipment Operator position and replace that position with a new Foreman position, at a pay rate not to exceed \$28.64 per hour, to become effective April 15, 2026. There will be no amendments to the FY26 budget. **(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

- 19) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to authorize the County Judge to execute one-year contract extensions for Emergency/Disaster Debris Monitoring Services with Tetra Tech, Inc. and Thompson Consulting Services, LLC; and Emergency/Disaster Debris Removal Service with CTC Disaster Response, Inc, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC. **(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

20) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to authorize County Judge to execute Change Order No. 5 with N&T Construction related to Hurricane Safe Room. This change includes a credit in the amount of \$41,404.19 for deleting two sets of stairs. **(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

21) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to authorize County Judge to execute Change Order No. 8 with Construction Managers of Southeast Texas related to Jail renovations. This change is for modification of a new shower pan in the amount of \$5,191.00 and includes a credit of \$3,464.00 for plumbing work in Room 340. **(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

22) Consider approval of request by Hon. Rebecca Walton, District Attorney, to establish a FY26 Budget for the use of forfeiture proceeds to purchase an investigator vest and to provide a donation to the Kountze Police Department, as permitted under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 59.06, as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

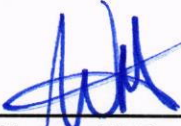
INCREASE REVENUE	088-352-200 Forfeiture Revenue	\$2,525.00	*Create New Line Item
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	088-476-334 Equipment & Supplies	\$1,325.00	*Create New Line Item
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	088-476-490 Miscellaneous	\$1,200.00	*Create New Line Item

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


23) Consider approval of request by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, to authorize the County Judge to execute an Agreement renewal with Texas Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) for participation in the law enforcement surplus property program. **(SEE ATTACHED)**
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED

- 24) Setting of **Public Hearing** at the request of Hon. Chris Kirkendall, County Commissioner, concerning setting a speed limit of 30 MPH on Sugar Maple Road, located in Precinct 2. **(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 AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 28, 2026 AT 9:50 A.M.
- 25) Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action including announcements which may be of interest to the public.
- 26) 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