THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	RAINS COUNTY
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	§	COMMISSIONERS
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COUNTY OF RAINS	§	COURT

September 25, 2025

Be it remembered, the Commissioners Court of Rains County, Texas, this **Regular Meeting** being convened in the Rains County Courthouse, on **Thursday, the 25th day of September, 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.** with the following members of the court being present:

JUDGE BRENT D. HILLIARD
COUNTY COMMISSIONER MIKE WILLIS
COUNTY COMMISSIONER LORI NORTHCUTT
COUNTY COMMISSIONER KOREY YOUNG
COUNTY COMMISSIONER JEREMY COOK

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COUNTY CLERK/COURT EX-OFFICIO

The agenda was prepared by the Judge's office announcing a meeting to be held by the Commissioners on **Thursday, the 25th day of September, 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.**

The posted meeting of the Commissioners Court was held on **Thursday, the 25th day of September, 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.**

With all court members being present, there is a quorum.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Meeting was called to order by Judge Brent Hilliard. Judge Brent Hilliard led the Court with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag; Judge Brent Hilliard led the invocation**.**

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY- William McCallister- Salvage yard

V. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS- Judge Brent Hilliard calls Commissioners Court into Executive Session at 10:08 am.

Judge Brend Hilliard calls Commissioners Court back into regular session at 10:25 am.

10. Discuss/take action on application by The Junkies, LLC., for permit pursuant to Rains County Automotive Wrecking and Salvage Yard Regulation, and all related issues.

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve the order denying the application for The Junkies, LLC, Permit.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

III. PRESENTATIONS

1. Mike Ward, Auditors Report

2. Presentation regarding leasing vs. purchasing by A.S.C.O.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of $11,000 from USDA equipment grant to contribute towards the purchase of tasers for the Sheriff's office.

2. Completion of Public Information Act training by Tammi Byrd.

3. Completion of Open Meetings Act training by Tammi Byrd.

4. Completion of 8 hours of CEUs obtained through 2025 Legislative Conference by Tammi Byrd.

5. New utility service connections through Texas New Mexico Power Supply.

6. Approval of accounts payable.

7. Approval of line-items transfers

8. Approval of payroll and personnel

9. Approval of budget amendments

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve the entire consent agenda.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

B. ACTION ITEMS- Discuss and possibly take action on the following:

11. Discuss/take action regarding leasing vs. purchasing (A.S.C.O.)-Requested by Ronnie M.

N/A

12. Discuss/take action on Interlocal Agreement renewal between

Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation and Rains County.[1]

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve the Interlocal Agreement renewal between Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation and Rains County.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

13. Discuss/take action to approve obtaining and placement of the Travis Letter plaque at the Courthouse by 07-04-2026 as requested by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.[2]

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Yong to discuss the placement of the Travis Letter plaque.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Yong to consider the letters request at a later date.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

14. Discuss/take action on signing the Axon quote to purchase tasers for the Sheriff's office. - requested by Kristi H.

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve the Axon quote to purchase tasers for the Sheriff's office.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

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1 Public Defender Agreement FY 226-27 Interlocal Agreement

2 Letter regarding Travis letter plaque

Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

15. Discuss/take action on participating in and signing the Secondary Manufacturers Settlement Agreement.[3] – Requested by Kristi H.

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to agree participate in the opioid settlement.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

16. Discuss/take action on spending the remaining 2024-25 funds on duty belts, holsters and bulletproof vests as $4,039.32, sims guns and protective gear at $10,966.34, tasers at $59,971.95, and radio equipment at $21,701.45 with matching grant funds of $1,839.10.[4] – Requested by Kristi H.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Mike Willis to approve the spending of the remaining 2024-25 funds on duty belts, holsters and bulletproof vests as $4,039.32, sims guns and protective gear at $10,966.34, tasers at $59,971.95, and radio equipment at $21,701.45 with matching grant funds of $1,839.10.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

17. Discuss/take action to approve District Court Preservation/Records Management Plan.[5] – Requested by Laura P. See Attached

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve and adopt the District Court Preservation/Records Management Plan.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

18. Discuss/take action to approve County Court Preservation/Records

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3 Secondary Manufacturers Settlement Agreement
4 USDA Equipment Grant
5 District Clerk Records Mgmt. and Preservation Plan

Management Plan.[6] – Requested by Mandy S.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve and adopt the County Court Preservation/Records Management Plan.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

19. Discuss/take action on Asset Road Evaluation quote and agreement with PublicWorks1.[7] – Requested by Ronnie M.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded Commissioner Jeremy Cook to discuss taking action on Asset Road Evaluation quote and agreement with PublicWorks1.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to table taking action on Asset Road Evaluation quote and agreement with PublicWorks1.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

20. Discuss/take action to choose a nominee for the Appraisal District Board of Directors.[8]

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to nominate Todd Moore for the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None

6 County Clerk Records Mgmt. and Preservation Plan
7 PublicWorks1 Agreement Data & Tracking Services
8 RC Appraisal District Letter

Motion Carried.

22. Discuss/take action to approve use of the Historical Park for the Golf Ball Drop on November 1, 2025.[9] - Requested by Lana Carlisle.

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve use of the Historical Park for the Golf Ball Drop on November 1, 2025.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

23. Discuss/take action to approve use of the Courthouse grounds for the Veterans Day ceremony on November 8, 2025.[10] – Requested by Lana Carlisle

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve the use of the Courthouse grounds for the Veterans Day ceremony on November 8, 2025.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young amend the previous motion to waive the fee for the use of the Courthouse grounds for the Veterans Day ceremony on November 8, 2025.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

28. Discuss/take action regarding approval of the Lynn Ramsey Platt. – Requested by By-Line Surveying

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to discuss and approve the Lynn Ramsey Platt.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

[9] Golf Ball Drop Application

[10] Application/Veterans Appreciation Day

Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

30. Discuss/take action to approve and sign the Collection and Assessment Contract with the Rains County Appraisal District.[11]

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to discuss, approve and sign the Collection and Assessment Contract with the Rains County Appraisal District.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

Judge Brent Hilliard called for court to stand in recess until 2:00 pm.

24. Discuss/take action on the environmental report of the Hill building at 239 N. Texas St.[12] – Requested by Korey Y.

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to discuss, approve and sign the Collection and Assessment Contract with the Rains County Appraisal District.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Youg, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis to amend the previous original motion to admit the environmental report that was provided for the Hill Building into the meeting minutes.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

25. Discuss/take action on future plans for Hill building.[13] - Requested by Korey Young

Moved by Commissioner Korey Youg, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis to discuss the future plans for Hill building.

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11 Contract for Assessment and Collections Services

12 Asbestos Inspection Report- Hill Bldg.

13 ETES Regulatory Database Report

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Judge Brent Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt for Commissioner Korey Young and Judge Brent Hilliard to be allowed to draw up the plans that are necessary to maximize the use of that building in accordance with the way Commissioner Korey Young sees fit, up to the limits that are allocated in the budget, for the purposes for that remodel.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

26. Discuss/take action on HVAC systems in Hill building. – requested by Korey Young

Moved by Judge Brent Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve the purchase of a new HVAC system in the Hill building.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Judge Brent Hilliard to amend the previous original motion to request to replace the 2 HVAC units in the amount of $18,600 to come out of contingency of future projects.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

27. Discuss/take action on environmental report of old driver's license building at 109 Wood St.[14] – Requested by Korey Young

[14] Asbestos Inspection Report/ DL Bldg.

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to be entered into the meeting minutes.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

29. Discuss/take action on signing a resolution to apply for the HSBC grant to update the interview room.[15] – Requested by Kristi H.

Moved by Judge Brent Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve and sign the resolution to apply for the HSBC grant to update the interview room.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

31. Discuss/take action on approval of Workers Compensation Renewal.[16]

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve the Workers Compensation Renewal.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

33. Discuss/take action on renewing the Interlocal Agreement with ETCOG for 911 database maintenance agreement.[17]

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve renewing the Interlocal Agreement with ETCOG for 911 database maintenance agreement.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

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15 Resolution #032525IVB29

16 TAC Workers Comp. Questionnaire

17 Interlocal Contract for 9-1-1 Database Maintenance

34. Discuss/take action regarding the Asset Forfeiture Account.[18] – Requested by Michael H.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis to approve the Sheriff to use the Asset Forfeiture Account to purchase of the rifle slings.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

35. Discuss/take action to grant permission for Right of Way to Farmers Electric Cooperative to cross County Road 1690.[19] – Requested by Cory P.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve the ROW for Farmers Electric Cooperative to cross CR 1690.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

21. Discuss/take action on the Adopt a County Road program.[20] – Requested by Ronnie M.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to discuss the Adopt a County Road program.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE AS NEEDED

VI. TAKE ANY ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED.

VII. COURT DISCUSSION/PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

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18 Sheriff Hopkins Letter to Commissioners

19 ROW for CR 1690

20 Adopt a County Road Info

ADJOURN

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to adjourn.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Jeremy Cook, Lori Northcutt and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

With no further business to be considered by the Court at 1:05 p.m., Judge Brent Hilliard declared Commissioners Court adjourned.

On this the 25th day of September, 2025, I, Mandy Sawyer, attest to the accuracy of this record.

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Mandy Sawyer

RAINS COUNTY CLERK

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