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

November 13, 2025

Be it remembered, the Commissioners Court of Rains County, Texas, this **Regular Meeting** being convened in the Rains County Courthouse, on **Thursday, the 13th day of November 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.** with the following members of the court being present:

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

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The agenda was prepared by the Judge's office announcing a meeting to be held by the Commissioners on **Thursday, the 13th day of November 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.**

The posted meeting of the Commissioners Court was held on **Thursday, the 13th day of November 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.**

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

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

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Marvin Henson- Item 21

III. PRESENTATIONS-East Texas Crisis Center-Jeremy Flowers

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Notification of new service in Rains Count by Texas New Mexico Power.
2. Order setting 354th District Court Reporter salary.
3. Order setting 8th District Court Reporter salary.
4. Order setting the Assistant Auditor salary.
5. Order setting the Auditor salary.
6. County Attorney's forfeiture fund budget.
7. Departmental Reports.

a. Road and Bridge
b. environmental enforcement and Emergency Management.
c. Veterans' Services
d. AgriLife Extension
e. Indigent Healthcare
f. Public Library
g. Grant Development

8. District Clerks monthly report
9. County Clerk's monthly report
10. Justice of the Peace monthly report
11. Constables monthly report
12. Sheriff's report
13. Financial Reports
a. Budget amendments
b. Line-item transfers
c. Monthly financials
d. Payroll and Personnel

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve all of the Consent Calendar Items.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. 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:

1. Take action to accept and record CEUs for Lori Northcut and Brent Hilliard.

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to accept and record CEU's for Lori Northcutt and Brent Hilliard into the meeting minutes.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

2. Discuss/take action on executing the resolution to cast votes for the person(s) to serve on the Board of Directors for the Rains County Appraisal District for the 2026-27 term. – Brent Hilliard

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to discuss executing the resolution to cast votes for the person(s) to serve on the Board of Directors for the Rains County Appraisal District for the 2026-27 term.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. 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 Mike Willis to approve executing the resolution to cast votes for the person(s) to serve on the Board of Directors for the Rains County Appraisal District for the 2026-27 term.
Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. 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 Mike Willis to distribute votes equally among the 5 people who are willing to be on the board of directors for the county appraisal district.
Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook, and Korey Young.
Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried

3. **Discuss/take action on the attached resolution authorizing the Rains County Judge to act on all matters in connection with the Andrews Center Interlocal Agreement.**

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly, seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve authorizing the Rains County Judge to act on all matters in connection with the Andrews Center Interlocal Agreement.
Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook, and Korey Young.
Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried

4. **Discuss/take action on the attached resolution authorizing the Rains County Judge to act on all matters in connection with Waste Connections.**

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to authorize the Rains County Judge to act on all matters in connection with Waste Connections.
Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook, and Korey Young.
Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried

5. **Discuss/take action on passing a resolution for the County Judge to sign the CEO/Law Enforcement Certification and Assurances Forms required for all law enforcements grants administered by the Office of the Governor. – Kristi Hopkins**

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to pass the resolution for the County Judge to sign the CEO/Law Enforcement Certification and Assurances Forms required for all law enforcements grants administered by the Office of the Governor.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

6. Discuss/take action on passing a resolution to sign the Interlocal Agreement Information Form for Harris County Universal Services to join the TxWARN System. – Kristi Hopkins

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis to approve the resolution to sign the Interlocal Agreement Information Form for Harris County Universal Services to join the TxWARN System.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

7. Discuss/take action on passing a resolution to apply for the J. Frank Dobie Lobrary trust grant at approximately $7,000 for the Rains County Lobrary to purchase books. – Kristi Hopkins

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to pass a resolution to apply for the J. Frank Dobie Lobrary trust grant at approximately $7,000 for the Rains County Lobrary to purchase books.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

8. Take action to release the deposit to RYSA from Classics Around the Square car show. - Korey Young

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to release the deposit to RYSA from Classics Around the Square car show.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

9. Take action to release the deposit to Debbie Myers from Westyn Marshall 5k run. -Korey Young

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to release the deposit to Debbie Myers from Westyn Marshall 5k run. -Korey Young

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook, and Korey Young.
Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried

10. Discuss/take action to canvass the election results. – Lisa Kneifel

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to canvass the election results.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook, and Korey Young.
Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried

11. Discuss/take action to approve the contract with Nate Carista to install Christmas lights on the courthouse and the Annex building.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve the contract with Nate Carista to install Christmas lights on the courthouse and the Annex building.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook, and Korey Young.
Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried

12. Discuss/take action on the attached resolution authorizing the Rains County Judge to act on all matters in connection with the Indigent Defense Grand Program. – Tammy Byrd

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to authorize the Rains County Judge to act on all matters in connection with the Indigent Defense Grand Program.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. 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 on the attached resolution authorizing the Rains County Judge to act on all matters concerning a contract with Indigent Healthcare Solutions for software.

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve and authorize the Rains County Judge to act on all matters concerning a contract with Indigent Healthcare Solutions for software.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. 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 to authorize the Sheriff's department to donate 15 Watch Guard cameras to the Emory Police Department. – Michael Hopkins

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to authorize the Sheriff's department to donate 15 Watch Guard cameras to the Emory Police Department.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook, and Korey Young.
Court Members Voting No: None
Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried.

15. Discuss/take action to approve a surety bond for the appointed Treasurer, Maggie Ingram. – Mandy Sawyer

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve the surety bond for the appointed Treasurer, Maggie Ingram.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. 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 to appoint an official to approve timekeeping for the following employees- Ronnie Morgan, Road & Bridge Admin; Stacy Parker, Human Resources; Krist Hopkins, Grant Development; Bernadette Thompson, Library Director; Lisa Kneifl, Elections Administrator; Shane Mansfield and Jimmy Mooney, Maintenance; Jennifer Patterson and Jenna Fite, JP Clerks; David Harvey, Veterans Service officer. – Tammy Byrd

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willlis to appoint the county Judge to approve timekeeping for the following employees- Ronnie Morgan, Road & Bridge Admin; Stacy Parker, Human Resources; Krist Hopkins, Grant Development; Bernadette Thompson, Library Director; Lisa Kneifl, Elections Administrator; Shane Mansfield and Jimmy Mooney, Maintenance; Jennifer Patterson and Jenna Fite, JP Clerks; David Harvey, Veterans Service officer.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. 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 regarding security upgrades in the elections office to be to be funded by grants (under $2500 per Shane). – Korey Young

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve the security upgrades in the elections office to

be funded by grants (under $2500 per Shane).

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Summary of Precinct Returns

PROPOSITION 1	FOR	1483
PROPOSITION 1	AGAINST	843
PROPOSITION 2	FOR	2033
PROPOSITION2	AGAINST	295
PROPOSITION 3	FOR	1899
PROPOSITION 3	AGAINST	424
PROPOSITION 4	FOR	1517
PROPOSITION 4	AGAINST	794
PROPOSTION 5	FOR	1866
PROPOSTION 5	AGAINST	409
PROPOSTION 6	FOR	1623
PROPOSTION 6	AGAINST	608
PROPOSITION7	FOR	2113
PROPOSITION 7	AGAINST	193
PROPOSITION 8	FOR	2130
PROPOSITION 8	AGAINST	200
PROPOSITION 9	FOR	1878
PROPOSITION 9	AGAINST	399
PROPOSITION 10	FOR	2167
PROPOSITION 10	AGAINST	144
PROPOSITION 11	FOR	2037
PROPOSITION 11	AGAINST	287
PROPOSITION 12	FOR	1933
PROPOSITION 12	AGAINST	313
PROPOSITION 13	FOR	2157
PROPOSITION 13	AGAINST	180
PROPOSITION 14	FOR	1492
PROPOSITION 14	AGAINST	802
PROPOSITION 15	FOR	2132
PROPOSITION 15	AGAINST	196
PROPOSITION16	FOR	2205
PROPOSITION 16	AGAINST	138
PROPOSITION 17	FOR	1890
PROPOSITION 17	AGAINST	347

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

VII. COURT DISCUSSION/PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to adjourn.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D. Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, Jeremy Cook, 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 11:29 a.m., Judge Brent D. Hilliard declared Commissioners Court adjourned.

On this the 13th day of November, 2025, I, Mandy Sawyer, attest to the accuracy of this record.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT
RAINS COUNTY TEXAS

MANDY SAWYER
RAINS COUNTY CLERK
RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS