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

April 23, 2026

Be it remembered, the Commissioners Court of Rains County, Texas, this **Regular Meeting** being convened in the Rains County Courthouse, on **Thursday, the 23rd day of April 2026**, at **10:00 a.m.** with the following members of the court being present:

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

Recorded proceedings of court duly transcribed by:

MANDY SAWYER
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 23rd day of April 2026**, at **10:00 a.m.**

The posted meeting of the Commissioners Court was held on **Thursday, the 23rd day of April 2026**, at **10:00 a.m.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Meeting was called to order by Judge Brent D. Hilliard; with members of the Court being present, Commissioner Lori Northcutt being absent, there was a quorum.

led the Court with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag; and led the invocation**.**

I. PUBLIC TESTIMONY-
David Perkins
Janine Hayes
Norma Mooney
Brittany Hughes
Jay Ford
Suzette Rogers
McKenna Clark-Covey

II. PRESENTATIONS

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of accounts payable
2. Approval of line-item transfers
3. Approval of budget amendments
4. Approval of payroll and personnel
5. Approval of financial reports.
6. Accept and note the recognition of Rains County for zero lost time in 2025 through the TAC Risk Management Pool Workers' Compensation Program.
7. Texas New Mexico Power new premise turn-ons.

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve all consent calendar items and approve Account Payables in the amount of $412,532.37 also note recognition from TAC with zero lost time from risk management in 2025.

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

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

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss/take action to approve the replat for North Shores. – Korey Young

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis to approve the replat for North Shores.

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

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

2. Discuss/take action on passing a resolution to apply for the Texas Historic Commission grant with a 50% match. – Kristi Hopkins

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to discuss taking action to pass a resolution to apply for the Texas Historic Commission grant.

Court Members Voting Aye: Mike Willis, Brent D. Hilliard, 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 Jeremy Cook to approve taking no action to pass a resolution to apply for the Texas Historic Commission grant.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None
Motion Carried

3. **Discuss/take action on passing a resolution to apply for the 27 MCVPA grant with a 16.67% match. – Kristi Hopkins**

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly, seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to take action on passing a resolution to apply for the 27 MCVPA grant with a 16.67% match.

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

4. **Discuss/take action on using SB22 funds to purchase $5244.33 in up-fitting equipment for a F-150 patrol vehicle. – Kristi Hopkins**

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to discuss using SB22 funds to purchase $5244.33 in up-fitting equipment for a F-150 patrol vehicle.

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

5. **Discuss/take action to approve Veterans Parade on Courthouse square on November 7, 2026. - Mike Willis**

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve Veterans Day Parade on the Courthouse square on November 7, 2026 and to waive all fees.

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

6. **Discuss/take action to approve Poppers in the Park by Women's Service Club on July 4, 2026. – Jeremy Cook**

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve Poppers in the Park for July 4, 2026.

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

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to add Poppers in the Park to the next agenda.

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

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

7. Discuss TX DOT requirements for property access off of state roads. – Jeremy Cook

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis to discuss TX DOT requirements for property access off of state roads.

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

8. Discuss/take action to approve the expenditure to update county website to ADA compliant per DOJ. – Diana Wolfe

Moved by Judge Brent D. Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve the expenditure to update county website to ADA compliant per DOJ.

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

9. Discuss/take action to approve official bond & oath for Commissioner Lori Northcutt. – Mandy Sawyer

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve the official bond & oath for Commissioner Lori Northcutt.

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

10. Discuss/take action on approving the County's participation in TAC's cybersecurity training program. – Stacy Parker

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve the county's participation in TAC's cybersecurity training program.

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

11. Discuss /take action to open sealed request for

proposal on the subdivision coordinator. – Diana Wolfe

Moved by Judge Brent D. Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to open sealed proposals for bids on sub-division coordinator.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D Hilliard, Mike Willis, 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 to award position of sub-division coordinator, to Jason Jarrett/ By-Line Surveying.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

12. **Discuss, authorize, and approve the County Judge to negotiate, execute, and enter in an Inter-local agreement with the Rains County Volunteer Fire Department to assist them in the purchase of radio and related equipment in the amount of $84,950.00 dollars which is to come from account number 002-1001-59997. – Brent D. Hilliard**

Moved by Judge Brent D. Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to authorize, and approve the County Judge to negotiate, execute, and enter in an Inter-local agreement with the Rains County Volunteer Fire Department to assist them in the purchase of radio and related equipment in the amount of $84,950.00 dollars which is to come from account number 002-1001-59997.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

13. **Discuss/take action on the attached resolution, which adds an additional fiber optic line to the Hill Building. – Brent D. Hilliard**

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve the attached resolution, which adds an additional fiber optic line to the Hill Building.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

14. **Discuss/take action to vacate CR 1422. – Lori Northcutt**

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Judge Brent D. Hilliard to discuss vacating CR 1422

Court Members Voting Aye: Mike Willis, Brent D. Hilliard, 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 approve the county to vacate CR 1422.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

15. Discuss/take action on passing a resolution supporting legislation to improve county road infrastructure and safety. – Lori Northcutt

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to pass the resolution supporting legislation to improve county road infrastructure and safety.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

16. Discuss/take action to approve the transfer of the remaining budget from the Motorola lease/purchase account to Road and Bridge Road Materials. – Brent D. Hilliard

Moved by Judge Brent D. Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve the transfer of the remaining budget from the Motorola lease/purchase account to Road and Bridge Road Materials.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

VI. COURT DISCUSSION/PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis to adjourn.

Court Members Voting Aye: Mike Willis, Brent D. Hilliard, 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 12:03 p.m., Commissioner Mike Willis declared Commissioners Court adjourned.

On this the 23rd day of April, 2026, I, Mandy Sawyer, attest to the accuracy of this record.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT
RAINS COUNTY TEXAS

MANDY SAWYER
RAINS COUNTY CLERK
RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS