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

July 09, 2026

Be it remembered, the Commissioners Court of Rains County, Texas, this **Regular Meeting** being convened in the Rains County Courthouse, on **Thursday, the 9th day of July 2026**, at **10:00 a.m.** with the following members of the court being present:

COUNTY JUDGE BRENT D HILLIARD
COUNTY COMMISSIONER KOREY YOUNG
COUNTY COMMISSIONER JEREMY COOK
COUNTY COMMISSIONER LORI NORTHCUTT
COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIM JONES

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 9th day of July 2026**, at **10:00 a.m.**

The posted meeting of the Commissioners Court was held on **Thursday, the 9th day of July 2026**, at **10:00 a.m.**

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

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

Rains County Veterans Service Officer and fellow veterans, The Color of Arms, 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**.**

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Lisa Kruger
Glenda Smith
Angela Breitkreutz

III. PRESENTATIONS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 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

2. Financial Reports

a. Approval of Accounts Payable

b. Approval of Line-Item Transfers

c. Approval of Budget Amendments

d. Approval of Payroll and Personnel

e. Approval of Financial Reports

3. Sheriff's Monthly Report

4. District Clerks monthly report

5. County Clerk's monthly report

6. Justice of the Peace monthly report

7. Constables monthly report

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones to approve all Consent Agenda items.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss/take action to accept into the record a Certificate of "Rating of OUTSTANDING 2026 Election Website Review" from the League of Women Voters of Texas. – Lori Northcutt

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to accept into the record a Certificate of "Rating of OUTSTANDING 2026 Election Website Review" from the League of Women Voters of Texas.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

2. Discuss/take action to approve using record management funds to pay for a temp position for Criminal Deputy training. -Mandy Sawyer

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly

seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve the County Clerk to use record management funds to pay for a temp position for Criminal Deputy training.

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

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

3. Discuss/take action on creating the Office of Fire Marshal. – Korey Young

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to create the Office of Fire Marshal.

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

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

4. Discuss/take action on the appointment of Rains County Fire Marshal. – Korey Young

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly, seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to appoint David Shedd as Rains County Fire Marshal.

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

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

5. Discuss/take action to accept bond for the Rains County Fire Marshal, David Shedd. – Brent D Hilliard

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Judge Brent D Hilliard to accept the bond for the Rains County Fire Marshal, David Shedd.

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

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

6. Discuss/take action to elect a Judge pro tem. – Brent D Hilliard

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to elect Commissioner Korey Young as Judge pro tem.

7. Discuss/take action to accept into the record the

Open Meetings Act Certificate, the Public Information Act Certificate, State of Texas Ethics Training for State Officers and Cybersecurity Certificate awarded to Brandi Bradley. – Brent D Hilliard

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to accept into the record the Open Meetings Act Certificate, the Public Information Act Certificate, State of Texas Ethics Training for State Officers and Cybersecurity Certificate awarded to Brandi Bradley.

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

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

8. Discuss/take action to accept into the record the Open Meetings Act Certificate, the Public Information Act Certificate, State of Texas Ethics Training for State Officers and Cybersecurity Certificate awarded to Jim Jones, Commissioner. – Brent D Hilliard

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to accept into the record the Open Meetings Act Certificate, the Public Information Act Certificate, State of Texas Ethics Training for State Officers and Cybersecurity Certificate awarded to Jim Jones.

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

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

9. Discuss/take action to appoint Gayla Sparkman as Co-Sponsor of the Wellness Program as of Lori Hutchins' last day of employment or September 1, 2026, whichever is later of her last day of employment. – Brent D Hilliard

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to appoint Gayla Sparkman as Co-Sponsor of the Wellness Program as of Lori Hutchins' last day of employment or September 1, 2026, whichever is later of her last day of employment.

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

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

10. Discuss/take action to approve the displaying of the Ms. Rains County portrait in the hall of the annex building for 4 years commencing upon the date the expiring Ms. Rains County portrait is removed. – Brent D Hilliard

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve the displaying of the Ms. Rains County portrait in

the hall of the annex building for 4 years commencing upon the date the expiring Ms. Rains County portrait is removed.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried.

11. Discuss/take action on placing a County Assistance District Tax on the ballot for the November election. – Brent D Hilliard

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to discuss taking action on placing a County Assistance District Tax on the ballot for the November election.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

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 Jim Jones to adjourn.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

With no further business to be considered by the Court at 11:36 a.m., Judge Brent D Hilliard declared Commissioners Court adjourned.

On this the 9th day of July, 2026, I, Mandy Sawyer, attest to the accuracy of this record.

Rains County Clerk-

Mandy Sawyer



