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

September 24, 2026

Be it remembered, the Commissioners Court of Rains County, Texas, this **Regular Meeting** being convened in the Rains County Courthouse, on **Thursday, the 24th day of September 2026**, at **10:00 a.m.** with the following members of the court being present:

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 24th day of September 2026**, at **10:00 a.m.**

The posted meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held on **Thursday, the 24th day of September 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.

Judge Brent D 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; and Commissioner Jim Jones led the invocation**.**

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Angela Breitkreutz

III. PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING 10:04 AM.

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, to open the public hearing.

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

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones, to close the public hearing at 10:06 am.

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

IV. 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 previous Commissioners' Court minutes
6. Approval of monthly report - Road & Bridge
7. Approval of monthly report – Agri-Life
8. Approval of monthly report – District Clerk
9. Approval of monthly report-County Clerk
9. Approval of monthly report- Indigent Health
10. Approval of monthly report- Grant Development
10. Approval of monthly report- Veterans Services

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt 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 on the District Court order for Auditor and Assistant Auditor salaries effective October 1, 2026. -Mandy Sawyer

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve and enter the District Court order for Auditor and Assistant Auditor salaries effective October 1,2026 into the meeting minutes.

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 the 2026-2027 amended Constable's Fees. – Mandy Sawyer

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones to approve and enter the 2026-2027 amended Constable's Fees into the meeting minutes.

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 replat of lot numbers 197 through 200 and lot numbers 219 through 221 into lot number 197R, Steamboat Shores. All certain lot, tract or parcel of and in the J Pomroy Survey, Abstract Number 186 Rains County, Texas being lots 197 through 200 and 219 thru 221 Steamboat Shores, Unit 2 as recorded in Volume 5 Page 30 Plat records. – Jim Jones

Moved by Commissioner Jim Jones, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve and enter into the meeting minutes Agenda Item #3.

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 to approve replat of lot numbers 40 and 41 into lot 40R Steamboat Shores Unit 2 Private Road 7720. All that certain lot, track or parcel of land in the J Pomroy Survey, Abstract Number 186, Rains County, Texas. Being lots 40 and 41, Steamboat Shores, Unit 2 as recorded in Volume 5 Page 30 plat records Alva and Richard Dymke. – Jim Jones

Moved by Commissioner Jim Jones, duly, seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve and enter into the meeting minutes Agenda Item#4.

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

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

5. Discuss/approve using grant matching funds for Triple EEE Electric to connect the incinerator to electricity at the precinct yard for $4,746.00. – Kristi Hopkins

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly, seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones to approve using grant matching funds for Triple EEE Electric to connect the incinerator to electricity at the precinct yard for $4,746.00.

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

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

6. Discuss/take action to approve a maintenance agreement with the Clifford Power Service Contract for two generators, total cost is $874.00 per year. This will support continued compliance with Texas Commission on Jail Standards. - Jeremy Caviness

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones to approve a maintenance agreement with the Clifford Power Service Contract for two generators, total cost is $874.00 per year. This will support continued compliance with Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

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.

7. Discuss/take action to approve the transfer of Brandi Bradley from the Judges office to the Human Resource department for training and to replace Stacy Parker as H.R. Coordinator upon her last day of employment dated 09-25-2026. – Brent D Hilliard

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones to approve the transfer of Brandi Bradley from the Judges office to the Human Resource department for training and to replace Stacy Parker as H.R. Coordinator upon her last day of employment dated 09-25-2026

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

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

8. Discuss/take action to approve the contract between BGS Construction Services and Rains County, Texas. – Jeremy Cook

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Judge Brent D Hilliard to discuss Agenda Item #8.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Cook, dies for lack of second.

9. Discuss/take action to approve the acceptance of 41 gift cards from the Rhodes family in the amount of $50.00 each (total amount $2050.00) for the Lake Fork Fish House. These gift cards are for deputies, jailers and dispatchers.

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones to approve the acceptance of 41 gift cards from the Rhodes family in the amount of $50.00 each (total amount $2050.00) for the Lake Fork Fish House. These gift cards are for deputies, jailers and dispatchers.

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 accept the County Road Inventory (CRI) from Texas Department of Transportation stating the mileage for Rains County, Texas is 262.69 for year 2026. – Ronnie Morgan

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to accept the County Road Inventory (CRI) from Texas Department of Transportation stating the mileage for Rains County, Texas is 262.69 for year 2026.

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. Notice of intent to serve as County Treasurer without pay until December 31, 2026.

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve and accept the notice of intent to serve as County Treasurer without pay until December 31, 2026.

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.

12. Take action to approve Timothy Chisholm as additional Environmental On-Site Sewage Facility Designee. – Brent D Hilliard

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook approves Timothy Chisholm as additional Environmental On-Site Sewage Facility Designee.

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

1. The Rains County Commissioners Court reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, in the order deemed appropriate, as authorized by Chapter 551, Open Meetings, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, or to seek the advice of its attorney as permitted by: Texas Government Code §551.071 (1) and (2) (Consultation with Attorney)- hotel occupancy tax funding , §551.072, (Real Property), §551.073 (Prospective Gifts), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.075 (Investments), and §551.076 (Security Devices/Audits)

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, to adopt the proposed tax rate of .553664
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

VII. COURT DISCUSSION/PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

Moved by Commissioner Jim Jones, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook 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 11:01 a.m., Judge Brent

D Hilliard declared Commissioners Court adjourned.

On the 24th day of September 2026, I, Mandy Sawyer, attested to the accuracy of this record.

Rains County Clerk-

Mandy Sawyer



