

NOTICE OF MEETING - COMMISSIONERS COURT

RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS

CLERK OF COURT
M. J. Ferguson

Notice is hereby given that a Regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court will be held at 10:00am on March 12, 2026, in the Rains County Courthouse Courtroom. Commissioner's Court is open to the public. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING on Rains County forming a Chapter 391 Regional Planning Commission for Rains County, Texas or joining with Van Zandt County, Texas and participating in their Chapter 391 Regional Planning Commission. The Rains County Commissioners Court will discuss the potential creation of a Chapter 391 Regional Planning Commission for Rains County or joining Van Zandt County's existing commission. This existing commission, under Teas Local Government Code Chapter 391 aims to enhance local coordination with State agencies on development, infrastructure, and projects such as energy initiatives, promoting efficiency and community input.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY – Citizens are invited to address the Commissioners Court on topics not already scheduled for a Public Hearing. Speakers are limited to 5 minutes and should conduct themselves in a civil manner. The Commissioners Court cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Concerns may be addressed by County Staff, and may be placed on a future agenda or addressed by some other course of response.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Sarah Latham – presenting certificates from the Judges and Commissioners Conference

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR – All items listed are considered to be routine by the Commissioner’s Court and will be enacted by one motion.

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. 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
7. District Clerk’s monthly report
8. County Clerk’s monthly report
9. Justice of the Peace’s monthly report
10. Constable’s monthly report
11. Sheriff’s report

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

1. Discuss/Take action to record continuing education units for Commissioners Northcutt, Willis, and Young. – Sarah Latham
2. Discuss/Take action to grant approval for the 2nd Annual Golf Ball Drop at the Heritage Park. – Mike Willis
3. Discuss/Take action on passing a resolution to apply for TLA funded by HEB grant – no match. – Kristi Hopkins
4. Discuss/Take action to approve “Overdue Fine Forgiveness” month in May. – Bernadette Thompson
5. Discuss/Take action to accept an iPad donated by a community member to the library staff. – Bernadette Thompson
6. Discuss/Take action to assign office space in County buildings. – Korey Young
7. Discuss/Take action to approve application and fee schedule associated with building permitting and inspections. – Korey Young
8. Discuss/Take action to accept letter of engagement from Dr. Robert Steele as a technical consultant. – Korey Young

9. Discuss/Take action to consider hiring one or more individuals to assume responsibilities of fire marshal and/or building inspector on behalf of Rains County, and all related issues. – Korey Young
10. Discuss/Take action on County policy regarding payment of overtime vs. comp time. – Jeremy Cook
11. Discuss/Take action on providing funds for seminars for the Motor Vehicle Department Tax Assessor/Collector. – Nicole York
12. Discuss/Take action to approve the final plan of CT Rach situated in the Bonafacio de O'sinea survey, Abstract No. 175, Rains County, Texas. – Jeremy Cook
13. Discuss/Take action to approve replat of Lot 2, Alexander Estates, Rains County, Texas. – Jeremy Cook
14. Discuss/Take action to approve replat of Lot 8R Oak Trails, being a replat of lots 8,9,10,11 & 12, E.N. Stringer Survey, A-223, Rains County, Texas. – Mike Willis
15. Discuss/Take action to approve the road damage agreement and resolution, policy regarding same, and all related issues. – Lori Northcutt
16. Discuss/Take action regarding most recent Library Advisory Board report. – Bernadette Thompson
17. Discuss/Take action to create a handicap parking spot with ramp at the Annex Building – Mandy Sawyer
18. Discuss/Take action to make the Annex building a smoke-free property – Mandy Sawyer

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. As permitted by Texas Government Code §551.071 (1) and (2), Consultation with Attorney; §551.072, Real Property; §551.073, Prospective Gifts; §551.074, Personnel Matters; §551.075, Investments; and §551.076, Security Devices / Audits.

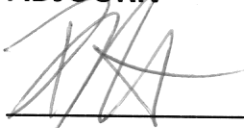
ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

VIII. COURT DISCUSSION / PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

(Commissioners may discuss items on the agenda or suggest items for future agendas. Proposed agenda items may only be discussed by Commissioners if the Commissioners do so to propose that those items be placed on a future agenda). Items not appearing on the agenda may not be deliberated and no votes may be taken during this portion of the agenda. In response to comments from the public, Council may seek a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy from County Staff pursuant to Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act).

ADJOURN



Rains County Judge Brent D. Hilliard