

RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Notice is hereby given that a REGULAR MEETING of the Rains County Commissioners Court will be held at 10:00am on Thursday, September 10, 2026, in the Rains County Courthouse Courtroom. 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 ALLIANCE & INVOCATION

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY – Citizens are invited to address the Commissioners Court on topics not already scheduled for Public Hearing. Speakers are limited to five 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.

III. PRESENTATIONS

IV. A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Accounts Payable - None
2. Approval of Line-Item Transfers - None
3. Approval of Budget Amendments - None
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 – District Clerk
8. Approval of Monthly Report – County Clerk
9. Approval of Monthly Report – Indigent Health - None
10. Approval of Monthly Report – Public Library
11. Approval of Monthly Budget – Veterans Services
12. Approval of Monthly Budget – Grant Development
13. Approval of Monthly Budget – Agri-Life

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AT 4:10 P M.

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RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: M. Ferguson

IV. B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss/Take Action to approve a Resolution of the Rains County Commissioners Court Supporting the Proposal to Adjust the Optional County Road & Bridge Fee. – Lori Northcutt
2. Discuss/Take Action to approve a Resolution Supporting a Statewide Wireless 9-1-1 Service Fee Adjustment & Sustainable Funding Model for Next Generation 9-1-1. - Lori Northcutt

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3. Discuss/Take Action to approve a resolution on adoption from Private Road 5440 and Private Road 54441 to Rains County Road 4440 and Rains County Road 4441 In Cedar Creek Estates Subdivision Phase 1. - Lori Northcutt
4. Discuss/Take Action to approve a Resolution approving the Rural Addressing Standard. – Jeremy Cook
5. Discuss/Take Action to approve the Event Application for the Westyn Mandrell Foundation 5K Run and wave Deposit Fee. – Lori Northcutt
6. Discuss/Take action on a resolution to apply for the Tocker Foundation Library Transformation Grant. – Kristi Hopkins
- 7 Discuss/Take Action to approve the Donation in the Amount of \$6,950 for Labor and materials donated by Mr. Brookshire to repair the bump in the ramp on the East Side of the courthouse, to make the handicap spaces compliant, to restripe the courthouse parking lot. – Jeremy Cook
- 8 Discuss/Take Action to accept roads Located within Phase II, Cedar Creek Subdivision into the Rains County Road Maintenance System. – Lori Northcutt
9. Discuss/Take Action on approving and authorizing employees that attend Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation training to be compensated at their regular rate of pay. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation is being offered for free through Hopkins County Ambulance Emergency Service. – Lori Northcutt
10. Discuss/Take action on accepting Surety Bond for County Clerk September 9, 2026 – September 9, 2027. – Mandy Sawyer
11. Discuss/Take action on approving the contract for Bright Star Baptist Church Tent Revival October 19th – 23rd to be held at Heritage Park. – Jeremy Cook

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

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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.

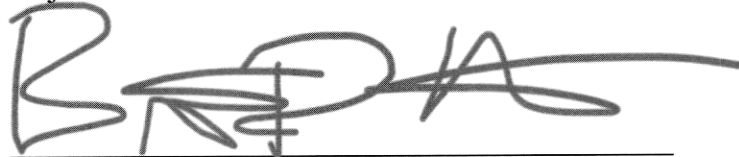
ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

VII. 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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Brent D. Hilliard', written over a horizontal line.

Brent D. Hilliard, Rains County Judge

Filed For Record
At 10:30 A.M.

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MANDY SAWYER, COUNTY CLERK
RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Mandy Sawyer

RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ITEM

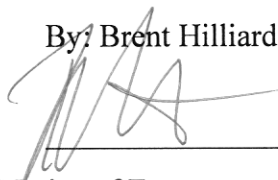
NOTICE is hereby given that an Emergency Item is added to the meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court that will be held on September 10, 2026 in accordance with Texas Government Code, Sections 551.045 and 551.047. Due to the statutory requirements of Chapter 26, Texas Tax Code, Rains County must adopt a tax rate before October 1, 2026. Before adoption of the tax rate, the Commissioners Court must conduct a record vote on the notice of the proposed tax rate and provide published notice and a public hearing on the tax rate. To fulfill these requirements, the Notice of the Proposed Tax Rate must be adopted by Commissioners Court by a record vote and published at least 5 days prior to the hearing. Due to the limited opportunities for publication of notice of the hearing, the Commissioners Court must approve the notice by its meeting on September 10, 2026. To meet this emergency and urgent public necessity, the following Emergency Item will be added to the agenda notice for the meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026, in the Rains County Courthouse Courtroom located at the Rains County Courthouse in Emory, Texas at which time the following subjects will be discussed;

Agenda topic;

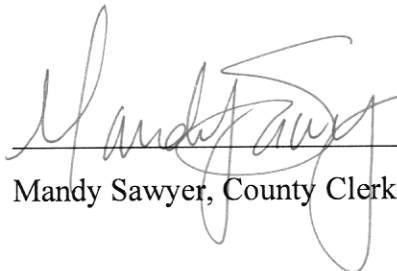
Emergency discussion and possible action concerning approval of the notice of proposed tax rate by a record vote of the Commissioners Court.

Posted: Sept. 9th, 2026

By: Brent Hilliard, County Judge



I do hereby certify that the above Notice of Emergency Item for the Meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I have caused to be posted a true and correct copy of said Notice in the Rains County Courthouse at a place readily accessible to the general public during normal business hours on September 10, 2026 and that said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least one hour preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting. A copy of this notice has been provided to any media that has requested notice of emergency postings. This notice has also been posted on the official website of Rains County, Texas.



Mandy Sawyer, County Clerk

