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RAINS COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY OF RAINS

COURT

September 10, 2026

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

The posted meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held on **Thursday, the 10th 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 led the invocation.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Todd Herrington
Marvin Henson
Nicolas Frappier
Angela Breitreutz

III. PRESENTATIONS

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 Corey Young to approve all Consent Agenda items.
 Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D Hilliard, Corey 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 approve a resolution of the Rains County Commissioners Court supporting the proposal to adjust the optional county Road & Bridge fee. – Lori Northcutt

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Corey Young to discuss acting on item #1
 Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D Hilliard, Corey 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 Corey Young to approve the resolution of the Rains County Commissioners Court supporting the proposal to adjust the optional county Road & Bridge fee.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D Hilliard, Corey 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 a resolution supporting a statewide wireless 9-1-1 service fee adjustment & sustainable funding model for next generation 9-1-1. – Lori Northcutt

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly

seconded by Judge Brent D Hilliard to discuss taking action on item #2.

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 to approve a resolution on adoption from Private Road 5440 to Rains County Road 4440 and Rains County Road 4441 In Cedar Creek Estates Subdivision Phase 1. – Lor Northcutt

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve the resolution on adoption from Private Road 5440 to Rains County Road 4440 and Rains County Road 4441 In Cedar Creek Estates Subdivision Phase 1

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 a resolution approving the Rural Addressing Standard. – Jeremy Cook

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to approve the resolution approving the Rural Addressing Standard.

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/take action to approve the event application for the Westyn Mandrell Foundation 5K Run and wave Deposit fee. – Lori Northcutt

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve the event application for the Westyn Mandrell Foundation 5K Run and wave Deposit fee.

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 on a resolution to apply for the Tocker

Foundation Library Transformation Grant. -Kristi Hopkins

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Judge Brent D Hilliard to discuss acting on item #6

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 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

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to discuss 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.

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

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young, to accept 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 as it's been proposed.

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 accept the roads located within Phase II, Cedar Creek Subdivision into the Rains County Road Maintenance System. – Lori Northcutt

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to accept the roads located in Phase II, Cedar Creek Subdivision into the Rains County Road Maintenance System.

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 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

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to approve and authorize employees that attend CPR training to be compensated at their regular rate of pay.

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. Consider/take action on accepting Surety Bond for County Clerk September 9, 2026- September 9, 2027. -Mandy Sawyer

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to accept Surety Bond for County Clerk September 9, 2026- September 9, 2027.

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 to approve the contract for Bright Star Baptist Church Tent Revival October 19-23rd to be held at Heritage Park. – Jeremy Cook

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones to approve the contract for Bright Star Baptist Church Tent Revival October 19-23rd to be held at Heritage Park.

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)

PUBLIC HEARING 10:58 AM.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, 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 Korey Young, duly
seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, to close the public hearing at 11:39 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

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 Korey Young, duly
seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt 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 11:42 a.m., Judge Brent D Hilliard declared Commissioners Court adjourned.

On the 10th day of September 2026, I, Mandy Sawyer, attest to the accuracy of this record.

Rains County Clerk-

Mandy Sawyer



