

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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RAINS COUNTY

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COMMISSIONERS

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COUNTY OF RAINS

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COURT

**September 17, 2026**

Be it remembered, the Commissioners' Court of Rains County, Texas, this **Special Meeting** being convened in the Rains County Courthouse, on **Thursday, the 17th day of September 2026**, at **9:00 am.** 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 17th day of September 2026**, at **9:00 am.** The posted meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held on **Thursday, the 17th day of September 2026**, at **9:00 am.**

**I. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Johnny Briggs

**A. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Workshops for 2026-2027 Proposed Budget**

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones, to go into budget planning session.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

**At 10:30 am, Judge Brent D Hilliard called for a 15-minute break.**

**Commissioner Korey Young joined the court at 10:30 am.**

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Judge Brent D Hilliard to move the one deputy that is fully funded by the grant, go back to being fully funded by the Senate Bill 22.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D Hillard, 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 Judge Brent D Hillard to payroll and personnel contingency from \$50,000 to \$150,000 + benefits, \$30,000 for request to the jail, \$55,000 from the sheriff, road and bridge current \$15,000.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Judge Brent D Hillard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to pay out all accrued comp time as of September 25, 2026.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Judge Brent D Hillard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to eliminate the records clerk position for the Sheriff's office.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D Hillard, 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 Lori Northcutt to change legal fees from \$150,000 to \$100,000 with extra going to contingency.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Judge Brent D Hillard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to reduce jail food by 25%.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

## **2. Discuss/take action on paying out Comp time for Rains County**

### **Employees.**

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, to discuss paying out comp time for Rains County Employees.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Judge Brent D Hilliard, to table paying out comp time for Rains County Employees.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent D Hillard, 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 the purchase of a storage building for the Agri-Life Department.**

Moved by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, to table the purchase of another storage building.

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

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

**At 12:30 pm, Judge Brent D Hilliard called to break for lunch until 1:30 pm.**

## **II. 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 Hillard, 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 5:02 p.m., Judge Brent D Hilliard declared Commissioners Court adjourned.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2026, I, Mandy Sawyer, attested to the accuracy of this record.

**Rains County Clerk-**

**Mandy Sawyer**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mandy Sawyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.