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RAINS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
COURT

COUNTY OF RAINS

September 22, 2026

Be it remembered, the Commissioners' Court of Rains County, Texas, this **Special Meeting** being convened in the Rains County Courthouse, on **Tuesday, the 22nd day of September 2026**, at **6:00 p.m.** 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 **Tuesday, the 22nd day of September 2026**, at **6:00 p.m.** The posted meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held on **Tuesday, the 22nd day of September 2026**, at **6:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Angela Breitzkreutz
Wendy Gholson
Jeanne Quisenberry
Ronnie Morgan
Cathy Wilson
Robert Harris

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026 PROPERTY TAX RATE

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

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 close the public hearing.

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.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss and act on Workshops for 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded
by Commissioner Kory Young to discuss the proposed budget.

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 Kory Young, duly seconded
by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to eliminate one Road and Bridge position and move the
second one into contingency.

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 Kory Young, duly seconded
by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to add a temporary deputy Treasurer position from
October through September.

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

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

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded

by Commissioner Jim Jones keep the 4% county employee raise as proposed in the budget.

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 Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook to move \$93,500.00 for remodeling from 1109 to 1001.

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 Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to allocate \$45,500 for the purchase tractor, that would be leased to cover the expense. The lease would provide the first year of payments to save the county money.

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 Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, to reduce the Road and Bridge material to \$530,000, moved the money that is being allocated to that into reserve Road Material line item.

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 Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to take the subcontract and road work line item in the Road and Bridge Department from \$100,000 to zero.

Court Members Voting Aye:

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion died for lack of votes.

Moved by Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to increase the line item for culverts by the difference of lease purchase in subcontracting, \$100,000, and an additional \$30,000.

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 Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to increase to \$60,000 for the line item for culverts and the subcontracting work be removed entirely from the line-item budget for subcontracting road work with an additional \$20,000 being added to culverts.

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 Judge Brent D Hilliard, duly seconded by Korey Young, to move road upgrade materials to \$0 and move to road material contingency.

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 Judge Brent D Hilliard to reduce the reserve for personnel to \$50,000 and move \$118,636 into an overtime contingency line item.

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 raise deputy Tax Assessor Collector from \$16 to \$18/hour.

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

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Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Jones 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 9:12 p.m., Judge Brent D Hilliard declared Commissioners Court adjourned.

On the 22nd day of September 2026, I, Mandy Sawyer, attested to the accuracy of this record.

Rains County Clerk-

Mandy Sawyer

