

**L. W. "Nubbin" Cooper Jr.**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

**Amanda Young**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

**Chris Kirkendall**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

**Ernie Koch**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 4



**Wayne McDaniel**  
County Judge

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**HARDIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ▪ COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM (A-131)**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY | OCTOBER 28, 2025 | 10:00 A.M.**

Any attendee of this Open Meeting may be permitted to comment on an Agenda Item for a period of three (3) minutes by raising their hand and being recognized by the Presiding Member prior to the Court acting on any item. Anyone who addresses Commissioners Court must do so from the podium.

**AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON OCTOBER 28, 2025, THERE WAS BEGUN AND HOLDEN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT PRESENT:**

**HONORABLE WAYNE MCDANIEL**  
**HONORABLE L.W. COOPER, JR.**  
**HONORABLE CHRIS KIRKENDALL**  
**HONORABLE AMANDA YOUNG**  
**HONORABLE ERNIE KOCH**  
**HONORABLE CONNIE BECTON**

**HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 1**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 2**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 3**  
**COMMISSIONER PCT. 4**  
**HARDIN COUNTY CLERK**

**WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD AND ORDERS MADE TO-WIT; IN ADDITION TO THE ROUTINE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY, THE SUBJECT OF SAID MEETING WILL BE THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1) Establish Quorum and Call Meeting to Order | Hon. Wayne McDaniel
- 2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance | Hon. Chris Kirkendall



- 3) Consider and possibly approve Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting and October 21, 2025 Special Meeting as presented by Hon. Connie Becton, County Clerk.  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- 4) Consider approval of request by Hon. Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer to cancel all Registered Claims from October 14, 2025; and Approval of Cash Statement. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- 5) Authorization to pay County bills as presented by Mrs. Candice McKinney, County Auditor. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- 6) Consider approval of request by Hon. Matthew Minick, County Attorney, to authorize the County Judge to execute a three-year Contract Renewal Order Form with Mitrastech for the HotDocs program, which is utilized for the creation of CPS documents and aides in the prosecution of CPS cases. If approved, the subscription fee over the three-year period will be as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

YEAR	FEE
2025	\$1,190.00
2026	\$1,309.00
2027	\$1,439.90

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**



- 7) Consider approval of request by Hon. Matthew Minick, County Attorney, to amend the current Hardin County Game Room Regulations, adopted by Commissioners Court on March 22, 2022, to include additional language based upon the Court of Appeals in Fort Worth, Texas in the City of Fort Worth and David Cooke, in his Official Capacity as Fort Worth City Manager v. Stephannie Lynn Rylie, Texas C&D Amusements, Inc., and Brian and Lisa Schott d/b/a TSCA and d/b/a River Bottom Pub, Court of Appeals Second Appellate District of Texas No. 02-17-00185-CV. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AND ADOPTED NEW REGULATIONS THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE AS OF OCTOBER 28, 2025.**
- 8) Consider adoption of Resolution 32-25 certifying that the County has made a Grant to Nutrition and Services for Seniors, an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability; and certifying that the County has approved the organization's accounting system as requested by Janci Kimball, CEO of Nutrition and Services for Seniors. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 9) Consider approval of request by District Judges of Hardin County, Texas to adopt the Jury Selection Plan of Hardin County, pursuant to § 62.011 Government Code. These are procedures for the selection of names of persons for jury service. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 10) Consider request by Mrs. Lora Guynes, Law Librarian, for County Judge to sign Correctional Facility Contract renewal with Thomson Reuters (West Publishing Corporation) for inmate access to Westlaw. Yearly total of \$8,354.76 (increase of \$895.08 per year). **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**NO ACTION TAKEN**



11) Discussion and possible action concerning appointments to the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

- a. Re-appointment of Mr. Olen Bean as Presiding Officer/Board President to serve new three (3) year term, effective January 1, 2026 (term will end December 31, 2028).
- b. Re-appointment of Mr. Bobby Rogers as Director to serve new three (3) year term, effective January 1, 2026 (term will end December 31, 2028).

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**

**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

12) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to approve acceptance of proceeds in the amount of \$44,798.42 for total loss of a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN...0672) and remove the vehicle from inventory. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**

**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

13) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the GLO CDBG-MIT-MOD Silsbee Roadside Ditch and Channel Improvements Projects, GLO Contract No. 24-065-065-E596, located in Precinct 1. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**

**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

14) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to sell surplus equipment, furniture and other miscellaneous items as needed during FY26 utilizing Rene' Bates Auctioneers, Inc. (ReneBates.com). **(SEE ATTACHED)**

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**

**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**



- 15) Present recommendation from evaluation committee for Engineering services pertaining to Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Local Communities Program (LCP) funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under the 2024 Disasters DR-4781 Texas Severe Storms and DR-4798 Hurricane Beryl and possibly award to successful firm. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED LEAVINS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, LLC AS NUMBER ONE AND SCHAUMBURG & POLK, INC. AS THE NUMBER TWO AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.**
- 16) Present recommendation from evaluation committee for Grant Administration services pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Local Communities Program (LCP) funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under the 2024 Disasters DR-4781 Texas Severe Storms and DR-4798 Hurricane Beryl and possibly award to successful firm. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, INC. AS NUMBER ONE AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, INC. AS NUMBER TWO AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.**
- 17) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to present results of bids received for GLO-CDBG-MIT Gore Store Road Channel Crossing and Roadway Improvements, GLO Contract No. 24-065-065-E596, located in Precinct 2 and possibly award to successful vendor. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED MK CONSTRUCTORS WHO WERE THE LOW BIDDER.**
- 18) Consider approval of request by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, to sell by public auction certain real property located at 4865 Covey Lane (legal description S03975 Quail Hollow, Lot 33, Acres 1.37). This property was awarded to the Hardin County Sheriff's Office pursuant to a Judgment of Forfeiture # 55688 in the 88<sup>th</sup> District Court of Hardin County. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**



- 19) Consider approval of request by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, for permission to sell two surplus vehicles and affixed equipment to the City of Kountze described as a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (VIN ...3059) in the amount of \$13,000.00 and a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (VIN...7490) in the amount of \$15,000.00. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**

- 20) Consider approval of request by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, for permission to donate to the City of Kountze Police Department for law enforcement use, certain Sheriff's Office surplus property described as ten (10) Axon brand conducted energy devices (serial numbers ending in ..638, 750, 777, 875, 879, 886, 902, 904, 915, and 959. These items have been replaced with current year-model devices. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**

- 21) Consider approval of request by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, to sell the following vehicles utilizing Rene' Bates Auctioneers, Inc. (ReneBates.com): **(SEE ATTACHED)**

VEHICLE	VIN
2017 Ford F150	...7745
2017 Ford F150	...7742
2018 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV	...4024
2012 Ford F150	...5661
2021 Chevrolet PPV	...1301
2018 Ford F150	...8637

- MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**


- 22) Discussion and possible action to amend the current Longevity Pay Policy, as requested by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED TO PAY REMAINDER OF LONGEVITY PAY IN A LUMP SUM ON NOVEMBER 19, 2025 AND AMEND POLICY AS RECOMMENDED.**

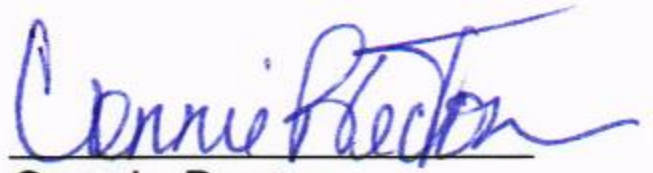


- 23) Consider and possibly authorize the County Judge to execute the Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force Interlocal Agreement 2026 Grant Year by and between City of Beaumont, City of Port Arthur, Jefferson County, Hardin County, Jasper County, and Orange County as a Covered Area Party of the combined task force. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 24) Consider and possibly authorize the County Judge to execute the Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force Interlocal Agreement FY2026 Senate Bill 224 Grant by and between City of Beaumont, City of Port Arthur, Jefferson County, Hardin County, Jasper County, and Orange County as a Covered Area Party of the combined task force. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 25) Consider approval of request by Hon. Connie Becton, County Clerk, to publish Citations by Publication only on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) public information Internet website, pursuant to § 72.034(a)(2), Government Code, which permits a person to publish the citation or notice only on the public information Internet website if the total cost of the required publication exceeds the greater of \$200.00 each week or the amount set by the Supreme Court under Subsection (b). **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**
- 26) Discussion concerning the ongoing federal government shutdown that began on October 1, 2025, and its effects on grant-related projects and grant-funded positions, and possible action by the Court as it deems necessary. **(SEE ATTACHED)**  
**DISCUSSION ONLY**
- 27) Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action including announcements which may be of interest to the public.
- 28) Adjourn.  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED**



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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Wayne McDaniel  
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE

  
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Connie Becton  
HARDIN COUNTY CLERK