

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 14, 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 14, 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
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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. L.W. (Nubbin) Cooper, Jr.

- 3) Consider and possibly approve the September 23, 2025 Regular Meeting [Minutes](#) as presented by Hon. Connie Becton, County Clerk.
MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG
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 September 23, 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 KIRKENDALL
IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED
- 6) Consider adoption of [Resolution 30-25](#) in support of application for Indigent Defense Formula Grant for FY26 as requested by Mrs. Candice McKinney, County Auditor. **(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
- 7) Consider adoption of [Resolution 31-25](#) proclaiming October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Tuesday, October 14, as Gift of Life's Breast and Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day in Hardin County, as requested by Norma Sampson, Executive Director, Gift of Life. **(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

- 8) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Lisa Broucher, HCCVAC Director, to accept donation from Rise and Shine Women's Conference, a non-profit, in the amount of \$200.00 for Hardin County Crime Victims' Assistance Center advocacy. **(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

- 9) Consider request to amend the FY26 General Fund Budget to accommodate replacement of the air conditioner in the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 office as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	010-401-800 Contingency - General	\$8,630.00
TO	010-456-450 JP2 Building Maintenance / Repairs	\$8,630.00

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 10) Consider approving request by Hon. Rebecca Walton, District Attorney, to amend the FY2025 District Attorney Rural Law Enforcement Grant (SB-22) and the General Fund budget. The proposed amendment would allocate unspent funds from the District Attorney's FY2025 departmental budget, along with General Fund balance amounts representing unused FY2024 District Attorney funds, to cover FY2024 expenses that were considered ineligible for grant funding, as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	General Fund Balance	\$1,461.05
DECREASE EXPENDITURE	010-476-400 Outside Services-Appeals	\$8,686.00
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	010-700-034 Transfer to RLE SB22-F034	\$10,147.05

*Create New Line Item

INCREASE REVENUE	034-390-010 Transfers from General Fund	\$10,147.05
DECREASE REVENUE	034-333-201 '24 State Payments-DA	\$10,147.05

*Create New Line Item

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MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 11) Consider and possibly authorize Hon. Steve Smith, Tax Assessor-Collector, to issue Tax Refund as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

TAXPAYER	AMOUNT	YEAR	REASON FOR REFUND
Bridget Gilder Insurance	\$6,891.06	2009 - 2023	PAID IN ERROR
TOTAL REFUND	\$6,891.06		

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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 Hon. L.W. (Nubbin) Cooper, Jr, County Commissioner, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to sell a 2010 Ford F150 Truck (VIN...2001); and a 2006 Ford F350 Truck (VIN...9757) with dump bed, used as a patch truck utilizing Rene' Bates Auctioneers, Inc. (ReneBates.com). **(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

- 13) Consider approval of request by Hon. Amanda Young, County Commissioner, to amend the FY26 Budget by transferring \$110,000.00 from R&B Fund Balance to '017-623-334 Materials & Supplies' and \$50,000.00 to '017-623-486 Contract Services' related to FY25 encumbered expenses for overlay of Quail Chase Road and associated materials that could not be completed until FY26. **(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 BY TRANSFERRING UP TO \$110,000.00 FROM R & B FUND BALANCE AND UP TO \$50,000.00 TO CONTRACT SERVICES

- 14) Consider approval of request by Hon. Mark Davis, Sheriff, to make a correction to agenda item previously approved by Commissioners Court on February 11, 2025 regarding purchase of three (3) 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab PPV trucks from Lake Country Chevrolet in the amount of \$223,170.00. One of the vehicles delivered is a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab PPV truck (VIN ...4856). **(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

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- 15) Consider approval of request by Mrs. ReJena Bolton, Health Inspector, to accept donation from Blackfin Pipeline in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the annual Hardin County Courthouse Christmas Tree Lighting and credit to line item '010-367-101 Donations – CH Tree Lighting'. **(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

- 16) Consider and possibly authorize request by Hon. Chris Kirkendall, County Commissioner, to purchase a 2025 Caterpillar Motor Grader, Model 140-15, ID No. 25NE1220, for the R&B 2 Department and amend the FY26 R&B 2 Budget, as necessary. Purchase price of the new motor grader is \$299,126.83 after trade-in of a 2014 Caterpillar Motor Grader, Model 12M3, SN: ...0224, in the amount of \$72,000.00 utilizing a cooperative purchasing agreement. Amount to be financed for period not to exceed three (3) years is \$65,126.83 after down payment in the amount of \$234,000.00 requiring the following budget amendment: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	R&B Fund Balance	\$194,000.00
TO	017-622-570 Equipment Purchase	\$194,000.00

*These funds were underspent in the FY25 R&B 2 Budget in hopes of funding this purchase in FY26 due to equipment availability and negotiating the best price for the trade-in. This amount includes \$32,000.00 remaining from the transfer approved by Commissioners Court on May 27, 2025, to payoff notes / purchase needed equipment.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 17) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) Project NR257442XXXXC009 Construction. **(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

- 18) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to authorize the County Judge to execute Change Order No. 6R1 with Construction Managers of Southeast Texas, LLC regarding Courthouse and Jail renovations. **(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

- 19) Consider and possibly authorize the County Judge to publish a Public Notice for solicitation of nominations for Emergency Services Commissioners for each of the eight (8) Emergency Services Districts for the 2026 – 2027 Term. **(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

- 20) Setting of Public Hearing to receive comments from citizens of Hardin County concerning banning of all game rooms and gaming machines.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER

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

ACTION: APPROVED AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 28, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.

- 21) Consider approval of request to amend the FY2026 County Clerk Preservation Fund Budget to include a previously approved salary line item that was inadvertently omitted from the Adopted Budget, as follows: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	Fund 007 Fund Balance	\$3,000.00
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	007-403-105 Salaries - Assistants	\$3,000.00

*Create New Line Item

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL

SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KOCH

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

ACTION: APPROVED

- 22) Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action including announcements which may be of interest to the public.

23) Adjourn.

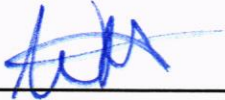
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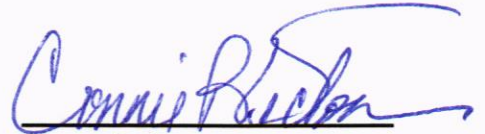
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER,
COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**

ACTION: APPROVED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Wayne McDaniel
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE



Connie Becton
HARDIN COUNTY CLERK