

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

**Chris Kirkendall**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 2



**Amanda Young**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

**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 | SEPTEMBER 9, 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 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. Amanda Young

- 3) Consider and possibly approve Minutes of the August 26, 2025 Regular and Special Meetings 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 August 26, 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 COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- 6) Presentation of the FY2024 Independent Annual Financial Report by Crowe, LLP and acceptance by the Court.  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- 7) Discussion and possible action to approve and accept for filing in the Minutes of the Court the District Court Orders setting salaries of the County Auditor, Assistant County Auditors and Official Court Reporters of the 88<sup>th</sup> and 356<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courts for the fiscal year 2026. **(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) Discussion and possible action concerning adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 County Payroll Schedule as requested by Hon. Deborah McWilliams, County Treasurer. **(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**

- 9) Discussion and possible action concerning Order Setting Day of Week and Location of Regular Term Schedule of Hardin County Commissioners Court Meetings for Fiscal Year 2026. **(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 WITH THE DATE CHANGE OF ONE MEETING, THAT BEING NOVEMBER 12, 2025 WHICH WILL BE ON A WEDNESDAY.**

- 10) Discussion and possible action concerning the setting of 2026 County Holidays. **(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**

- 11) Consider and possibly authorize the following FY25 Budget Transfer within the Enterprise Fund as requested by Hon. Wayne McDaniel, County Judge: **(SEE ATTACHED)**

FROM	080-695-108 SALARIES – PART TIME	\$10,000.00
TO	080-695-333 FOOD & BEVERAGE	\$10,000.00

**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 request by Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Monica Kelley, to authorize the County Judge to sign the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) Memorandum of Understanding for the 2025-2026 School Year. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER YOUNG**

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

**ACTION: APPROVED**



- 13) Consider approval of request by Mr. Aaron Tupper, Emergency Management Coordinator, to authorize the County Judge to execute Notice of Grant and Agreement Award, and any other required documents, with National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), outlining the terms of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP), Project NR257442XXXXC009, Hardin County EWP, in the amount of \$1,294,113.00 including the local cost share of \$300,903.25 to be paid by Hardin County. **(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**

- 14) Consider approval of request by Hon. Steve Smith, Tax Assessor-Collector, to authorize the County Judge to execute Software License Agreement and Addendum No. 001 with Capitol Appraisal Group, LLC for computer software in the Tax Office, effective January 1, 2026. **(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**

- 15) Consider approval of request by Mr. Dale Williford, Hawthorne Field County Airport FBO, to apply for the TXDOT Aviation Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) cost share grant for FY26. **(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**

- 16) Consider acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending September 30, 2024, for Hardin County Emergency Services District № 1. **(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**

- 17) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director, to approve the updated Retiree Health Insurance and Harassment Policies to become effective October 1, 2025. **(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**



- 18) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director to approve the Hardin County Sick Leave Pool Policy to become effective October 1, 2025. (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**
- 19) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Melinda Herrington, Human Resources Director to authorize the County Judge to sign the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding for Employers for the utilization of E-Verify Services to confirm an employee's eligibility to work in the United States. (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**
- 20) Consider and possibly authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for motor fuel for all Road & Bridge Departments and all emergency generators. (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**
- 21) Consider approval of request by Mrs. Misty Sims, Purchasing Agent, to present results of bids received for dredging Westwood Outfall ditch for an estimated 8,250' and approximately 3' of sediment, located in Precinct 1, and possibly award to successful vendor or take any other action the Court deems necessary. (SEE ATTACHED)  
**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**  
**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**  
**IN FAVOR: JUDGE MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL, COMMISSIONER COOPER, COMMISSIONER YOUNG AND COMMISSIONER KOCH.**  
**ACTION: REJECT ALL BIDS**
- 22) Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action including announcements which may be of interest to the public.
- 23) Presentation by Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. updating the Court on projects throughout Hardin County associated with the Lumberton ISD Generators, Boggy Creek Drainage Study, Black Creek Drainage Study and Mill Creek Drainage Study under the DR-HMGP-4485-0405, 0522, 0523, 0524 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.  
**PRESENTATION ONLY**

24) Adjourn.


**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER COOPER**

**SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER KIRKENDALL**


**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