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NOTICE OF MEETING - COMMISSIONERS COURT

RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that a Regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court will be held at 10:00am on January 22, 2026, in the Rains County Courthouse Courtroom. Commissioner's Court is open to the public. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY – Citizens are invited to address the Commissioners Court on topics not already scheduled for a Public Hearing. Speakers are limited to 5 minutes and should conduct themselves in a civil manner. The Commissioners Court cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Concerns may be addressed by County Staff, and may be placed on a future agenda or addressed by some other course of response.

III. PRESENTATIONS

1. Mark Lee Dickson - Founder, Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn Initiative

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR – All items listed are considered to be routine by the Commissioner's Court and will be enacted by one motion.

1. Approval of accounts payable.
2. Approval of line-item transfers.
3. Approval of budget amendments.
4. Approval of payroll and personnel.
5. Approve/Deny the taxation of personal vehicles.

B. ACTION ITEMS – Discuss and possibly take action on the following:

1. Discuss/Take action on an ordinance outlawing abortion declaring Rains County a sanctuary county for the unborn. – Jeremy Cook

2. Discuss/Take action to receive a patrol vehicle being donated by the City of East Tawakoni. – Allen Davis
3. Discuss/Take action on subscription to Common Sense Media, a book rating system for parents and families. Approve the Library Advisory Board members. Report on upcoming policy additions and revisions. – Mike Willis
4. Discuss/Take action to approve a contract with Linda Roberts to manage the Evidence Room and its property for the Sheriff's Office.
5. Discuss/Take action to approve a surety bond for Constable Allen Davis. – Mandy Sawyer
6. Discuss/Approve if necessary the overtime pay for Donna Allen for inmate transport on Jan. 2, 2026, for Ashley Hobbs for transport to TDCJ on Jan. 15, 2026, for Dylan Peterson for hospital detail on Dec. 19, 2025, and for Guy James Hammon for hospital detail on Jan. 5, 2026. – Michael Hopkins
7. Discuss and approve the use of account #002-1109-5120 Overtime Pay for jail corrections and any necessary modification or use or approval or revision for the use thereof. – Michael Hopkins
8. Discuss and approve the use, application, and administration of overtime pay and comp time pay, together with the applicable Rains County Personnel Policies and Procedures for the Sheriff's Department. – Michael Hopkins
9. Discuss/Take action to vacate CR 1465 (.466 miles/2,464 feet). – Ronnie Morgan
10. Discuss/Take action to vacate CR 1423 (.196 miles/1,034 feet). – Ronnie Morgan
11. Discuss/Take action on passing a resolution to apply for the Senate Bill 8 grant for the jail – no match. – Kristi Hopkins
12. Discuss/Take action on applying for the planning phase of the TPWD grant for a gun range – 10% match. – Kristi Hopkins
13. Discuss/Take action on passing a resolution to apply for the Criminal Justice Grant – no match. – Kristi Hopkins

14. Discuss/Take action on passing a resolution to apply for the Project Safe Neighborhoods grant – no match. – Kristi Hopkins
15. Discuss/Take action on passing a resolution to apply for the Active Attack Response grant – no match. – Kristi Hopkins
16. Discuss/Take action on passing a resolution to apply for the House Bill 3000 grant – no match. – Kristi Hopkins
17. Discuss/Take action to send letters to collect taxes from short term rentals. – Lori Northcutt

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

V. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. As permitted by Texas Government Code §551.071 (1) and (2), Consultation with Attorney; §551.072, Real Property; §551.073, Prospective Gifts; §551.074, Personnel Matters; §551.075, Investments; and §551.076, Security Devices / Audits.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

VI. TAKE ANY ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED.

VII. COURT DISCUSSION / PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

(Commissioners may discuss items on the agenda or suggest items for future agendas. Proposed agenda items may only be discussed by Commissioners if the Commissioners do so to propose that those items be placed on a future agenda). Items not appearing on the agenda may not be deliberated and no votes may be taken during this portion of the agenda. In response to comments from the public, Council may seek a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy from County Staff pursuant to Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act).

ADJOURN



Rains County Judge Brent D. Hilliard