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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 10:00 am on November 13, 2025, 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. East Texas Crisis Center – Jeremy Flowers

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. Notification of new service in Rains County by Texas New Mexico Power.
2. Order setting 354th District Court Reporter salary.
3. Order setting 8th District Court Reporter salary.
4. Order setting the Assistant Auditor salary.
5. Order setting the County Auditor salary.
6. Country Attorney's forfeiture fund budget.
7. Departmental Reports.
 - a. Road and Bridge.
 - b. Environmental Enforcement and Emergency Management.
 - c. Veterans' Services.
 - d. AgriLife Extension.
 - e. Indigent Healthcare.

- f. Public Library.
 - g. Grant Development.
- 8. District Clerk's monthly report.
- 9. County Clerk's monthly report.
- 10. Justice of the Peace's monthly report.
- 11. Constable's monthly report.
- 12. Sheriff's report.
- 13. Financial Reports.
 - a. Budget amendments.
 - b. Line item transfers.
 - c. Monthly financials.
 - d. Payroll and Personnel.

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

- 1. Take action to accept and record CEUs for Lori Northcutt and Brent Hilliard.
- 2. Discuss/Take action on executing the resolution to cast votes for the person(s) to serve on the Board of Directors for the Rains County Appraisal District for the 2026-27 term. – Brent Hilliard
- 3. Discuss/Take action on the attached resolution authorizing the Rains County Judge to act on all matters in connection with the Andrews Center Interlocal Agreement.
- 4. Discuss/Take action on the attached resolution authorizing the Rains County Judge to act on all matters in connection with Waste Connections.
- 5. Discuss/Take action on passing a resolution for the County Judge to sign the CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Forms required for all law enforcement grants administered by the Office of the Governor. – Kristi Hopkins
- 6. Discuss/Take action on passing a resolution to sign the Interlocal Agreement Information Form for Harris County Universal Services to join the TxWARN System. – Kristi Hopkins
- 7. Discuss/Take action on passing a resolution to apply for the J. Frank Dobie Library trust grant at approximately \$7,000 for the Rains County Library to purchase books. – Kristi Hopkins
- 8. Take action to release the deposit to RYSA from Classics Around the Square car show. – Korey Young
- 9. Take action to release the deposit to Debbie Myers from Westyn Marshall 5K run. – Korey Young
- 10. Discuss/Take action to canvass the election results. – Lisa Kneifl

11. Discuss/Take action to approve the contract with Nate Carista to install Christmas lights on the courthouse and the Annex building.
12. Discuss/Take action on the attached resolution authorizing the Rains County Judge to act on all matters in connection with the Indigent Defense Grant Program. – Tammi Byrd
13. Discuss/Take action on the attached resolution authorizing the Rains County Judge to act on all matters concerning a contract with Indigent Healthcare Solutions for software.
14. Discuss/Take action to authorize the Sheriff's department to donate 15 Watch Guard cameras to the Emory Police Department. – Michael Hopkins
15. Discuss/Take action to approve a surety bond for the appointed Treasurer, Maggie Ingram. – Mandy Sawyer
16. Discuss/Take action to appoint an official to approve timekeeping for the following employees - Ronnie Morgan, Road & Bridge Admin; Stacy Parker, Human Resources; Kristi Hopkins, Grant Development; Bernadette Thompson, Library Director; Lisa Kneifl, Elections Administrator; Shane Mansfield and Jimmy Mooney, Maintenance; Jennifer Patterson and Jenna Fite, JP Clerks; David Harvey, Veterans Service Officer. – Tammi Byrd
17. Discuss/Take action regarding security upgrades in the elections office to be to be funded by grants (under \$2500 per Shane). – Korey Young

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Hilliard', written over a horizontal line.

Rains County Judge Brent D. Hilliard