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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 July 09, 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: *m. Ferguson*

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

A. Accept a Portrait of Miss Rains County presented by Shaylee Stracener to Brent D. Hilliard, Rains County Judge on behalf of Rains County to be displayed in the Rains County Annex for 4 years. – Shaylee Stracener

B. Consider and discuss a proposed North Texas Groundwater Conservation District. – Hon. Cole Hefner, Texas State Representative

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. Departmental Reports
 - a. Road and Bridge
 - b. Environmental Enforcement and Emergency Management
 - c. Veteran's Services

- d. AgriLife Extension
- e. Indigent Healthcare
- f. Public Library
- g. Grant Development

- 2. Financial Reports
 - a. Approval of accounts Payable
 - b. Approval of Line-Item Adjustments
 - c. Approval of Payroll and Personnel
 - d. Approval of Financial Reports.
- 3. Sheriff's Monthly Report
- 4. District Clerk's Month Report
- 5. County Clerk's Monthly Report
- 6. Justice of the Peace Monthly Report
- 7. Constables' Monthly Report
- 8. Notification of New premises by Texas New Mexico Power at
N. 1051 Texas Street, Emory, Texas
187 Clark Drive, Emory, Texas
N 299 Planters Street, Unit 250 LED, Emory, Texas

B. ACTION ITEMS

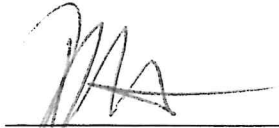
- 1. Discuss/Take action to accept into the record a Certificate of "Rating of OUTSTANDING 2026 Election Website Review" from the League of Women Voters of Texas. – Lori Northcutt
- 2. Discuss/Take Action to approve using record management funds to pay for a temp position for criminal deputy training. - Mandy Sawyer, County Clerk
- 3. Discuss/Take Action on creating the Office of Fire Marshal. – Korey Young
- 4. Discuss/Take Action on the appointment of Rains County Fire Marshal. – Korey Young
- 5. Discuss/Take Action to accept bond for the Rains County Fire Marshall, David Shedd. - Brent Hilliard
- 6. Discuss/Take Action to elect a Judge Protem. – Brent D. Hilliard

7. Discuss/Take Action to accept into the record the Open Meetings Act Certificate, the Public Information Act Certificate, State of Texas Ethics Training for State Officers and Cyber Security Certificate awarded to Brandi Bradley. – Brent D. Hilliard
8. Discuss/Take Action to accept into the record the Open Meetings Act Certificate, Public Information Act Certificate, Cyber Security Awareness Certificate and the State of Texas Ethics Training Certificate for State Officers awarded to Jim Jones, Commissioner. – Brent D. Hilliard
9. Discuss/Take action to appoint Gayla Sparkman as Co-Sponsor of the Wellness Program as of Lori Hutchins' last day of employment or September 1, 2026, whichever is later of her last day of employment. - Brent D. Hilliard
10. Discuss/Take Action to approve the displaying of Ms. Rains County Portrait in the hall of annex building for 4 years commencing upon the date the expiring Ms. Rains County Portrait is removed. – Brent D. Hilliard
11. Discuss/Take Action on placing a County Assistance District Tax on the ballot for the November election. - Jeremy Cook

VI. 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