

NOTICE OF MEETING - COMMISSIONERS COURT
RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS

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Notice is hereby given that a **REGULAR MEETING** of the Rains County Commissioners Court will be held at **10:00 AM ON February 26, 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. None

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 payroll and personnel.
4. Approval of budget amendments.

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

5. Discuss/Take action to accept 2025 continuing education hours for Korey Young. – Korey Young
6. Discuss/Take action to approve the final plat Stockyard Farm, Phase Two, L.J.F. Manuel Survey, A-164. – Mike Willis

7. Discuss/Take action to approve the final plat Quintero Estates, James Forsythe Survey, A-80. – Mike Willis
8. Discuss/Take action to approve the final plat Magazu Addition, David Rose Survey, A-291 – Korey Young
9. Discuss/Take action to approve the replat of Lot 21 & Lot 22, North Shores Phase 3. – Korey Young
10. Discuss/Take action to approve the final plat Jon Pasture Addition, Joel H. Still Survey, A-209 (Wedeking). – Mike Willis
11. Discuss/Take action to accept shooting stands from FFA organization. – Jeremy Cook
12. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the necessity of scheduling one or more public hearings to consider Rains County's potential participation with Van Zandt County in an interlocal agreement pursuant to Chapter 391 of the Texas Local Government Code and Rains County's role therein. Also discuss Senate Bill 2116 (87th Texas Legislature, 2021), known as the Lone Star Infrastructure Protection Act, together with Van Zandt County's recently adopted Green Energy Moratorium (passed unanimously February 11, 2026), which imposes a temporary/indefinite halt on all proposed solar, wind, and battery energy storage system projects in Van Zandt County pending review and compliance with state investigations into foreign-owned components. – Brent D. Hilliard
13. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the tax abatement agreement submitted by Majewski Storage, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company Battery Project and determine next steps regarding approval or denial of the request. – Brent D. Hilliard
14. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on how to proceed regarding the possible non-compliance by the owner of the Barrett Solar Project with the terms and conditions of their agreements. - Brent D. Hilliard
15. Discuss and consider scheduling a public hearing to address public concerns over the Barrett Solar Project. – Brent D. Hilliard
16. Discuss / take action on adopting Rains County Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements. – Brent D. Hilliard

17. Discuss and/or take action on the adoption of a temporary moratorium on the permitting, construction, and related activities for new battery energy storage systems (BESS) and other green energy projects within Rains County, Texas, pursuant to the authority granted under Texas Health & Safety Code § 121.003, in order to protect the public health and safety, and to provide time to verify compliance with existing state laws, including but not limited to the Lone Star Infrastructure Protection Act, HB 3824 (BESS emergency response and safety reporting requirements), NFPA 855 fire safety standards, and any ongoing investigations by the Texas Attorney General regarding battery components. – Brent D. Hilliard
18. Discuss the hiring of one or more law firms to assist with actions taken on any matters listed in paragraph 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17.
19. Discuss/Take action on the investment report for Q4 Permanent School Fund. – Jeremy Cook
20. Discuss/take action accepting letter of engagement for on-call services from Capex Consulting. – Korey Young
21. Discuss/take action regarding the hiring of a fire marshal or hiring a third party company to handle the responsibilities of a fire marshal. – Korey Young
22. Discuss/take action discussing assignment of office space in the Hill Building. – Korey Young
23. Discuss/Take action on a resolution to apply for the Homeland Security grant. -Kristi Hopkins
24. Discuss/Take action on a resolution to sign the Harris County agreement for the TXWARN first responder communication system. – Kristi Hopkins
25. Discuss/Take action on an inmate dental services agreement. -Diana Wolfe
26. Receive, open, select, and award for multi function printers for various departments in Rains County and the county appraisal district. Tammi Byrd

27. Discuss and consider authorizing the County Judge to negotiate and execute a contract, subject to legal review and approval with Everbridge, Inc., or Hyper-Reach or Alterus Technologies or AlertMedia or a similar provider, for a countywide mass notification and emergency alert system, including a resident contact database and IPAWS integration, in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year. – Brent D. Hilliard

28. Discuss/Approve On February 19, Rains County Jail successfully passed its second comprehensive inspection conducted by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. As a result of passing this inspection, Rains County has satisfied the necessary requirements under Jail Standards regulations and is no longer subject to enhanced enforcement compliance measures. In accordance with the applicable Jail Standards rules, Rains County will submit a request to be formally removed from the Enhanced Enforcement Compliance List. – Brent D. Hilliard

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