

NOTICE OF MEETING - COMMISSIONERS COURT

RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Rains County Commissioners Court will be held at 1:30PM on August 19, 2025 and at 9:00AM on August 20, 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 3 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. None

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

2. Budget Workshops for 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

V. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

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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.

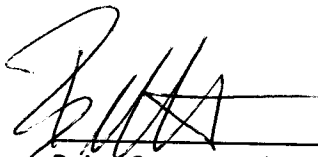
ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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 Hilliard

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RAINS COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY OF RAINS

COURT

August 20, 2025

Be it remembered, the Commissioners Court of Rains County, Texas, this **Special Meeting** being convened in the Rains County Courthouse, on **Wednesday, the 20th day of August 2025**, at **9:00 a.m.** with the following members of the court being present:

**JUDGE BRENT D. HILLIARD
COUNTY COMMISSIONER MIKE WILLIS
COUNTY COMMISSIONER LORI NORTHCUTT
COUNTY COMMISSIONER KOREY YOUNG**

Recorded proceedings of court duly transcribed by:

**MANDY SAWYER
COUNTY CLERK/COURT EX-OFFICIO**

The agenda was prepared by the Judge's office announcing a meeting to be held by the Commissioners on **Wednesday, the 20th day of August 2025**, at **9:00 a.m.**

The posted meeting of the Commissioners Court was held on **Wednesday, the 20th day of August 2025**, at **9:00 a.m.**

With court members being present, Commissioner Jeremy Cook absent, there is a quorum.

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

Meeting was called to order by Judge Brent Hilliard. Judge Brent Hilliard led the Court with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag; Judge Brent Hilliard led the invocation.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

III. PRESENTATIONS

1. None

A. ACTION ITEMS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. None

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

2. Budget Workshops for 2025-2026 Proposed

Budget.

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis, to approve the state supplement for county court judge, to increase from \$25,200.00 to \$31,500.00, plus benefits.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: Brent Hilliard

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to approve all changes for Judge Brent Hilliard's budget.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Judge Brent Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young to remove the \$3,000.00 to the historical society, from the proposed budget.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis to transfer \$6,000.00 from grounds keeping to maintenance.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Judge Brent Hilliard calls for recess at 10:25 am.

Judge Brent Hilliard reconvenes court at 10:40 am.

Moved by Judge Brent Hilliard, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young, to increase county attorney's stipend from \$12,000.00 to \$18,000.00 plus benefits.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: Mike Willis and Lori Northcutt

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Fails

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, to reduce grant developments computer and software maintenance budget by \$120.00

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young, to reduce county treasurer's office supply budget by

\$500.00.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis, to reduce county auditor's office equipment and maintenance supply budget by \$150.00.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis, to increase county tax assessor-collector's budget by \$150.00 for dues.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, to move Glenda Parker back to the Judge's department.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Mike Willis, to reduce Joe Parker's fuel/oil supply budget by \$2,000.00 and maintenance and repair by \$2,000.00.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, duly seconded by Commissioner Korey Young, to increase Human Resource publication budget to \$500.00, and increasing seminar budget to \$1300.00.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt, to move court house security line items uniforms, fuel & oil, vehicle repair & maintenance and small tools & accessories back to Sheriff's budget.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE AS NEEDED

V. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

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VII. COURT DISCUSSION/PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

Moved by Commissioner Korey Young, duly seconded by Commissioner Lori Northcutt to adjourn.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Lori Northcutt and Korey Young.

Court Members Voting No: None

Court Members Abstaining: None

Motion Carried.

With no further business to be considered by the Court at 12:30 p.m., Judge Brent Hilliard declared Commissioners Court adjourned.

On this the 20th day of August, 2025, I, Mandy Sawyer, attest to the accuracy of this record.



Mandy Sawyer

RAINS COUNTY CLERK



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Budget.

Moved by Commissioner Mike Willis, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Cook, to discuss the FY2025-2026 Proposed Budget.

Court Members Voting Aye: Brent Hilliard, Mike Willis, Jeremy Cook, Lori Northcutt, and Korey Young.



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RAINS COUNTY CLERK

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