

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES



OCTOBER 15, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS \*  
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER A.D., 2021, IN THE HAYS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 111 E. SAN ANTONIO ST., SUITE 301, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN SPECIAL MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

RUBEN BECERRA  
DEBBIE INGALSBE  
MARK JONES  
LON A. SHELL  
WALT SMITH  
ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS

COUNTY JUDGE  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4  
COUNTY CLERK

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Ingalsbe joined the meeting via TEAMS.

Clerk's Note: For complete transcript go to Hays County Website  
<https://hayscountytexas.com/commissioners-court/court-video/>  
Transcript can be translated into any language through Google.com.

THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Becerra called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elaine Cardenas, County Clerk, read public comments emailed by Laura Ewing, Leah Kaufman, Mark Trahan, Roland Brown, Linda Calvert, D.J. Whithee, Kathi Thomas, Marilyn Minnaar, Robin Blackburn, Lynn Bridge, and Bob Bridge emailed public comments against removing 2 voting locations before early voting begins. Nicholas Hoover, Mary Earls, Larry Calvert, Susan Raybuck, Lucinda Kapral, Cindy Cassidy, and Esther Huisman made public comments against removing 2 voting locations before early voting begins.

#### 36900 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ELIMINATE ADDITIONAL EARLY VOTING/ELECTION DAY LOCATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2021 ELECTION.

Jenifer Anderson, Hays County Elections Administrator, explained that the Ledgestone early voting location cannot be used due to COVID-19 restrictions, and in order to remain in compliance with the Texas Election Code, another early voting location must be removed. Commissioner Shell suggested removing the Hays County Transportation Department early voting location instead of removing Simon Middle School. Commissioner Smith described his efforts to find a different early voting location in Dripping Springs and the issues that arose. Further discussion was held by the court regarding possible locations. Commissioner Ingalsbe stated her support for removing the Transportation Department location to keep 2 locations in the Kyle area. Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, suggested that signage at closed locations indicate whether it will be open on Election Day. **An amended motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to remove the Hays County Transportation Department on Yarrington Road as an early voting location. All present voted "Aye."** MOTION PASSED.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Judge Becerra to adjourn court at 3:53 p.m.

I, ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS, COUNTY CLERK and EXOFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Hays County Commissioners' Court on October 15, 2021.



ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF  
HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS