

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES



MAY 17, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 17TH DAY OF MAY A.D., 2022, 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
LON A. SHELL
WALT SMITH
ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS

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

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<https://hayscountytexas.com/commissioners-court/court-video/>
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WITH COMMISSIONER MARK JONES BEING ABSENT AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Becerra the court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags. Judge Becerra called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

37602 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANVASS THE MAY 7, 2022 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION.

Jennifer Doinoff, Hays County Elections Administrator, provided voter turnout numbers and statistics from the Constitutional Amendment Election. Judge Becerra asked for clarification on why some provisional ballots were rejected. Doinoff responded that most were not registered to vote. Commissioner Ingalsbe commented that turnout was low, and she hopes it improves for the November election. Commissioner Smith asked for clarification on the number of mail-in ballots that were rejected, and Doinoff responded the number was 43. Anita Collins, Office of the Hays County Judge, stated there were reports of a Dripping Springs voting machine being down for an hour and 10 minutes, the ballot board poll watching was not on the website, and there was no response to a report of a poll watcher being moved. She stated the office is aware of an issue in which a school board race was not on the ballot for 11 voters in the school district. Judge Becerra stated they are looking into these issues. Commissioner Smith complimented the Elections office for addressing the school board race issue in the past and now and reassured potential candidates that the county equally enforces all election rules. Judge Becerra asked how a future candidate can verify their race with the Hays County Elections Office, and Doinoff responded that they are allowed to verify ballots and precincts themselves and view voter registration lists. Doinoff further addressed the other issues brought up by the Judge's office. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to canvass the May 7, 2022 Constitutional Amendment Election. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned at 9:17 a.m. by Judge Becerra.

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 May 17, 2022.

Elaine H. Cardenas

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

