

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES



AUGUST 2, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 2nd DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2022, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

RUBEN BECERRA
DEBBIE GONZALES 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

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THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Pastor Darius Todd gave the invocation. Judge Becerra led the court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags. Judge Becerra called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rodrigo Amaya made a public comment concerning County employee accountability. Harvey Jenkins made a public comment concerning a tax contract notice received for his property.

37836 Adopt a Proclamation Commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the First United Methodist Church of San Marcos.

Commissioner Ingalsbe congratulated the church on the accomplishment and thanked Stephen Traeger for facilitating the Proclamation. Commissioner Shell spoke about his family's involvement and history with the church. Commissioner Smith congratulated the church on their growth over the years. Commissioner Jones congratulated the church and thanked them for their work in the community. Pastor Adam Knapp thanked the court for the Proclamation and spoke about the church's mission. Judge Becerra thanked the church members for attending and spoke about the importance of faith.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to adopt a Proclamation Commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the First United Methodist Church of San Marcos.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37837 Adopt a Proclamation declaring August 2022 as National Immunization Awareness Month.

Commissioner Ingalsbe thanked the Health Department employees for their hard work. Juli Barksdale, Hays County Epidemiologist, spoke about the importance of vaccinations and invited the public to a celebration for a week of free immunizations for children. Commissioner Smith thanked the Health Department for all their work, especially during the last few years. Commissioner Shell encouraged the public to learn more about the work the Health Department does and thanked Tammy Crumley for organizing the clinic. Commissioner Jones thanked the Health Department for all their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Judge Becerra thanked the Health Department team and spoke about the importance of treating others with kindness during the pandemic. Tammy Crumley, Director of Countywide Operations, thanked the Health Department staff for their work and Christus Trinity Clinic for providing the vaccines. She promoted the Immunization and Vaccine Forums occurring in Kyle and encourage the public to attend and ask any questions they have.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to adopt a Proclamation declaring August 2022 as National Immunization Awareness Month.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37838 Adopt a Proclamation declaring August 14, 2022 Jimmy and Linda Parker Day.

Judge Becerra spoke about Jimmy and Linda Parker's contributions to the community and his personal friendship with them. Jimmy Parker thanked the court for the recognition and spoke about growing up and working in San Marcos.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to adopt a Proclamation declaring August 14, 2022 Jimmy and Linda Parker Day.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Presentation by Ardurra regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Hays-Caldwell Women's Shelter.

Commissioner Smith spoke about the process of choosing the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center (HCWC) as a recipient of ARPA funds and the justification of the use of those funds to the United States Treasury. Eric Boehning, Ardurra Senior Project Manager, further elaborated on the grant and stated its use is covered under the Public Health and Negative Economic Impact's Eligible Use category. The court expressed appreciation for the HCWC and those involved in this project. Commissioner Smith added this brings the County's overall contribution to the transitional housing facility to \$1.244 million. He thanked HCWC's Michelle Rodriguez, Commissioner Jones, Sarah Brandon of Dripping Springs, and County Court at Law Judge Daniel O'Brien for their work. Melissa Rodriguez, CEO of HCWC, spoke about the increase in services the facility is needing to provide and thanked the court for their support. Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, noted that presentations will be given during the meeting before action is taken on projects like this so the court may be informed before voting. No action taken.

Presentation by Ardurra regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the San Marcos Hays County EMS.

Commissioner Ingalsbe provided a history of the San Marcos Hays County EMS and spoke about acquiring two additional ambulances. Eric Boehning, Ardurra Senior Project Manager, stated the new ambulances will allow EMS to have quicker response times to any disasters or issues that arise from pandemics. Commissioner Ingalsbe thanked Boehning for his work on these projects. Commissioner Shell spoke about the organization's growth and service to the community. Commissioner Smith inquired about how to provide an additional ambulance to ESD 1. David Smith, Chief of San Marcos Hays County EMS, addressed Commissioner Smith's questions, spoke about the struggles EMS staff have gone through during the pandemic, and provided an update on new vehicles. Commissioner Smith spoke about supply chain issues and how they are negatively impacting response times. Mike Jones, Director of Emergency Services, thanked the EMS staff for assisting with vaccine clinics. Tammy Crumley, Director of Countywide Operations, thanked Matt Weinberg, Jim Swisher, and Scott Robinson for their work with the vaccine clinics. Judge Becerra praised all involved with emergency services. No action taken.

Clerk's Note: Judge Becerra called for a recess that began at 10:07 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 10:17 a.m.

37839 Approve payments of County invoices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve payments of County invoices.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37840 Approve the payment of Juror checks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the payment of Juror checks.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37841 Approve the payment of United Healthcare claims.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the payment of United Healthcare claims.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37842 Authorize payment to Salon Estrella for a venue rental used by the Local Health Department in the amount of \$975.00 in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize payment to Salon Estrella for a venue rental used by the Local Health Department in the amount of \$975.00 in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37843 Approve Utility Permits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Utility Permits.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37844 Authorize payment to On Site Services in the amount of \$500.00 for the Transportation Department related to mandatory quarterly, random Department of Transportation (DOT) drug screenings in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize payment to On Site Services in the amount of \$500.00 for the Transportation Department related to mandatory quarterly, random Department of Transportation (DOT) drug screenings in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37845 Authorize an amendment to the FY22 Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) grant contract through the Office of the Attorney General related to a change in vendor name.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize an amendment to the FY22 Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) grant contract through the Office of the Attorney General related to a change in vendor name.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37846 Authorize the County Judge to execute a First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hays County and Burnet County for Jail Services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the County Judge to execute a First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hays County and Burnet County for Jail Services.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37847 Authorize Security One to install a Cellular Communicator to the fire alarm system at the Precinct 4 building in the amount of \$800.00 and execute the updated systems monitoring agreement and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize Security One to install a Cellular Communicator to the fire alarm system at the Precinct 4 building in the amount of \$800.00 and execute the updated systems monitoring agreement and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37848 Approve the rejection of all bids related to IFB 2022-B09 RM 12 at RM 3237 Intersection.

Judge Becerra asked for clarification. Commissioner Shell explained both bids were well outside the engineer's estimates. They plan to separate the project between the County and Wimberley and get more favorable pricing for the project that the County is responsible for.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the rejection of all bids related to IFB 2022-B09 RM 12 at RM 3237 Intersection.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37849 Approval to hold an online auction with Rene Bates Auctioneers to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 263.152 (a)(1) and authorize Purchasing to advertise. Purchasing is also seeking approval to properly dispose of items that are placed in the online auction, but do not sell, in accordance with 263.152 (a) (3) (4).

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approval to hold an online auction with Rene Bates Auctioneers to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 263.152 (a)(1) and authorize Purchasing to advertise. Purchasing is also seeking approval to properly dispose of items that are placed in the online auction, but do not sell, in accordance with 263.152 (a) (3) (4).

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37850 Authorize the execution of the FY 2023 Interlocal Contract for the Next Generation 9-1-1 Database Program with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) for emergency communications Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services to be provided by the County with no County matching funds required.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of the FY 2023 Interlocal Contract for the Next Generation 9-1-1 Database Program with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) for emergency communications Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services to be provided by the County with no County matching funds required.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37851 Receive and Ratify the finalized Parks Bond Agreements: Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs, Texas; Hays County, Texas; Dripping Springs Skatepark, Inc., and the Dripping Springs Community Foundation for the Construction of Dripping Springs Regional Skate Park, to be constructed at The Founders Memorial Park, a Public Property owned by the City of Dripping Springs, Texas; Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kyle, Texas and Hays County, Texas for the Improvement of Park Facilities at Sites owned by the City of Kyle, Texas; Roadway Maintenance and Easement Agreement-Sentinel Peak; and Agreement between Patriots' Hall of Dripping Springs, Texas and Hays County, Texas for the Improvement of Property Dedicated for the Benefit of Military Veterans and the Public and amend the budget accordingly.

Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, stated this creates a court record that will be searchable at a later date and serves to ratify the finalized agreement if any minor changes were made after approval. Commissioner Smith thanked Kennedy and the Office of General Counsel for their work on these projects and stated there is additional funding that will be used for construction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to receive and Ratify the finalized Parks Bond Agreements: Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs, Texas; Hays County, Texas; Dripping Springs Skatepark, Inc., and the Dripping Springs Community Foundation for the Construction of Dripping Springs Regional Skate Park, to be constructed at The Founders Memorial Park, a Public Property owned by the City of Dripping Springs, Texas; Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kyle, Texas and Hays County, Texas for the Improvement of Park Facilities at Sites owned by the City of Kyle, Texas; Roadway Maintenance and Easement Agreement-Sentinel Peak; and Agreement between Patriots' Hall of Dripping Springs, Texas and Hays County, Texas for the Improvement of Property Dedicated for the Benefit of Military Veterans and the Public and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37852 Authorize the County Judge to execute a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hays County and the Wimberley Independent School District related to the addition of two (2) additional School Resource Officers.

Commissioner Shell stated this has not yet been approved by the Wimberley school board. Judge Becerra emphasized the need to support the schools in their efforts to protect students. Commissioner Shell suggested using ARPA funds to add additional officers in the future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hays County and the Wimberley Independent School District related to the addition of two (2) additional School Resource Officers.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37853 Authorize payment to Truck City Ford in the amount of \$2,092.35 for the Constable, Precinct 3 Office related to battery and A/C compressor replacement on a 2015 Ford F-150, in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize payment to Truck City Ford in the amount of \$2,092.35 for the Constable, Precinct 3 Office related to battery and A/C compressor replacement on a 2015 Ford F-150, in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37854 Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute an Application for Eligibility to participate in the Texas Facilities Commission Federal Surplus Property Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute an Application for Eligibility to participate in the Texas Facilities Commission Federal Surplus Property Program.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37855 Hold a public hearing with possible action to establish 3-way stop locations on Flaming Cliff Road: at the intersection with Whisper Valley Drive (west end); at the intersection with Round Bluff Circle (private road); at the intersection with Whisper Valley Drive (east end).

Judge Becerra opened the Public Hearing at 10:41 a.m. No comments were made. Judge Becerra closed the Public Hearing at 10:41 a.m. Commissioner Shell stated the Transportation Department completed a study and determined this is needed due to increased traffic in the area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to establish 3-way stop locations on Flaming Cliff Road: at the intersection with Whisper Valley Drive (west end); at the intersection with Round Bluff Circle (private road); at the intersection with Whisper Valley Drive (east end).

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37856 Discussion and possible action to consider the acceptance of road construction & surface drainage improvements for The Vineyard subd., Phase 2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the road construction & surface drainage improvements for The Vineyard subd., Phase 2.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37857 Discussion and possible action to call for a public hearing on August 16, 2022 to establish a 4-way stop location on Vista Gardens Drive at the intersection with Parkrose Drive to help control traffic for the new Sunfield Elementary School.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to call for a public hearing on August 16, 2022 to establish a 4-way stop location on Vista Gardens Drive at the intersection with Parkrose Drive to help control traffic for the new Sunfield Elementary School.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37858 Discussion and possible action to call for a public hearing on August 16, 2022 to establish a 2-way stop location on Sunbright Blvd at the intersection with the school entrance-only drive to help control traffic for the new Sunfield Elementary School.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to call for a public hearing on August 16, 2022 to establish a 2-way stop location on Sunbright Blvd at the intersection with the school entrance-only drive to help control traffic for the new Sunfield Elementary School.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37859 Discussion and possible action to call for a public hearing on August 16, 2022 to establish a 4-way stop location on Sunbright Blvd at the intersection with Vista Gardens Drive to help control traffic for the new Sunfield Elementary School.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to call for a public hearing on August 16, 2022 to establish a 4-way stop location on Sunbright Blvd at the intersection with Vista Gardens Drive to help control traffic for the new Sunfield Elementary School.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37860 Discussion and possible action to accept Subdivision Improvements Performance Bond No. 0699738 for street and drainage improvements in the amount of \$806,832.65 for Crosswinds, Phase 4-A Subdivision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept Subdivision Improvements Performance Bond No. 0699738 for street and drainage improvements in the amount of \$806,832.65 for Crosswinds, Phase 4-A Subdivision.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37861 Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute Change Order No. 14 in the amount of \$50,775.24 to the Construction Contract between Hays County and Cox Commercial Construction for the RM 3237 at RM 150 Roundabout (IFB2021-B06) project as part of the Hays County Road Bond Program in Precinct 3 and amend the budget accordingly.

Commissioner Shell stated the project is close to being complete and thanked the Transportation Department for their oversight.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to execute Change Order No. 14 in the amount of \$50,775.24 to the Construction Contract between Hays County and Cox Commercial Construction for the RM 3237 at RM 150 Roundabout (IFB2021-B06) project as part of the Hays County Road Bond Program in Precinct 3 and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37862 Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute Amendment #2 to an Advance Funding Agreement between Hays County and Texas Transportation Department (TxDOT) regarding the FM 621 Corridor Safety Improvements project.

Commissioner Ingalsbe stated that due to nationwide inflation, TXDOT agreed to be responsible for 50% of construction cost overruns for this segment. Judge Becerra thanked TXDOT for their contribution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize the County Judge to execute Amendment #2 to an Advance Funding Agreement between Hays County and Texas Transportation Department (TxDOT) regarding the FM 621 Corridor Safety Improvements project.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37863 Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Garver, LLC for engineering design and support services for Drainage and Low Water Crossing Improvements at Bear Creek Pass in Precinct 4 project as part of the Road Bond Program.

Commissioner Smith stated this will allow for the map to be revised.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Garver, LLC for engineering design and support services for Drainage and Low Water Crossing Improvements at Bear Creek Pass in Precinct 4 project as part of the Road Bond Program.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37864 Discussion and possible action to consider the acceptance of road construction & surface drainage improvements, release of the Letter of Credit #SBP702741 in the amount of \$808,725.50, acceptance of the 2-year maintenance bond #4442353MNT-1 in the amount of \$97,283.82, and acceptance of the 1-year revegetation bond #4442353MNT-2 in the amount of \$72,930.70 for Parten Ranch subd., Phase 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to accept the road construction & surface drainage improvements, release the Letter of Credit #SBP702741 in the amount of \$808,725.50, accept the 2-year maintenance bond #4442353MNT-1 in the amount of \$97,283.82, and accept the 1-year revegetation bond #4442353MNT-2 in the amount of \$72,930.70 for Parten Ranch subd., Phase 3.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37865 PLN-1927-PC; Call for Public Hearing on August 16th, 2022 to discuss final action on the proposed Burnett Ranch, Section 1, Lot 11, Replat.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to call for Public Hearing on August 16th, 2022 to discuss final action on the proposed Burnett Ranch, Section 1, Lot 11, Replat.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37866 PLN-2003-NP; Rainbow Ranch, Lots 6A & 6B, Final. Discussion and possible action to approve the final plat.

Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the item and stated it has full staff recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the final plat of Rainbow Ranch, Lots 6A & 6B.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37867 PLN-1976-NP; Haydon Estates, Section 1. Discussion and possible action to approve the final plat.

Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the final plat of Haydon Estates, Section 1.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37868 PLN-1977-NP; Haydon Estates, Section 2. Discussion and possible action to approve the final plat.

Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the final plat of Haydon Estates, Section 2.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37869 PLN-1949-PC; Call for Public Hearing on August 16th, 2022 to discuss final action on the proposed Glenn H. Kothmann Properties Subdivision, Lot 39, Replat.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to call for Public Hearing on August 16th, 2022 to discuss final action on the proposed Glenn H. Kothmann Properties Subdivision, Lot 39, Replat.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Discussion on status of salary study and approval of Management Advisory Group International, Inc. recommendations for salary study target markets.

Shari Miller, Director of Human Resources, provided a status report on the salary study. The company chosen to complete the study has received the County's data and suggests adding Bastrop, Bell, and Bexar Counties to the list of entities to benchmark Hays County positions against. The court further discussed entities to benchmark against, including local municipalities and universities. Miller stated the study is behind schedule due to the time it took to send the data file. Commissioner Smith emphasized the need to have results from the study for the budget process. Judge Becerra noted Department Heads are having to compromise the services they provide due to large labor shortages and asked that a sense of urgency is conveyed to the company conducting the study. No action taken.

37870 Discussion and possible action to renew coverage with United Healthcare for Health and Dental Employee and Retiree Insurance.

Shari Miller, Director of Human Resources, stated they are happy with the services United Healthcare is providing and do not see the need to rebid. The court agreed with Miller.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to renew coverage with United Healthcare for Health and Dental Employee and Retiree Insurance.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37871 Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute a Hays County Social Service Funding Agreement with United Way for Greater Austin regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Cancer Screening and Treatment for individuals living at or below 250% of the federal poverty level and are uninsured and not eligible for other resources and amend the budget accordingly.

Commissioner Ingalsbe introduced the item, spoke about the importance of early detection of cancer, and thanked those involved with this project. Commissioner Smith thanked Commissioner Ingalsbe and spoke about the community involvement with this project and the lack of access to preventative cancer screenings during the pandemic. Judge Becerra thanked United Way for Greater Austin. Ellen Richards, Vice President of United Way for Greater Austin, spoke about the need for these services in Central Texas. Eric Boehning, Ardurra Senior Project Manager, spoke about the justification of using ARPA funds for this. Commissioner Smith suggested expanding services to include more health screenings such as vision tests for children. Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, clarified a few points from the agreement but stated there were no substantial changes. Commissioner Smith clarified that this item was sponsored by Commissioner Ingalsbe and himself.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to execute a Hays County Social Service Funding Agreement with United Way for Greater Austin regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Cancer Screening and Treatment for individuals living at or below 250% of the federal poverty level and are uninsured and not eligible for other resources and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37872 Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of an agreement with HDR Architecture, Inc. related to a long-term space needs assessment for the Precinct 4 offices in Dripping Springs and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024(a)(4).

Commissioner Smith spoke about the need for expansion in Precinct 4 offices. Judge Becerra asked if there are plans for expansion in other County offices. Commissioner Smith stated HDR is also working with the City of Dripping Springs and the facility could be co-located with the city. Commissioner Shell mentioned HDR is also working on the Government Center, which will need to expand to provide space for the new court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the execution of an agreement with HDR Architecture, Inc. related to a long-term space needs assessment for the Precinct 4 offices in Dripping Springs and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024(a)(4).

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37873 Approve specifications for RFQ 2022-Q05 Auditing Services and authorize Purchasing to solicit for proposals and advertise.

Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, Hays County Auditor, explained this is a request to approve specifications for the CPA firm that will be auditing the County's financial statements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve specifications for RFQ 2022-Q05 Auditing Services and authorize Purchasing to solicit for proposals and advertise.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37874 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Office of Emergency Services HazMat Division to purchase one Sensit HXG-3P LEL Meter with pump valued at \$1,047.86 and amend the budget accordingly.

Mike Jones, Director of Emergency Services, explained these tools will be more precise in identifying gas leaks. Judge Becerra thanked Jones for staying ahead of this issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize the Office of Emergency Services HazMat Division to purchase one Sensit HXG-3P LEL Meter with pump valued at \$1,047.86 and amend the budget accordingly.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37875 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Juvenile Detention Center to hire the Licensed Mental Health Counselor position, slot 9021-001 at the 75th percentile effective August 15, 2022.

Brett Littlejohn, Hays County Juvenile Center Administrator, stated this counselor position is focused on substance abuse and has been vacant for almost a year. Commissioner Ingalsbe expressed her support for this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the Juvenile Detention Center to hire the Licensed Mental Health Counselor position, slot 9021-001 at the 75th percentile effective August 15, 2022.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37876 Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 2023 budget including a presentation of the Budget Office recommended budget and selection of dates for budget workshops.

Vickie Dorsett, Hays County Budget Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2023 recommended budget, which included the tax rate, personnel funds, and social service agency funds. Dorsett recommended removing 36 positions from the budget that have been vacant for more than 1 year. The court discussed scheduling for the budget workshops and public hearing. Commissioner Shell thanked Vickie Dorsett and Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo for their hard work in the creation of the Budget Office. Commissioner Smith asked for clarification on the September public hearing on the tax rate. Dorsett explained the hearing will occur if the court does not adopt the No New Revenue Rate. Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, Hays County Auditor, thanked Dorsett and Scott Woodland, Accounting Manager, for their work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to set the FY 2023 budget workshops for August 9, 2022 and August 16, 2022 at 11 a.m., and set the FY 2023 budget public hearing for August 23, 2022 at 1 p.m.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Clerk's Note: Executive Session began at 11:41 p.m. and resumed back into open court at 12:51 p.m.

37877 Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code deliberation regarding employment and duties of all positions within the Office of Emergency Services. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve a salary exception to the 25th percentile for GIS CAD Analyst 0990-001 effective June 27, 2022.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease and/or value of real property associated with the POSAC-recommended 2020 Parks and Open Space Bond Projects. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

No action taken.

Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Shamrock. Possible action may follow in open court.

No action taken.

37878 Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease and/or value of Right of Way located at or near Windy Hill in Pct. 1. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept landowner's counteroffer and authorize execution of a Purchase Agreement for Parcel 10 of the Windy Hill Road project, owned by Joshua and Anne Walker, as presented in Executive Session.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept landowner's counteroffer and authorize execution of a Purchase Agreement for Parcel 51 of the Windy Hill Road project, owned by Juan Campos, as presented in Executive Session.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

37879 Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease and/or value of Right of Way located at or near FM 621 in Pct. 1. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept landowner's counteroffer and authorize execution of a Purchase Agreement for Parcel 8 of the FM 621 Improvement project, owned by Benchmark Acquisitions, as presented in Executive Session.

AYE: Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Shell, Commissioner Smith, Judge Becerra
5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Commissioner Ingalsbe commented the acquisition for Right of Way has already been done. This acquisition is for an Easement needed to relocate a Crystal Clear Water easement.

Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel related to public financing of the La Cima subdivision(s). Possible action may follow in open court.

No action taken.

Discussion and possible action related to the burn ban.

Mark Wobus, Hays County Fire Marshal, recommended the burn ban stay in effect. The current KBDI is 736. Reported acreage burned across Texas is 600,000. Temperatures have been 100 degrees or higher the last 50 days. There have been about 4 fires of significant acreage (50 acres or larger) in Hays County due to accidental causes. No action taken.

Discussion related to the Hays County inmate population, to include current population counts and costs.

Judge Becerra read the Sheriff's update of the inmate population. Current maximum jail capacity is 410 inmates. Jail Standards recommends holding 10% open, lowering current capacity to 368 inmates. The jail's daily average was 678 for the week of July 24, 2022 with a peak of 690 inmates on July 25, 2022. The estimated cost for outsourcing inmates this week was \$101,333. The average number of outsourced males is 171 and females is 38. This week's inmates were housed in the following counties: Atascosa, Blanco, Burnet, Comal, Fort Bend, Lee, Maverick, and Red River. The number of arrests made by agency are as follows; Buda Police Department - 2, Department of Public Safety - 5, Hays County Sheriff's Office - 52, Constable Precinct 1 - 7, Kyle Police Department - 25, San Marcos Police Department - 35, Texas State Police Department - 2. The number of "paper-ready" inmates who are now wardens of the state is 30. No action taken.

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #M-3 RE: Discussion of issues related to the Hays County Jail, and the planning of projects pertaining to the public safety facilities needs within the County. Possible action may follow. - **WAS PULLED.**

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #M-4 RE: Discussion and possible action regarding Hays County's use of federal or other grant funding related to COVID-19 response including but not limited to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). - **WAS PULLED.**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Judge Becerra to adjourn court at 12:53 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 August 2, 2022.



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

