

## HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES



AUGUST 9, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS \*  
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 9th 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:

Michael Pigg with Wayfinders Church 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

*Laura Nunn made a public comment concerning the results of the 2020 election and electronic voting. Tamara Beck made a public comment concerning a proposed RV park development and possible water shortages that may result. Venus Wilder made a public comment concerning election integrity and the voting process. Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning expected population growth in the area and high taxes.*

Presentation by the Homeless Coalition of Hays County on the 2022 Point-in-Time Report.

*Reverend Joshua Sutherlun, Chair of the Homeless Coalition of Hays County, introduced Nancy Heintz, Coordinator of the Point-in-Time Count. Heintz presented the Point-in-Time Count for homelessness from January 27, 2022 and spoke about how the survey was conducted. Sutherlun provided specific numbers for those experiencing homelessness in Hays County, including first time and chronic homelessness, veterans, and children in shelters. He asked for representation in the Coalition from the County. Commissioner Ingalsbe thanked the presenters for bringing awareness to this issue. Commissioner Smith suggested coordinating with the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, the School Districts, and veteran services. Heintz spoke about the unique situation of unsheltered students and the difficulties involved with chronic homelessness. Commissioner Smith spoke about including recipients of ERA funding in the count. Judge Becerra thanked the presenters for their work. No action taken.*

Update by Staff from the Office of General Counsel on the Hays County Animal Control Ordinance.

*Jordan Powell, Assistant General Counsel, said revisions are still being made to the Ordinance. Main focuses right now are legislative updates to animal control, best practices, and diverting cats from the shelter through Trap, Neuter, and Return. Judge Becerra asked about a potential timeline for the completed Ordinance. Powell said there are many players involved, and it could take a few more months. Judge Becerra explained that the County is creating a unified policy. Commissioner Smith spoke about the possible new animal facility and the need for consistent rules across the municipalities in the County. No action taken.*

**37880 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**

**37881 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**

**37882 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**

**37883 Approve the payment of the August 15, 2022 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$3,185,000.00 effective August 15, 2022 and post totals for wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the payment of the August 15, 2022 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$3,185,000.00 effective August 15, 2022 and post totals for wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.

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

**37884 Authorize Building Maintenance to replace the existing HVAC Unit #5 located at the Precinct 5 building with a new American Standard HVAC unit in the amount of \$4,588.60 and amend the budget accordingly.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize Building Maintenance to replace the existing HVAC Unit #5 located at the Precinct 5 building with a new American Standard HVAC unit in the amount of \$4,588.60 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37885 Authorize payment to the Lower Colorado River Authority for radio repairs totaling \$507.50 where 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 the Lower Colorado River Authority for radio repairs totaling \$507.50 where 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**

**37886 Authorize the County Judge to execute Terms and Conditions with Power Digital Management Software for the Field Training Officer subscription purchased through SHI Government Solutions, Inc.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute Terms and Conditions with Power Digital Management Software for the Field Training Officer subscription purchased through SHI Government Solutions, Inc.

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

**37887** Approve the purchase for three 2022 fully equipped Harley Davison Motorcycles for Constable Pct. 1, Constable Pct. 4 and Constable Pct. 5. and amend the budget accordingly.

*Judge Becerra asked for justification for this item. Commissioner Smith said they are ordering them now due to delays in production, and maintenance will be done in-house. Commissioner Ingalsbe explained this was requested in the budget and asked for the Constable's Office to elaborate. Chief Deputy Michael Varela, Constable Precinct 1, stated the department has one motorcycle being repaired, and they are hoping to add a second motorcycle officer to carry out all duties of the office. Commissioner Smith elaborated on the short life cycle of motorcycles and the inability to use older ones the County already possesses. Judge Becerra suggested selling old motorcycles instead of transferring them when they are no longer usable. Chief Deputy Varela explained the older motorcycles are used for training due to the rough handling involved. Judge Becerra and Chief Deputy Varela discussed justification for this purchase and the increased responsibilities of the Constable's Office. Commissioner Smith mentioned there is an outline of the Constable's duties in the budget presented at the previous meeting.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the purchase for three 2022 fully equipped Harley Davison Motorcycles for Constable Pct. 1, Constable Pct. 4 and Constable Pct. 5. and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37888** Authorize the Hays County Judge to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Jail Shower Stalls and Toilet Partitions at the Hays County Law Enforcement Center Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the Hays County Judge to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Jail Shower Stalls and Toilet Partitions at the Hays County Law Enforcement Center Project.

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

**37889** Authorize Building Maintenance to upgrade existing Unit 4 from an R-22 refrigerant system to an R-410a refrigerant system at the Precinct 4 Building in the amount of \$8,359.10 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize Building Maintenance to upgrade existing Unit 4 from an R-22 refrigerant system to an R-410a refrigerant system at the Precinct 4 Building in the amount of \$8,359.10 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37890** Authorize the Sheriff's Office to use existing funds to purchase equipment valued at \$8,880.00 for three new positions added in FY 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the Sheriff's Office to use existing funds to purchase equipment valued at \$8,880.00 for three new positions added in FY 2022.

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

**37891** Authorize the County Judge to execute a pricing supplement increase for the Sheriff's Office of \$335.00 per month with TransUnion for investigative searches.

*Judge Becerra asked the budget office for clarification on this expense.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute a pricing supplement increase for the Sheriff's Office of \$335.00 per month with TransUnion for investigative searches.

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

**37892** Accept the delivery of the Internal Examination reports for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 Hays County Sheriff's Office Federal Discretionary Account, Hays County District Attorney's Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account, Hays County Sheriff's Office Jail Commissary, Constable 2's Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account, and Fiscal Year 2020 Hays County Sheriff's Office Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to accept the delivery of the Internal Examination reports for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 Hays County Sheriff's Office Federal Discretionary Account, Hays County District Attorney's Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account, Hays County Sheriff's Office Jail Commissary, Constable 2's Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account, and Fiscal Year 2020 Hays County Sheriff's Office Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account.

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

**37893** Authorize the County Judge to approve an Agreement with Permitium LLC for an Online Vital Records Requests Application for the Hays County Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to approve an Agreement with Permitium LLC for an Online Vital Records Requests Application for the Hays County Clerk's Office.

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

**37894** Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 2 and Commissioner Pct. 3 Office to utilize available funding from their operating budgets to fund an Official Texas Historical Marker for the San Vicente Cemetery in Kyle and amend the budget accordingly.

*Judge Becerra offered money from his budget for this item. Commissioner Jones spoke about the significance of this Historical Marker and thanked Commissioner Shell for his contribution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the Commissioner Pct. 2 and Commissioner Pct. 3 Office to utilize available funding from their operating budgets to fund an Official Texas Historical Marker for the San Vicente Cemetery in Kyle and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37895** Amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for FY 2022 quarterly financial reporting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for FY 2022 quarterly financial reporting.

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

**37896** Authorize the Juvenile Probation Department to accept \$4,800.00 additional grant funding from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) for PREA monitoring services and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the Juvenile Probation Department to accept \$4,800.00 additional grant funding from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) for PREA monitoring services and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37897** Authorize the Juvenile Probation Department to accept \$5,297.19 additional funding from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) for Risk & Needs Assessment services and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the Juvenile Probation Department to accept \$5,297.19 additional funding from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) for Risk & Needs Assessment services and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37898** Discussion and possible action to call for a public hearing on August 23, 2022 to establish stop & yield locations in the River Oaks of Wimberley subdivision as shown on map provided and described in the agenda item summary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to call for a public hearing on August 23, 2022 to establish stop & yield locations in the River Oaks of Wimberley subdivision as shown on map provided and described in the agenda item summary.

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

**37899** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute a TIA Contribution Agreement between Hays County and Arroyo Cap 11-1, LLC for Hymeadow, Section 3, Phase 3 (154 lots), and amend the budget accordingly.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe stated the proceeds will be used to improve roads that are impacted by the subdivision.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize the County Judge to execute a TIA Contribution Agreement between Hays County and Arroyo Cap 11-1, LLC for Hymeadow, Section 3, Phase 3 (154 lots), and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37900** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute two TIA Contribution agreements between Hays County and Lennar Homes for Sunset Oaks, Section 4, Phase 2A (138 lots) and Sunset Oaks, Section 4, Phase 2B (152 lots), and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute two TIA Contribution agreements between Hays County and Lennar Homes for Sunset Oaks, Section 4, Phase 2A (138 lots) and Sunset Oaks, Section 4, Phase 2B (152 lots), and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37901** PLN-1893-NP; 272 AC Fitzhugh, Preliminary Plan (37 lots). Discussion and possible action to approve the preliminary plan.

*Robert Beck made a public comment concerning a possible increase in the volume of water and salt used due to the increased development. Sarah Davis made a public comment against the development of an RV park and the increase in water usage it would cause. Commissioner Shell clarified what the Commissioners are allowed to comment on during Court meetings and that they are unable to deny permits for development based on proposed use of the property. The County's issuance of permits are based on wastewater, floodplains, and fire codes, not groundwater use. The County does require water availability studies to be completed. He stated a long-term goal would be for unincorporated areas to be able to determine their own development restrictions. Elaine Cardenas, County Clerk, clarified the RV park development is not on this week's agenda. Cardenas read an emailed public comment from Mark Key that stated this item conflicts with a Resolution passed by the Court in 2021. Commissioner Shell explained why the item does not conflict with the Resolution. Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the item and stated the subdivision meets all County regulations. The County is awaiting the water availability study. Commissioner Shell amended his motion to be conditional upon a water availability study. Commissioner Smith said he prefers projects with larger lot sizes like this development to avoid high density. He has asked the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association to consider legislative priority for more zoning authority. Pacheco explained the water availability study, and the court discussed action that can be taken once they have the results. Commissioner Ingalsbe thanked those who made public comments and emphasized that this item is not for an RV park. Commissioner Shell stated if the RV park is not a formal subdivision it will likely not be on a court agenda, unless the developers are requesting any variances. Permits are granted administratively through Development Services.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the preliminary plan of 272 AC Fitzhugh (37 lots), conditional upon a water availability study.

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

**37902** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 Office to hire the Justice Clerk slot 0855-011 position at the 50.54th percentile effective August 16, 2022 and amend the budget accordingly.

*Commissioner Smith gave support for this item. John Burns, Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace, described the candidate's qualifications. Judge Becerra asked how long the position has been vacant. Judge Burns responded 2 months. Commissioner Ingalsbe noted there is a salary study currently taking place. Commissioner Shell thanked Judge Burns for bringing this item to court.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 Office to hire the Justice Clerk slot 0855-011 position at the 50.54th percentile effective August 16, 2022 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37903** Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of Ardurra for park and trails improvements associated with property owned by Hays County at the corner of Cape Road (CR299) and Flores Street in Precinct 1; and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe described her idea to add walking trails to this area to provide safety for students walking to school.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the selection of Ardurra for park and trails improvements associated with property owned by Hays County at the corner of Cape Road (CR299) and Flores Street in Precinct 1; and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract.

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

**37904** Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution of Hays County, Texas, setting the public hearing on the creation of the La Cima North Public Improvement District within the County, pursuant to Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code; authorizing the mailing and publication of notice of the public hearing in accordance with Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.

*Jordan Powell, Assistant General Counsel, provided background on the item. Judge Becerra asked that the public hearing be scheduled for 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. The court thanked General Counsel for their work on this. Judge Becerra asked that General Counsel provides illustrations for the public hearing.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt a Resolution of Hays County, Texas, setting the public hearing on the creation of the La Cima North Public Improvement District within the County for August 30, 2022 at 10 a.m., pursuant to Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code; authorizing the mailing and publication of notice of the public hearing in accordance with Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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

**37905** Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution of Hays County, Texas, setting the public hearing on the creation of the La Cima South Public Improvement District within the County, pursuant to Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code; authorizing the mailing and publication of notice of the public hearing in accordance with Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.

*Jordan Powell, Assistant General Counsel, provided background on the item. Judge Becerra asked that the public hearing be scheduled for 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. The court thanked General Counsel for their work on this. Judge Becerra asked that General Counsel provides illustrations for the public hearing.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adopt a Resolution of Hays County, Texas, setting the public hearing on the creation of the La Cima South Public Improvement District within the County for August 30, 2022 at 10 a.m., pursuant to Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code; authorizing the mailing and publication of notice of the public hearing in accordance with Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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

**37906** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute the Hays County American Rescue Plan Recovery Grant Agreement between Hays County and San Marcos Hays County EMS, Inc regarding recovery assistance for direct or indirect impacts of COVID-19 and amend the budget accordingly.

*Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, provided the court with non-substantive, but clarifying edits that are being made to the agreement. Commissioner Ingalsbe said this will improve response times of EMS. Commissioner Smith thanked Commissioner Shell for serving on the board and said he anticipates a similar item in the near future.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize the County Judge to execute the Hays County American Rescue Plan Recovery Grant Agreement between Hays County and San Marcos Hays County EMS, Inc regarding recovery assistance for direct or indirect impacts of COVID-19 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37907** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute the Hays County American Rescue Plan Recovery Grant Agreement between Hays County and Hays-Caldwell Women's Center regarding recovery assistance for direct or indirect impacts of COVID-19 and amend the budget accordingly.

*Commissioner Smith said this funding will help the HCWC recover from the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and will allow them to expand their facilities. Commissioner Jones thanked McCoy's Building Supply for keeping costs low for the County despite general price increases.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize the County Judge to execute the Hays County American Rescue Plan Recovery Grant Agreement between Hays County and Hays-Caldwell Women's Center regarding recovery assistance for direct or indirect impacts of COVID-19 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**Clerk's Note Agenda Item #K-7 RE:** *Discussion and possible action to approve the revised Hays County Animal Control Ordinance. - WAS PULLED.*

Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to requesting that the LCRA work with local leaders and stakeholders to accelerate the update of its Water Management Plan to implement a more protective approach to managing the Highland Lakes.

*Jo Karr Tedder, President of Central Texas Water Coalition, made a public comment regarding the Resolution and the need for water management. Commissioner Ingalsbe stated she has been made aware of concerns about the Resolution and would like more time to look into it. The court discussed with Tedder the progress this Resolution has made in surrounding counties. Commissioner Shell spoke about the complicated nature of this situation and said the LCRA has begun communicating with local jurisdictions about the current water management plan. Commissioner Smith spoke about the need for more water and his hesitancy in receiving it from Lake Travis. He expressed concerns over the Resolution and his willingness to work with Tedder and the State Legislature on this issue. Tedder spoke about the urgency of the issue and the need for regional collaboration. Judge Becerra expressed support for this issue. Commissioner Ingalsbe suggested changing the wording of the Resolution. Commissioner Jones noted the LCRA's current plan is to take action by 2025. Commissioner Smith said the LCRA is already working on their 2026 plan and spoke about his involvement in their meetings, inviting the court to join him. A motion was made by Judge Becerra to approve the Resolution. Motion failed due to lack of second. No action taken.*

**Clerk's Note:** Judge Becerra called for a recess that began at 11:11 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:23 a.m.

**Clerk's Note Agenda Item #K-9 RE:** *Discussion and possible action authorizing the County Judge to execute an Intergovernmental Inmate Housing Agreement between Hays County and Haskell County for the care and custody of overflow Hays County inmates. - WAS PULLED.*

11:00 a.m. - Budget Workshop regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Possible action may follow.

*Judge Becerra opened the Budget Workshop at 11:39 a.m. Vickie Dorsett, Hays County Budget Office, provided the court with a schedule for the workshop. She stated elected official salaries must be published by September 1. Shari Miller, Director of Human Resources, updated the court on the progress of the employee salary study and suggested working on the elected official salaries internally. The court discussed the need for results from the salary study. Dorsett stated several departments have requested incentive pay for bilingual employees. Commissioner Smith asked for a verification process for those receiving incentive pay. Dorsett stated there will be computer hardware price increases, and provided a schedule for the next meeting's budget workshop. Judge Becerra closed the Budget Workshop at 11:49 p.m. No action taken.*

**Clerk's Note:** Executive Session began at 12:21 p.m. and resumed back into open court at 1:07 p.m.

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.*

Discussion and possible action related to the burn ban.

*Mark Wobus, Fire Marshal, stated the burn ban is still in effect. He updated the court on various fires around the County. The court thanked first responders for their efforts to contain the fires, as well as individuals and businesses in the community for providing resources and food to volunteers. Wobus mentioned possible rain chances that are being monitored. 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 657 for the week of July 31, 2022 with a peak of 661 inmates on July 31, 2022. The estimated cost for outsourcing inmates this week was \$98,480. The average number of outsourced males is 165 and females is 39. This week's inmates were housed in the following counties: Atascosa, Blanco, Burnet, Comal, Fort Bend, Lee, Maverick, and Red River. The number of "paper-ready" inmates who are now wardens of the state is 25. No action taken.*

**Clerk's Note Agenda Item #N-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 #N-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 1:07 p.m.

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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 9, 2022.



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

