

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES



AUGUST 23, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS \*  
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 23rd 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:

Chris Millar, Lead Pastor at The Well Community 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**

*Mike Jones, Director of Emergency Services, made a public comment introducing the new Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) County Liaison Officer Taylor Holliday. Laura Nunn made a public comment concerning record retention and the 2020 General Election. P.J. Lemons made a public comment concerning the election process. Andre Lemke made a public comment concerning the election process. Debbie Adams made a public comment concerning election fraud. David Lemke made a public comment asking for assurance of election integrity. Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning County debt and spending. Amy Kamp made a public comment concerning complaints about medical services provided by the Hays County Jail.*

Update by Charlie Campise on the Hill Country Mental Health Development Disabilities Board Meeting.

*Charlie Campise, Secretary of Hill Country Mental Health and Development Disabilities Center, provided an update from the agency's last meeting. Topics included the next year's strategic plan, staff shortages, and the response to the Uvalde school shooting. The court discussed the funding used by the County for Mental Health Services and the possible creation of a mental health hospital using ARPA funds. No action taken.*

Presentation by Doucet and Associates, Inc. and Langford Community Management Services regarding the Vision Zero Program.

*John Doucet, Doucet and Associates, Inc. introduced the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program. Judy Langford, Langford Community Management Services, further explained the program and the Vision Zero Plan requirement. The court discussed potential uses of and the need for this funding. No action taken.*

**37937** Approve payments of County invoices.

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

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

**37938 Approve the payment of Juror checks.**

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

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

**37939 Approve the payment of United Healthcare claims.**

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

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

**37940 Approve Commissioners Court Minutes of July 5, 2022 and July 19, 2022.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve Commissioners Court Minutes of July 5, 2022 and July 19, 2022.

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

**37941 Authorize Building Maintenance to replace Circuit #1 on RTU-12 at the Government Center in the amount of \$10,520.74 and amend the budget accordingly.**

*Judge Becerra clarified this is for an air conditioning unit.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize Building Maintenance to replace Circuit #1 on RTU-12 at the Government Center in the amount of \$10,520.74 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37942 Authorize the Commissioner Pct. 1 Office to support Rodriguez Elementary in the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD) with family engagement activities for SMCISD students and staff.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize the Commissioner Pct. 1 Office to support Rodriguez Elementary in the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD) with family engagement activities for SMCISD students and staff.

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

**37943 Authorize the County Judge to execute a Certificate of Approval for Issuance of Tax-Exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for 1800 Apartments Ltd. located in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to execute a Certificate of Approval for Issuance of Tax-Exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for 1800 Apartments Ltd. located in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.

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

**37944 Amend the Election Contract Fee Fund operating budget for shipping costs associated with the purchase of 40 Election Vote Center Carts funded through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Security Grant.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to amend the Election Contract Fee Fund operating budget for shipping costs associated with the purchase of 40 Election Vote Center Carts funded through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Security Grant.

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

**37945** Authorize payment to Card Service Center in the amount \$880.00 for pizza that was purchased to feed firefighters and first responders at the Storm Rider fire, in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy.

*Judge Becerra and Commissioner Smith further explained this item.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize payment to Card Service Center in the amount \$880.00 for pizza that was purchased to feed firefighters and first responders at the Storm Rider fire, 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**

**37946** Amend the Sheriff's Office operating budget for needed vehicle maintenance and repairs in which insurance proceeds were received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to amend the Sheriff's Office operating budget for needed vehicle maintenance and repairs in which insurance proceeds were received.

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

**37947** Authorize the Jail to purchase and install 3 Vesda units for the fire alarm system valued at \$27,700.00 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Jail to purchase and install 3 Vesda units for the fire alarm system valued at \$27,700.00 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37948** Authorize a purchasing waiver to allow the Department of Public Safety License & Weights Division to purchase four (4) Patrol Tool Kit Bags from Breaching Technologies, Inc. (BTI).

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize a purchasing waiver to allow the Department of Public Safety License & Weights Division to purchase four (4) Patrol Tool Kit Bags from Breaching Technologies, Inc. (BTI).

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

**37949** Hold a public hearing with possible action to establish stop & yield locations in the River Oaks of Wimberley subdivision as shown on map provided and described in the agenda item summary.

*Judge Becerra opened the public hearing at 10:18 a.m. No comments were made. Judge Becerra closed the public hearing at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Shell stated he has worked with the River Oaks of Wimberley Property Owners Association on these locations.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith 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**

**37950** Discussion and possible action to accept the maintenance bond rider extension from Lockhart Excavation, LLC until January 14, 2023 for Heaton Hollow subdivision: Maintenance bond #61BSBID3153 in the amount of \$80,548.01.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the maintenance bond rider extension from Lockhart Excavation, LLC until January 14, 2023 for Heaton Hollow subdivision: Maintenance bond #61BSBID3153 in the amount of \$80,548.01.

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

**37951** Discussion and possible action to consider the release of the maintenance bond #064819K in the amount of \$130,086.89, and acceptance of the roads into the County Road Maintenance System, with the exception of the areas specified in the attached Extended Warranty exhibit and covered by a new 1-year maintenance bond #237702H in the amount of \$20,249.33 for Trails at Windy Hill subd., Phase 1.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe stated this item has staff recommendation.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to release the maintenance bond #064819K in the amount of \$130,086.89, and accept the roads into the County Road Maintenance System, with the exception of the areas specified in the attached Extended Warranty exhibit and covered by a new 1-year maintenance bond #237702H in the amount of \$20,249.33 for Trails at Windy Hill subd., Phase 1.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**37952** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of Fiscal Year Work Authorizations between Hays County and HNTB Corporation in the total amount of \$2,500,238.00 to continue providing General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/Program Management services for the Hays County 2016 Road Bond Program projects.

*Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning the cost of this item. Commissioner Jones and Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, explained the item. Jerry Borcharding, Transportation Department Director, expressed support for this item.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of Fiscal Year Work Authorizations between Hays County and HNTB Corporation in the total amount of \$2,500,238.00 to continue providing General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/Program Management services for the Hays County 2016 Road Bond Program projects.

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

NAY: Judge Becerra

**4 - 1 Passed**

**37953** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute a Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and LJA Engineering, Inc. to provide right of way acquisition services for the FM 2001 Gap Safety Improvements project in Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 and amend the budget accordingly.

*Commissioner Jones provided background on the item and spoke about the safety issues on these roads. Commissioner Ingalsbe thanked David Baylor, LJA Engineering Right of Way Director, for keeping them up to date on safety issues.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the County Judge to execute a Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and LJA Engineering, Inc. to provide right of way acquisition services for the FM 2001 Gap Safety Improvements project in Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**37954** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute Supplemental No. 11 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and HNTB Corporation and Fiscal Year Work Authorization for the Hays County/TxDOT Partnership Program General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/Program Management services in Hays County, increasing the Compensation Cap by \$240,404.00 from \$7,542,291.30 to \$7,782,695.30 and extending the termination date of the contract to September 30, 2023; authorizing a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chpt. 262.024 (a)(4).

*Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning the cost of this item. Commissioner Jones clarified the County cannot hire companies based on the salaries they pay their employees, and it would cost the County more to complete these projects internally. Commissioner Ingalsbe thanked HNTB for their open communication about ongoing projects. Commissioner Shell spoke about the lengthy process of road projects and the necessity of hiring experts to manage them. Commissioner Smith spoke about his positive experience working with HNTB. Carlos Lopez, HNTB Senior Vice President, was called on to answer the court's questions about ongoing road projects in the County.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute Supplemental No. 11 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and HNTB Corporation and Fiscal Year Work Authorization for the Hays County/TxDOT Partnership Program General Engineering Consultant (GEC)/Program Management services in Hays County, increasing the Compensation Cap by \$240,404.00 from \$7,542,291.30 to \$7,782,695.30 and extending the termination date of the contract to September 30, 2023; authorizing a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chpt. 262.024 (a)(4).

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

**37955** Discussion and possible action to create the Hays County Salary Grievance Committee for the remainder of the fiscal year Pursuant to Chapter 152 of the Local Government Code.

*Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, explained the Salary Grievance Committee process. The court discussed having both elected officials and members of the public serve on the committee. Judge Becerra drew the following public members: Sergio Maldonado, Craig Long, Phillip Kemink, Clayton Destefano, Mitchell Popp, Doris Wagner, Kimberly Shelly, Beverly Floyd, John Esquivel Jr., Oscar Gonzales, Ralph Rodriguez, Cheryl Ann Moreland, Deborah Lamica, Jerry Buchanan, Jason Prochaska, James Swallow, Victoria Garcia, Sierra Loera, George Peterson, Monica Swan, Randall Birkenfeld, Taylor Sahley, Denise Gadson, Jose Garza, and Aaron Ross*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to create the Hays County Salary Grievance Committee for the remainder of the fiscal year Pursuant to Chapter 152 of the Local Government Code.

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

**37956** Discussion and possible action to award RFQ 2022-Q03 Engineering Services - RM 2325 Sidewalk to Burgess & Niple, Inc. and authorize staff and General Counsel to negotiate a contract.

*Commissioner Shell explained the item.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to award RFQ 2022-Q03 Engineering Services - RM 2325 Sidewalk to Burgess & Niple, Inc. and authorize staff and General Counsel to negotiate a contract.

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

**37957** Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of Doucet & Associates, Inc pursuant to RFQ 2021-Q01 Professional Engineering Services, regarding the implementation of the Vision Zero Program, a national roadway program to create safer highways, roads and streets; and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract.

*Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning Commissioner Jones's campaign contributions. The court discussed how projects would be chosen. John Doucet, Doucet & Associates, Inc, explained projects are chosen based on traffic reports, number of fatalities, and public input. Commissioner Smith spoke about being able to use these funds on non-county roads and suggested working with the Justices of the Peace to determine where most fatalities happen. Commissioner Jones provided additional information on the program.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the selection of Doucet & Associates, Inc pursuant to RFQ 2021-Q01 Professional Engineering Services, regarding the implementation of the Vision Zero Program, a national roadway program to create safer highways, roads and streets; and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract.

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

**37958** Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of computer equipment and miscellaneous equipment utilizing state or local procurement; mobile radios utilizing a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024(a)(7)(D) and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the purchase of computer equipment and miscellaneous equipment utilizing state or local procurement; mobile radios utilizing a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024(a)(7)(D) and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**37959** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute a Master Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Hays County and the City of Austin for contracts procured through the Texas Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the County Judge to execute a Master Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Hays County and the City of Austin for contracts procured through the Texas Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative.

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

**37960** 1:00 p.m. - Hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023 Hays County Proposed Budget.

*Judge Becerra opened the public hearing at 1:09 p.m. Michele Donnelly spoke about the increased workload for PALS and requested additional funding. Vickie Dorsett, Hays County Budget Office, reviewed additional budget requests for the General Fund including Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 salary increase of \$9,172 which was approved August 9th, Juvenile Probation Department printing budget inadvertently left out of the budget in the amount of \$750, DPS License and Weight station water cooler for \$675 annually, Haskell County jail contract in the amount of \$3,467,000, 2 Wimberley SRO positions, 3 Constable positions with equipment in the amount of \$14,033, Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center for \$50,000, equipment purchases and vehicle lease assignments. The total impact to the General Fund would be \$208,178. The court discussed budgeting for additional projects. The court agreed to earmark 2.5 Million dollars per year, for the next 2 years, from reserve funds to help implement the Mental Health facility assessment currently under way to assist with the Mental Health effort.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Judge Becerra to approve the recommendations for the General Fund as discussed in court, with \$7,623 going into contingencies.

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

*The court discussed elected official salaries. Commissioner Shell suggested no increases for elected official salaries or allowances and putting the allocated 6% into the employee pool, with the Court agreeing.*

**Clerk's Note:** Judge Becerra called for a recess that began at 1:47 p.m. and resumed back into open court at 2:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to set the Fiscal Year 2023 salaries and allowances for Elected Officials as discussed with no increases and to accept the changes for the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget as presented by the County Budget Office; set a Final Public Hearing to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and levy the taxes to be held on September 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hays County Commissioner Courtroom located at 111 E. San Antonio St., San Marcos, Texas.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to set the Fiscal Year 2023 tax rate at .3125 cents as follows: .2037 cents for the General Maintenance and Operation rate, .0913 cents for the Debt rate, and .0175 cents for the Road and Bridge Maintenance and Operation rate.

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

*Commissioner Shell explained the various types of taxes, including the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter approved tax rate. Commissioner Smith emphasized that the tax rate is lower than the rate adopted in 1988. Judge Becerra clarified that the Central Appraisal District works independently of the Court. Judge Becerra closed the public hearing at 2:16 p.m.*

12:00 p.m. - Budget Workshop regarding the FY 2023 Hays County Budget. Possible action may follow.

*Judge Becerra opened the Budget Workshop at 12:00 p.m. Britney Richey, Hays County Treasurer, presented the Retiree Committee Recommendations. She recommended no changes this year, and an indexing study through TCDRS for possible increases next year. Shari Miller, Director of Human Resources, presented a recommended 6% salary increase for elected officials. Commissioner Shell spoke about the history of elected official salary increases and options moving forward. The Court discussed whether to increase elected official salaries based on similar county averages, job responsibilities, and previous action taken by the Court. Vickie Dorsett, Hays County Budget Office, reviewed budget requests made. The court agreed to include the following in the budget: \$10,000 for Central for the Indigenous and Tejano Community (CITC), \$10,000 for Greater San Marcos Area Seniors (a \$6,000 increase), \$40,000 from reserves for 4 HVAC units, \$50,000 from reserves for the Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center, \$10,000 for PALS, and an additional \$5,000 for Capital Idea. The court discussed the County Clerk's request for 2 new positions and cubicles. Commissioner Smith proposed setting aside \$500,000 for an online constituent portal. Judge Becerra closed the Budget Workshop at 1:09 p.m. No action taken.*

**Clerk's Note:** Executive Session began at 10:48 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:59 a.m.

**37961** 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 Parks and Open Space Projects being considered by Hays County. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe stated this is the former Quail Creek Country Club, it is at risk of development in an area that is prone to intermittent flooding, and this is an anchor project that helps to develop needed park and open space opportunities east of IH-35.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize the County Judge to execute an Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of San Marcos, related to the acquisition of 176.5 acres of land (located in Precinct 1) for Parkland purposes, as presented in Executive Session.

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

**4 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

Discussion and possible action related to the burn ban.

*Mark Wobus, Hays County Fire Marshal, updated the court on drought conditions and recent rainfall totals, and recommended the burn ban remain in effect. Judge Becerra spoke about the dangers of low water crossings. Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, stated the burn ban will expire in September and action will need to be taken at the next meeting if the court wishes to extend it. 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 647 with a peak of 653 inmates on August 14, 2022. The estimated cost for outsourcing inmates this week was \$79,739. The average number of outsourced males is 134 and females is 30. 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 17. 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 2:16 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 23, 2022.



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

