

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES



AUGUST 8, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS \*  
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 8th DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2023, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

RUBEN BECERRA	COUNTY JUDGE
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
MICHELLE COHEN	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
LON A. SHELL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
WALT SMITH	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4 Via Teams
ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS	COUNTY CLERK

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THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Pastor Darius Todd, Abundant Life Christian Church San Marcos, 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

*Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning wildfires and the need for additional exits from neighborhoods, as well as county spending.*

Presentation and update regarding the creation and work of the Hays County Behavioral Advisory Team (BAT).

*Commissioner Ingalsbe recognized members of the team that were present. Judge Elaine Brown, County Court at Law 3, updated the Court on the work of the Hays County BAT. Identified gaps in service include the need for crisis services, a diversion center, assertive community treatment programs, competency restoration, a behavioral health office, and an enhancement of 911 and law enforcement response to behavioral crises. So far, the BAT has created subcommittees to address the gaps in service, increased awareness throughout the community, and held a symposium on diversion court. Kelly Higgins, Hays County Criminal District Attorney, reiterated the identified gaps in service and spoke about the challenges those with mental illness face when going through the criminal justice system and how competency restoration can address them. Stan Stanridge, San Marcos Police Department Chief, spoke about the opportunity for Hays County to develop new services for mental health issues. The Court gave support for this initiative and thanked those involved. Alex Villalobos, Hays County Chief of Staff, spoke about the importance of preventing crises through education and awareness.*

**39251** Approve payments of County invoices.

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

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39252** Approve the payment of Juror checks.

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

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**39253** Approve the payment of United Healthcare claims.

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

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39254** Approve Commissioners Court Minutes of July 25, 2023 and August 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve Commissioners Court Minutes of July 25, 2023 and August 1, 2023.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39255** Approve the payment of the August 15, 2023 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 effective August 15, 2023 and post totals for wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the payment of the August 15, 2023 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 effective August 15, 2023 and post totals for wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39256** Authorize the execution of a contract amendment to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Public Health Workforce Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of a contract amendment to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Public Health Workforce Grant.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39257** Authorize the execution of an amendment to a grant award from the Department of State Health Services, Tuberculosis Prevention - Federal (TB-FED).

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the execution of an amendment to a grant award from the Department of State Health Services, Tuberculosis Prevention - Federal (TB-FED).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39258** Authorize the County Judge to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Hays County Local Health Department (HCLHD) for medications received through DSHS's Pharmacy Unit ordering platform.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the County Judge to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Hays County Local Health Department (HCLHD) for medications received through DSHS's Pharmacy Unit ordering platform.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39259** Authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) in the amount of \$10,000.00 and amend the budget accordingly.



A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) in the amount of \$10,000.00 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39260** Authorize the County Judge to execute an updated services agreement between Hays County and The Bug Master to add pest prevention services to the interior of the PSB 911 Call Center in the amount of \$115.00 quarterly and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the County Judge to execute an updated services agreement between Hays County and The Bug Master to add pest prevention services to the interior of the PSB 911 Call Center in the amount of \$115.00 quarterly and authorize a waiver to the purchasing policy.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39261** Authorize the transfer of \$1,100.00 to continuing education funds within the Development Services operating budget and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the transfer of \$1,100.00 to continuing education funds within the Development Services operating budget and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39262** Amend the Elections Administration Office continuing education budget for additional funds needed to attend the 41st Annual Election Law Seminar for County Election Officials held in Austin, Texas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to amend the Elections Administration Office continuing education budget for additional funds needed to attend the 41st Annual Election Law Seminar for County Election Officials held in Austin, Texas.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39263** Authorize IT and Election's Department to purchase security camera and monitoring system for the IT-Elections Building from Security One, Inc. and authorize a purchasing wavier to the Purchasing Policy and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize IT and Election's Department to purchase security camera and monitoring system for the IT-Elections Building from Security One, Inc. and authorize a purchasing wavier to the Purchasing Policy and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39264** Authorize the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5 Office to purchase one Microsoft Surface Go3 tablet utilizing the Justice Court Technology Fund and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5 Office to purchase one Microsoft Surface Go3 tablet utilizing the Justice Court Technology Fund and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**39265** Authorize additional travel funds for the Juvenile Probation Office related to juvenile placements and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize additional travel funds for the Juvenile Probation Office related to juvenile placements and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39266** Approve Utility Permits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve Utility Permits.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39267** Authorize the County Clerk's Office to purchase four additional modular desk units for staffing needs and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the County Clerk's Office to purchase four additional modular desk units for staffing needs and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39268** Authorize the Constable Pct. 5 Office to purchase additional law enforcement supplies utilizing continuing education savings and amend the budget accordingly.

*Vickie Dorsett, Hays County Budget Officer, explained the Constable Pct. 5 Office had additional firearms training that was paid for out of the continuing education fund and stated the amount requested in the backup is being reduced from \$900 to \$750.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the Constable Pct. 5 Office to purchase additional law enforcement supplies utilizing continuing education savings and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39269** Authorize the County Judge to execute an Interface Agreement between Hays County and Clinical Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (CPL) for an electronic medical record interface between CPL and CureMD.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the County Judge to execute an Interface Agreement between Hays County and Clinical Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (CPL) for an electronic medical record interface between CPL and CureMD.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39270** Approve the appointment of Alex Banbury to the Hays County Historical Commission to replace Jonafa Banbury, the County Judge's appointee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the appointment of Alex Banbury to the Hays County Historical Commission to replace Jonafa Banbury, the County Judge's appointee.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**39271** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Court to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Halff Associates, Inc. for appraisal review services on the RM 12 safety improvements near the intersection of Skyline Drive and Mountain Crest Drive project in Precinct 3, as part of the Hays County Road Bond Program.

*Commissioner Shell spoke about the progress of the project.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the Court to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and Halff Associates, Inc. for appraisal review services on the RM 12 safety improvements near the intersection of Skyline Drive and Mountain Crest Drive project in Precinct 3, as part of the Hays County Road Bond Program.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39272** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of Contract Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$55,000.00 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and BGE, Inc. for the RM 967 project from UPRR to IH-35 in Precinct 4; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024(a)(4) and amend the budget accordingly.

*Commissioner Smith explained this is the fastest way to have a traffic signal designed, which is needed due to safety concerns at the intersection. Judge Becerra urged all involved to expedite the process and suggested temporary signage.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Judge Becerra to authorize the execution of Contract Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$55,000.00 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and BGE, Inc. for the RM 967 project from UPRR to IH-35 in Precinct 4; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Ch. 262.024(a)(4) and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39273** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute an Advance Funding Agreement Amendment No. 1 between Hays County and the Texas Department of Transportation relating to the US 290 at Trautwein Road intersection improvement project.

*Judge Becerra explained the benefits of Advance Funding Agreements. Commissioner Smith stated construction is expected to start before the end of the year.*

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute an Advance Funding Agreement Amendment No. 1 between Hays County and the Texas Department of Transportation relating to the US 290 at Trautwein Road intersection improvement project.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39274** Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of Doucet & Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for RM 12 from RM 150 to Golds Road project in Precinct 3; and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract.

*Commissioner Shell spoke about the long term improvements needed on this roadway and explained why these projects take several years to be completed.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the selection of Doucet & Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for RM 12 from RM 150 to Golds Road project in Precinct 3; and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**39275** Hold a public hearing with possible action to establish a 3-way stop at the intersection La Ventana Parkway and Elder Hill Road.

*Judge Becerra opened the Public Hearing at 10:42 a.m. David Blackwell spoke about the location of the 3-way stop and suggested adding flashing lights closer to the sharp turn in the road to alert drivers. Jennifer Manning spoke about the location of the 3-way stop and stated this intersection is too far from the portion of road where accidents occur for the stop to be useful. Judge Becerra closed the Public Hearing at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Smith spoke about safety issues at this road and explained how a 3-way stop should slow down traffic prior to the turn. David Blackwell expressed concerns over the effectiveness of this safety measure. Commissioner Smith spoke about resident concerns about this portion of the road that have been brought to him and further explained why he believes this will be effective, including a recommendation from the Transportation Department. Commissioner Shell spoke about the challenges of balancing road improvements and controlling speed. Judge Becerra stated he plans to visit the site to learn more about the traffic issues. Commissioner Ingalsbe noted this can be revisited and reevaluated for effectiveness once the 3-way stop is established.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to establish a 3-way stop at the intersection La Ventana Parkway and Elder Hill Road.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39276** Discussion and possible action to consider the release of the 2-year maintenance bond #107434401 in the amount of \$135,377.94, and the acceptance of roads into the county road maintenance system for Parten Ranch Phase 5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to release the 2-year maintenance bond #107434401 in the amount of \$135,377.94, and accept roads into the county road maintenance system for Parten Ranch Phase 5.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39277** Discussion and possible action to consider the release of the 2-year maintenance bond #135515C in the amount of \$284,666.74, and the acceptance of roads into the county road maintenance system for Hymeadow Section 2, Phase 1.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe corrected the spelling of the subdivision name and stated this has staff recommendation.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to release the 2-year maintenance bond #135515C in the amount of \$284,666.74, and accept roads into the county road maintenance system for Hymeadow Section 2, Phase 1.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39278** PLN-2248-PC; Hold for a Public Hearing, followed by discussion and possible action regarding Burnett Ranch, Sec 4, Blk 1, Lot 13, Replat.

*Judge Becerra opened the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. No comments were made. Judge Becerra closed the Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m. Colby Machacek, Hays County Development Services Planning Department, provided background on the property and stated staff recommends disapproval due to outstanding deficiencies noted in the backup. Development Services staff is willing to work with the applicant to address the deficiencies so that the item can be brought back to court for a final determination.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to disapprove Burnett Ranch, Sec 4, Blk 1, Lot 13, Replat (PLN-2248-PC).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**39279** PLN-2093-PRE; Discussion and possible action to consider granting a variance from Chapter 721 § 5.03 and Table 721.02 of the Hays County Development Regulations regarding the Hawk Ridge, Phase 2, Preliminary Plan.

*Colby Machacek, Hays County Development Services Planning Department, stated the Fire Marshal has reviewed the request and provided a letter of approval. Commissioner Smith spoke about drainage concerns and stated the Transportation Department no longer believes there is an issue. Jon Thompson, applicant, spoke about the development and stated this is the last step before the preliminary plan can be approved. Commissioner Shell and Commissioner Ingalsbe stated in the future they believe plans with these issues should be redrawn. Commissioner Smith agreed, but stated he was willing to sponsor this item so that the subdivision is able to maintain uniformity in its design.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to grant a variance from Chapter 721 § 5.03 and Table 721.02 of the Hays County Development Regulations regarding the Hawk Ridge, Phase 2, Preliminary Plan (PLN-2093-PRE).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39280** Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a contract between Hays County and Corrections Software Solutions regarding Pre-Trial Case Management Software (RFP 2023-P08) and amend the budget accordingly.

*Randy Focken, Director of Pre-Trial Services, explained this software is used widely across the state and will allow for better management of cases and communications. Judge Becerra asked how this will help reduce "Failures to Appear", and Focken stated this will provide two-way communication with individuals. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked if this will address the issue of case resets, and Focken explained this will give the ability to evaluate cases and determine why they are being stalled. Commissioner Cohen asked how notifications are being sent, and Focken stated both email and text messages will be used.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the execution of a contract between Hays County and Corrections Software Solutions regarding Pre-Trial Case Management Software (RFP 2023-P08) and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39281** Discussion and possible action to consider granting a variance to Section 10.W.1 of the Hays County Rules for On-Site Sewage Facilities and allow issuance of On-Site Sewage System permit to the owner of the property located at 6331 Niederwald Strasse, Kyle, TX 78620.

*Colby Machacek, Hays County Development Services Planning Department, explained the variance is needed due to the replat not being submitted to the county for review. Granting the variance would allow the construction of the system while the plat review process takes place. Judge Becerra spoke about the need for more coordination between the county and municipalities. Commissioner Shell noted there is a state law that requires cities and counties to streamline this process, and there are a few cities that are still lacking agreements with the county. Alex Hernandez, property owner, spoke about the process of constructing his house and the need for the variance. Commissioner Ingalsbe gave support for granting the variance and thanked Hernandez for his patience with the county.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to grant a variance to Section 10.W.1 of the Hays County Rules for On-Site Sewage Facilities and allow issuance of On-Site Sewage System permit to the owner of the property located at 6331 Niederwald Strasse, Kyle, TX 78620.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39282** Discussion and possible action to authorize execution of a General Letter of Understanding for implementation of Employee Navigator, operated by The Blue Orange Solutions, LLC, for County benefits management and authorize a waiver to the County Purchasing Policy.



*Shari Miller, Director of Human Resources, explained employee benefits have historically been managed on paper, and this new system's cost would be sponsored by Aflac, one of the county's insurance providers. This system would provide increased access to and better management of benefit information for both employees and Human Resources.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize execution of a General Letter of Understanding for implementation of Employee Navigator, operated by The Blue Orange Solutions, LLC, for County benefits management and authorize a waiver to the County Purchasing Policy.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39283** Discussion and possible action to authorize Building Maintenance to install an ADA ramp in front of the Thermon building leading from the parking lot to the building.

*Tammy Crumley, Director of Countywide Operations, explained the sidewalk needs to be updated to be ADA compliant.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize Building Maintenance to install an ADA ramp in front of the Thermon building leading from the parking lot to the building.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note:** Judge Becerra called for a recess that began at 11:00 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:14 a.m.

**39284** 11:00 a.m. - Budget Workshop regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Possible action may follow.

*Vickie Dorsett, Hays County Budget Officer, spoke to the Court about American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and options for allocating them to various organizations. The Court discussed how to fund School Resource Officers and decided to review their allocations and return with a proposal at the next meeting. Dorsett reviewed the Social Services fund requests and recommendations and the Court discussed allocation options.*

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the recommended FY 2024 Social Services Budget.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note:** Executive Session began at 11:59 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 1:33 p.m.

Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.076 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the deployment of security personnel or devices at the Hays County Government Center and each individual position within the Constables Office for Precinct 1.

*No action taken.*

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.

*No action taken.*



Discussion and possible action related to the burn ban.

*Judge Becerra spoke about the Oak Grove fire and thanked all firefighters, workers, and volunteers for their assistance. The fire burned 400 acres and one home was lost. He urged residents to trim trees on their property to mitigate risk and spoke about the importance of establishing additional routes out of neighborhoods with only one entrance. The Court thanked Jude Prather, Hays County Veteran Services Officer, Mike Jones, Director of the Office of Emergency Services, State Representative Erin Zwiener, Representative Chip Roy, and all who donated supplies and food. Commissioner Shell spoke about improving communication with citizens. Commissioner Smith thanked the A&M Forest Service for their coordination and assistance. 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 566 for the week of July 30, 2023, with a peak of 572 inmates on August 2, 2023. The estimated cost for outsourcing inmates this week was \$157,185. The average number of outsourced males is 240 and females is 7. This week's inmates were housed in the following counties: Comal, Haskell, and Maverick.*

**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.*

**Clerk's Note Agenda Item #N-5 RE:** *Updates of community health assessment by local health department. - WAS PULLED.*

**Clerk's Note Agenda Item #N-6 RE:** *Discussion and possible action related to proposed bills in the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature and to consider adoption of resolution(s) regarding proposed bills. The Court may opt to withdraw to Executive Session during this item to consult with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071. - WAS PULLED.*

**Clerk's Note Agenda Item #N-7 RE:** *Updates on measurable advancement of Pretrial Services to include the areas of staffing, equipment, training, operations and policy, by Director of Pre-Trial Services Randy Focken. - WAS PULLED.*

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Judge Becerra to adjourn court at 1:33 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 8, 2023.



*Elaine H. Cardenas*

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

