

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES



AUGUST 15, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS \*  
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 15th 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
ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS	COUNTY CLERK

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THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Pastor Darius Todd, Hays County Chaplain, 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 county spending and watershed protection.*

**39285** Adopt a Proclamation declaring the week of August 14, 2023 as Rose Brooks Week in Hays County.

*Rose Brooks thanked the Court for the Proclamation. The Court recognized and thanked Brooks for her service to the community.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to adopt a Proclamation declaring the week of August 14, 2023 as Rose Brooks Week in Hays County.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

Presentation by Christus Santa Rosa -- San Marcos, Interim CEO, Anne Pileggi and Christus Trinity Community Clinic Director, Kathleen Chomel, to provide an annual update on the operations and services provided to Hays County.

*Anne Pileggi reviewed the services provided to indigent patients in Hays County. Kathleen Chomel spoke about plans to expand access to healthcare and increase specialty providers. The Court discussed transportation issues and how to improve access to healthcare. Dr. Stephen Richardson spoke about telemedicine services available.*

**39286** 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**

**39287** 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**

**39288** 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**

**39289** Approve Commissioners Court Minutes of August 8, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve Commissioners Court Minutes of August 8, 2023.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39290** Authorize Representative Changes to the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC) account.

*Daphne Tenorio, Hays County Treasurer, explained this update will remove two former treasurers' names from the account and add Tenorio's, and will authorize the Auditor's Office to have inquiry review.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize Representative Changes to the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC) account.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39291** Accept \$76,560.00 in supplemental funds from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department related to post-TJJD disposition and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to accept \$76,560.00 in supplemental funds from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department related to post-TJJD disposition and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39292** Accept a donation of \$6,000.00 from Onera Wimberley for costs associated with the Transportation Departments installation of a Solar Radar Sign on Buttercup Lane and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to accept a donation of \$6,000.00 from Onera Wimberley for costs associated with the Transportation Departments installation of a Solar Radar Sign on Buttercup Lane and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39293** Accept delivery of the Quarterly Audit Reports for 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2023 for the following offices: Constable 3, Development Services, Elections, Fire Marshal, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1.1, Pct. 1-2, Pct. 4 and Pct. 5, Recycling and Solid Waste Centers, and Transportation.



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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39294** Authorize Recycling and Solid Waste to purchase two (2) Hessaire Portable Evaporative Coolers in the amount of \$1,510.00 each and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize Recycling and Solid Waste to purchase two (2) Hessaire Portable Evaporative Coolers in the amount of \$1,510.00 each and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39295** Authorize the execution of a Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement #2020-0107 with Texas State University for Task Order #3 concerning the project titled Blanco River-Aquifers Assessment Tool for Water and Understanding Sustainability Trends: Independent Technical Review.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39296** Authorize the County Judge to execute the Letter of Transfer for Held-In-Trust Collections and the Letter of Transfer/Ownership for the project records related to the Archeological Survey that was completed on Sentinel Peak.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the County Judge to execute the Letter of Transfer for Held-In-Trust Collections and the Letter of Transfer/Ownership for the project records related to the Archeological Survey that was completed on Sentinel Peak.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39297** Authorize the County Judge to execute a Letter of Support for the City of San Marcos Resilient Infrastructure Improvements Grant Application regarding the improvement of the stormwater drainage system within the Sunset Acres neighborhood located in Precinct 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the County Judge to execute a Letter of Support for the City of San Marcos Resilient Infrastructure Improvements Grant Application regarding the improvement of the stormwater drainage system within the Sunset Acres neighborhood located in Precinct 1.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39298** Authorize Building Maintenance to purchase a new Tiger Cat 61" Scag Mower in the amount of \$10,009.00 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize Building Maintenance to purchase a new Tiger Cat 61" Scag Mower in the amount of \$10,009.00 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**



**39299** Authorize the Local Health Department to purchase exam room furniture for the patient exam rooms at the Local Health Department and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the Local Health Department to purchase exam room furniture for the patient exam rooms at the Local Health Department and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39300** Authorize the Office of Emergency Services to transfer funds to continuing education in the Fire Marshal Fee Code Fund and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the Office of Emergency Services to transfer funds to continuing education in the Fire Marshal Fee Code Fund and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39301** Authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) FY24 Improvement Grant Program in the amount of \$61,913.00.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe thanked the TIDC for awarding the grant. Tammy Crumley, Director of Countywide Operations, noted this is a 4-year grant and the match increases every year.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) FY24 Improvement Grant Program in the amount of \$61,913.00.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39302** Approve renewal of IFB 2020-B06 Roadway Striping with D.I.J. Construction, Inc., effective June 1, 2023.

*Judge Becerra asked the Transportation Department to include the Courthouse Grounds in the next roadway striping project.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve renewal of IFB 2020-B06 Roadway Striping with D.I.J. Construction, Inc., effective June 1, 2023.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39303** Authorize the IT and Election's Department to purchase and install Networkx wireless networking locks system from Rick's Lock & Key Service, Inc. and authorize a wavier to the Purchasing Policy and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the IT and Election's Department to purchase and install Networkx wireless networking locks system from Rick's Lock & Key Service, Inc. and authorize a 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**

**39304** Authorize the IT and Election's Department to accept contract change order one in the amount of \$799.94 with Firetrol Protection Systems related to the addition of a pull station pursuant to Buyboard Contract #654-21 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the IT and Election's Department to accept contract change order one in the amount of \$799.94 with Firetrol Protection Systems related to the addition of a pull station pursuant to Buyboard Contract #654-21 and amend the budget accordingly.



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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39305** Authorize additional funding for the Extension Office related to travel expenses for Agriculture events and a mandatory Agri-Life faculty meeting and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize additional funding for the Extension Office related to travel expenses for Agriculture events and a mandatory Agri-Life faculty meeting and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39306** Authorize additional continuing education funds for the Juvenile Detention Center related to Basic Life Support training for staff and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize additional continuing education funds for the Juvenile Detention Center related to Basic Life Support training for staff and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39307** Discussion and possible action to consider the release of the 2-year maintenance bond #4438044MNT in the amount of \$30,833.58, and the acceptance of roads into the county road maintenance system for Anthem Subdivision Phase 1, Section B.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Smith to release the 2-year maintenance bond #4438044MNT in the amount of \$30,833.58, and accept roads into the county road maintenance system for Anthem Subdivision Phase 1, Section B.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39308** Discussion and possible action to consider the release of the 2-year maintenance bond #EACX4002108 in the amount of \$240,001.76, and the acceptance of roads into the county road maintenance system for Sunset Oaks Section 4, Phase 1A.

*Commissioner Ingalsbe stated this has staff recommendation.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to release the 2-year maintenance bond #EACX4002108 in the amount of \$240,001.76, and accept roads into the county road maintenance system for Sunset Oaks Section 4, Phase 1A.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39309** PLN-2218-PC; Discussion and possible action regarding the Douglas Estates, D-11 Replat.

*Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the property and stated staff recommends approval. The Court voted to disapprove on July 11, 2023 due to deficiencies, which have since been remedied.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the Douglas Estates, D-11 Replat (PLN-2218-PC).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39310** PLN-2232-PC; Hold a Public Hearing, followed by discussion and possible action regarding Fitzhugh Acres, Lot 4, Replat.



*Judge Becerra opened the Public Hearing at 11:32 a.m. No comments were made. Judge Becerra closed the Public Hearing at 11:32 a.m. Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the property and stated staff recommends disapproval due to deficiencies.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to disapprove Fitzhugh Acres, Lot 4, Replat (PLN-2232-PC).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39311** PLN-2235-PC; Discussion and possible action regarding the Hurlbut Ranch West, PT of Tract 23, Replat.

*Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the property and stated staff recommends approval. The Court voted to disapprove on July 11, 2023 due to deficiencies, which have since been remedied.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Hurlbut Ranch West, PT of Tract 23, Replat (PLN-2235-PC).

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39312** Discussion and possible action to call an election to be held on November 7, 2023 for the purpose of voting on Constitutional Amendments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to call an election to be held on November 7, 2023 for the purpose of voting on Constitutional Amendments.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39313** Discussion and possible action to approve Early Voting locations and Election Day vote center locations for the upcoming Constitutional Amendment election.

*Commissioner Smith gave support for the locations and spoke about the work that goes into identifying them.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve Early Voting locations and Election Day vote center locations for the upcoming Constitutional Amendment election.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39314** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute a letter of interest to the Hill Country Conservancy regarding the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

*Commissioner Shell stated this not a commitment to spend money, but a letter of intent to participate in a 2023 proposal for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program by the Hill Country Conservancy, and would qualify the county for matching funds.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to execute a letter of interest to the Hill Country Conservancy regarding the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39315** Discussion and possible action to consider the creation of a Justice Court, Precinct 2 Place 2 under Chapter 27 of the Texas Government Code.



Commissioner Cohen stated a subcommittee was formed and due to county growth, the subcommittee recommends the creation of a Justice Court, Precinct 2 Place 2. Judge Beth Smith, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, spoke about the need for an additional Justice Court due to the large number of inquests she handles. Commissioner Ingalsbe stated the creation of a new position, not a new precinct, is recommended by the subcommittee. Commissioner Shell recognized the Justices of the Peace for their willingness to work together and inquired about the budget implications and appointment process for a new Justice Court. Michael Torres, Constable Precinct 2, gave support for a new Justice Court and spoke about staffing needs. Commissioner Smith gave support for a new Justice Court and asked for input in the process as a representative of Mountain City. Judge Becerra suggested the creation of a new precinct, and the Court discussed whether this would address the JP's issues. Judge John Burns, Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, spoke about the challenges caused by population growth and gave support for the creation of a new Justice Court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the creation of a new Justice of the Peace Court in Hays County, to be hereafter called Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2; to authorize the Hays County Human Resources Department to begin the recruiting process of filling the new Justice of the Peace vacancy for said court by posting for the newly created position for a minimum period of two weeks; to modify the previously created committee for the specific purpose of reviewing the applications received for the newly created Justice of the Peace position and thereafter returning with candidate recommendations to the Commissioners Court. The modified committee would include Commissioner Ingalsbe, Hays County HR Director, Shari Miller, and Commissioner Cohen.

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 10:45 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:02 a.m.

**39316** Discussion and possible action to award a contract for IFB 2023-B09 Sawyer Ranch Road - Remove and Replace Hot Mix with Lone Star Paving in the amount of \$1,008,000.00.

*Commissioner Smith explained this is needed due to the numerous schools located along this roadway.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to award a contract for IFB 2023-B09 Sawyer Ranch Road - Remove and Replace Hot Mix with Lone Star Paving in the amount of \$1,008,000.00.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**39317** Discussion and possible action to award a contract for IFB 2023-B17 Jack Rabbit Lane - Remove and Replace Hot Mix with Bennett Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$176,750.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to award a contract for IFB 2023-B17 Jack Rabbit Lane - Remove and Replace Hot Mix with Bennett Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$176,750.00.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

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

*Sergeant Freddy Duran, Texas DPS Highway Patrol, requested an Administrative Assistant position for the now full-time operational scale house in Hays County. Judge Becerra asked about state funding, and Sergeant Duran explained the state is funding the facility and equipment for the position. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked about the scale house's hours and staffing. Commissioner Cohen asked about the work this position would be responsible for. Commissioner Smith spoke about the possibility of opening a driver's license office and DPS substation in Dripping Springs. Sergeant Duran spoke about his goals for the facility. Vickie Dorsett, Hays County Budget Officer, stated the compensation committee will be presenting a recommendation on personnel at the next Budget Workshop. No action taken.*



**Clerk's Note:** Executive Session began at 11:43 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:56 a.m.

**39318** 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 Shell stated the county is awaiting an appraisal and anything in addition would be considered bargain sale, the maximum the county will be responsible for is \$2.5 million, and this will provide trail connectivity to the San Marcos Loop. Judge Becerra clarified this is for a walking trail, not a roadway.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to execute a Purchase Agreement between Hays County and Hill Country Land Reserve, LLC, regarding the purchase of fee title in 102.8 acres of property, commonly known as the "Elsik Tract" and located west by northwest of San Marcos, Texas, in Precinct 3, as presented in Executive Session, authorize Civil Division counsel to take all actions and execute all documents incidental to Closing, and amend the budget accordingly.

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

**5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously**

**Clerk's Note Agenda Item #N-1 RE:** *Discussion and possible action related to the burn ban. - WAS PULLED.*

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 561 for the week of August 6, 2023, with a peak of 574 inmates on August 7, 2023. The estimated cost for outsourcing inmates this week was \$156,450. The average number of outsourced males is 231 and females is 10. This week's inmates were housed in the following counties: Comal, Haskell, and Maverick. The number of "paper-ready" inmates who are now wardens of the state is 38.*

**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.*

Updates of community health assessment by local health department.

*Matthew Gonzales, Hays County Local Health Department Manager, presented an executive summary of the analysis portion of the community health assessment. Topics included data collection methods, visioning sessions, community status assessments, and community partner assessments. The identified goals are to improve the indigent care program application process, to assess, develop, and sustain a County Medical Reserve Corps to respond to public health urgent needs and emergencies, to support the expansion of the Enhanced ID Card Program in San Marcos to other parts of the county, to establish an information sharing process centered on the new Healthy Hays Coalition, to broaden the scope of organizations and individuals actively engaged in community participation and collaboration, to gather new partners to collaborate on transportation solutions, and to determine effective opportunities for partnership with housing stakeholders and influencers. The Court thanked Matthew and all involved with compiling this data and spoke about next steps.*

**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 11:58 a.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 15, 2023.



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

