**STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF HAYS ***

ON THIS THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D., 2021, IN THE HAYS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 111 E. SAN ANTONIO ST., SUITE 301, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, 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**
MARK JONES	**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:

Commissioner Ingalsbe 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

Don Ray George made a public comment concerning traffic problems on Trautwein Road in Precinct 4. Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning county disbursements and law enforcement vehicle repairs.

36901 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NOSOTROS LA GENTE.

Judge Becerra, Commissioner Ingalsbe, and Commissioner Shell spoke in favor of the proclamation and thanked the members of the organization. Celia Barragan thanked the commissioners and spoke about the organization's work. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to adopt a proclamation recognizing the 25th Anniversary of Nosotros la Gente. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

UPDATE BY CHARLIE CAMPISE ON THE OCTOBER 2021 HILL COUNTRY MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES BOARD MEETING.

Charlie Campise, Hays County representative and secretary of the Hill Country Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Center Board of Trustees, gave an update on the board's activities and mental health initiatives in the area. He asked that the court support a study on mental health needs and the planning and construction of a mental health hospital in Hays County. No action taken.

36902 APPROVE PAYMENTS OF COUNTY INVOICES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve payments of County invoices. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36903 APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE OCTOBER 31, 2021 PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,900,000.00 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 29, 2021 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 Shell to approve the payment of the October 31, 2021 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed $3,900,000.00 effective October 29, 2021 and post totals for wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36904 AUTHORIZE SECURITY ONE TO INSTALL A CELLULAR COMMUNICATOR TO THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE REMME RAINBOW ROOM IN THE AMOUNT OF $800.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize Security One to install a Cellular Communicator to the fire alarm system at the Remme Rainbow Room in the amount of $800. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36905 AUTHORIZE COUNTYWIDE OPERATIONS | PERSONAL HEALTH TO PURCHASE ONE REPLACEMENT DELL 5520 LAPTOP WITH ACCESSORIES VALUED AT $1,414.13 AND AMEND THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize Countywide Operations | Personal Health to purchase one replacement Dell 5520 Laptop with accessories valued at $1,414.13 and amend the budget accordingly. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36906 AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT DIVISION, FOR THE HAYS COUNTY HAZMAT MONITOR MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division, for the Hays County HazMat Monitor Maintenance in the amount of $10,000.00. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36907 ADOPT A RESOLUTION NOMINATING JENIFER O'KANE AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Dan Lyon made a public comment in support of the nomination of Jenifer O'Kane, and against the nomination of real estate agents to the board. **A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt a resolution nominating Jenifer O'Kane as a candidate for the Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

36908 APPROVE UTILITY PERMITS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve utility permits. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36909 APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SERGIO BAZALDUA TO THE BOARD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #5 TO REPLACE JOHN RODRIGUEZ, JR., ON THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #5, FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the appointment of Sergio Bazaldua to the Board of Emergency Services District #5 to replace John Rodriguez, Jr., on the Emergency Services District #5, for a term ending December 31, 2023. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36910 APPROVE RENEWAL OF IFB 2019-B08 EMULSIONS OILS WITH ERGON ASPHALT & EMULSIONS, INC. FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR AS STATED IN THE ORIGINAL BID, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 29, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve renewal of IFB 2019-B08 Emulsions Oils with Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. for one (1) additional year as stated in the original bid, effective October 29, 2021. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36911 AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY CONTRACTS AS APPROVED IN THE FY 2022 BUDGET

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the County Judge to execute Social Service Agency Contracts as approved in the FY 2022 budget. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36912 AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) TO PURCHASE BULLETPROOF VESTS FOR COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,479.58 AND AMEND THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Assistance, Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) to purchase bulletproof vests for County law enforcement officers in the amount of $5,479.58 and amend the budget accordingly. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36913 AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE HAYS COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF $39,505.49.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, General Victim Assistance program for the Hays County Victim Assistance Coordinator in the amount of $39,505.49. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36914 AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE HAYS COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR FOR THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF $40,979.92.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, General Victim Assistance program for the Hays County Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Family Justice Center, in the amount of $40,979.92. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36915 AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE HAYS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION GRANT RENEWAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF $57,374.31.

Judge Becerra asked for clarification of what the money from this grant is used for. Commissioner Shell specified that it is used for a renewal of a certified mental health professional position in the Sheriff's Office. **A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Hays County Mental Health Crisis Intervention grant renewal, in the amount of $57,374.31. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

36916 AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM FY21 LOCAL SOLICITATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $28,989.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program FY21 Local Solicitation in the amount of $28,989. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36917 APPROVE RENEWAL OF IFB 2019-B04 ROAD BUILDING MATERIALS - COLD MIX WITH COLORADO MATERIALS, LTD. FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR AS STATED IN THE ORIGINAL BID, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 29, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve renewal of IFB 2019-B04 Road Building Materials - Cold Mix with Colorado Materials, Ltd. for one (1) additional year as stated in the original bid, effective October 29, 2021. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36918 APPROVE THE ACTION TO APPOINT SUSAN KIMBALL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE DRIPPING SPRINGS TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONES NO. 1 AND NO. 2 TO REPLACE DAN O'BRIEN, TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Commissioner Smith thanked Judge O'Brien for his service on the TIRZ No. 1 and No. 2. **A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the action to appoint Susan Kimball to the Board of Directors for the Dripping Springs Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones No. 1 and No. 2 to replace Dan O'Brien, term ending December 31, 2022. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

36919 APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF SILVER GARZA AND DON CURRY TO THE BOARD OF DRIFTWOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, FOUR YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the reappointments of Silver Garza and Don Curry to the board of Driftwood Economic Development Municipal Management District, four year terms ending June 30, 2025. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36920 APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS FOR IFB 2022-B02 ROAD BUILDING MATERIALS - LIMESTONE ROCK ASPHALT (COLD MIX) AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASING TO SOLICIT FOR BIDS AND ADVERTISE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve specifications for IFB 2022-B02 Road Building Materials - Limestone Rock Asphalt (Cold Mix) and authorize Purchasing to solicit for bids and advertise. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36921 APPROVE RENEWAL OF IFB 2019-B03 ROAD BUILDING MATERIALS - HOT MIX WITH TEXAS MATERIALS GROUP, AND COLORADO MATERIALS, LTD. FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR AS STATED IN THE ORIGINAL BID, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 29, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve renewal of IFB 2019-B03 Road Building Materials - Hot Mix with Texas Materials Group, and Colorado Materials, Ltd. for one (1) additional year as stated in the original bid, effective October 29, 2021. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36922 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON FM 150 WHERE IT CROSSES ONION CREEK IN PRECINCT 4.

Commissioner Smith stated that TxDOT will place these signs if it is supported by the court. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt a resolution supporting the placement of "No Parking" signs on FM 150 where it crosses Onion Creek in Precinct 4. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

36923 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE SITE IMPROVEMENT PERFORMANCE BOND NO. LICX1209918 IN THE AMOUNT OF $803,175.76 FOR STREET EXCAVATION, DRAINAGE, AND EROSION CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CALITERRA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 4, SECTION 11.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the Site Improvement Performance Bond No. LICX1209918 in the amount of $803,175.76 for street excavation, drainage, and erosion control improvements in the Caliterra Subdivision, Phase 4, Section 11. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36924 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 TO ESTABLISH 3-WAY STOP LOCATIONS ON OLD BASTROP HIGHWAY AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF POSEY ROAD AND FRANCIS HARRIS LANE.

Commissioner Ingalsbe stated that there is increased traffic in the area, and this will improve safety. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to call for a public hearing on November 2, 2021 to establish 3-way stop locations on Old Bastrop Highway at the intersections of Posey Road and Francis Harris Lane. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #26 RE: *DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAYS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KYLE RELATING TO THE CENTER STREET UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD (UPRR) SIDING RELOCATION PROJECT AND AMEND THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.* **– WAS PULLED.**

36925 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND #70164632 IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,280.64, AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS INTO THE COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM FOR BELTERRA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 20, SECTION 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to release maintenance bond #70164632 in the amount of $30,280.64, and the acceptance of roads into the county road maintenance system for Belterra subdivision, Phase 20, Section 1. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36926 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND #70167847 IN THE AMOUNT OF $71,856.34, AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS INTO THE COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM FOR BELTERRA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 20, SECTION 2 & PHASE 21, SECTION 2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to release maintenance bond #70167847 in the amount of $71,856.34, and the acceptance of roads into the county road maintenance system for Belterra subdivision, Phase 20, Section 2 & Phase 21, Section 2. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36927 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE MAINTENANCE BOND RIDER EXTENSIONS FROM DNT CONSTRUCTION UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022 FOR SUNFIELD SUBDIVISION: PHASE 2, SECTION 8 - BOND #1060750 IN THE AMOUNT OF $188,961.00, PHASE 2, SECTION 11 - BOND #1060751 IN THE AMOUNT OF $231,755.60, PHASE 3, SECTION 2 - BOND #PB03016800273M IN THE AMOUNT OF $32,600.00, PHASE 3, SECTION 4 - BOND #PB03016800240M IN THE AMOUNT OF $22,000.00, AND PHASE 3 "ROADWAY EXTENSION" - BOND #PB03016800210 IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,350.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the maintenance bond rider extensions from DNT Construction until June 30, 2022 for Sunfield subdivision: Phase 2, Section 8 - bond #1060750 in the amount of $188,961.00, Phase 2, Section 11 - bond #1060751 in the amount of $231,755.60, Phase 3, Section 2 - bond #PB03016800273M in the amount of $32,600.00, Phase 3, Section 4 - bond #PB03016800240M in the amount of $22,000.00, and Phase 3 "Roadway Extension" - bond #PB03016800210 in the amount of $30,350.00. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36928 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE MAINTENANCE BOND RIDER EXTENSIONS FROM DNT CONSTRUCTION UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022 FOR SHADOW CREEK SUBDIVISION: PHASE 9, SECTION 2 - BOND #1848963 IN THE AMOUNT OF $180,609.38.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to accept the maintenance bond rider extensions from DNT Construction until June 30, 2022 for Shadow Creek subdivision: Phase 9, Section 2 - bond #1848963 in the amount of $180,609.38. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36929 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT FISCAL SURETY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,599,477.50 FOR THE SUNSET OAKS, PHASE 1, SECTION 1 (SUBDIVISION BOND # US00112379SU21A).

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to accept fiscal surety for the construction of roadway and drainage improvements in the amount of $3,599,477.50 for the Sunset Oaks, Phase 1, Section 1 (Subdivision Bond # US00112379SU21A). All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

36930 PLN-1736-PC; CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 2ND, 2021 TO DISCUSS APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF THE REPLAT OF LOTS 13 AND 14, OUT OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 45 THROUGH 53 AND LOT 58, ROLLING OAKS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Jones to call for a Public Hearing on November 2nd, 2021 to discuss approval of the final plat of the Replat of Lots 13 and 14, Out of the Resubdivision of Lots 45 through 53 and Lot 58, Rolling Oaks Subdivision, Section 3. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #33 RE: *DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HDR ARCHITECTURE, INC. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS AND SERVICES RELATED TO THE UPGRADE OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER SECURITY, CAMERA, AND BADGE READER SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF $139,975; AND AUTHORIZE A DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE CH. 2254.* **– WAS PULLED.**

36931 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HAYS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FLU VACCINES TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS ENROLLED IN THE COUNTY HEALTH PLAN.

Judge Becerra and Commissioner Ingalsbe thanked Tammy Crumley for this initiative. Tammy Crumley, Countywide Operations Director, spoke about the importance of getting the flu vaccine early. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the Hays County Health Department to provide flu vaccines to county employees and their eligible dependents enrolled in the county health plan. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

36932 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE UTILIZATION OF STRATEGIC GOVERNMENT RESOURCES (SGR) EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR THE COMBINED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR POSITION AND AMEND THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

Commissioner Shell spoke about the effort to recruit for this position, as well as to have all county departments use this service. Judge Becerra asked about the estimated timeline for filling this position, which is 3-4 months. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the utilization of Strategic Government Resources (SGR) Executive Recruitment Services for the Combined Emergency Communication Director position and amend the budget accordingly. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

36933 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF HAYS COUNTY AUTO, GENERAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PUBLIC OFFICIAL LIABILITY COVERAGE. THE ANNUAL RENEWAL PREMIUM IS $423,203.00.

Shari Miller, Human Resources Director, and Lisa McCabe, Risk Management Consultant with Texas Association of Counties, provided information on the increase of cost of coverage, which is mostly due to more employees in the Sheriff's Office. **A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize renewal of Hays County Auto, General, Law Enforcement, and Public Official liability coverage. The annual renewal premium is $423,203.00. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT PLAN FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

Marisol Alonzo, County Auditor, stated that proposals for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund management are expected this week and will be reviewed by a committee. The court discussed committee membership. Commissioner Smith asked that the court prioritizes public outreach when planning fund usage. Judge Becerra and Vickie Dorsett, First Assistant Auditor, discussed uniformity in the process of choosing a vendor to manage ARPA funds. A discussion was had among the court regarding ARPA fund usage, including the county's ability to use those funds for brick and mortar. Commissioner Smith suggested the establishment of a revolving loan fund in which the county would loan ARPA funds to residents. Judge Becerra discussed grant expiration dates and shortening the timeline of the process. The court continued discussion regarding using ARPA funds for a study on the county's need for mental health services, the construction and operation of a mental health hospital, and possible collaboration with neighboring counties, local mental health organizations, and DSHS. Commissioner Jones suggested making this a standing agenda item. No action taken.

36934 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND PROGRAM GUIDELINES RELATED TO THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Wesley Matthews, Emergency Rental Assistance Program Manager, explained the program process and the role of caseworkers. Vickie Dorsett, First Assistant Auditor, spoke about the U.S. Treasury best practices and guidelines for the program. Commissioner Ingalsbe stated support for the program being performance-based. Commissioner Smith asked about agency responsibility and end-of-stay issues with hotels. Wesley Matthews explained that participating agencies screen their own clients and are responsible for the costs. A discussion was had regarding a partnership with the City of San Marcos and payment plans with participating hotels. **A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Judge Becerra to authorize the County Auditor's Office to adopt best practices for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program pursuant to U.S. Treasury guidelines as they are updated and published. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.**

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #39 RE: *DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ACCESS TO DRILL AND COMPLETE A GROUNDWATER MONITOR WELL AND TO CONDUCT GROUNDWATER MONITORING BETWEEN HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS AND BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.* **– WAS PULLED.**

Clerk's Note: Executive Session began at 11:10 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 12:15 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 LOCATED ON OR NEAR STAGECOACH TRAIL IN SAN MARCOS, TEXAS AND WITHIN PRECINCT 3. POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION MAY FOLLOW IN OPEN COURT.

No action taken.

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #41 RE: *DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE BURN BAN AND/OR DISASTER DECLARATION.* **– 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 jail capacity is 410 inmates. Jail Standards recommends 10% of that remains open, lowering actual capacity to 368. The jail's daily average was 615 inmates, with a peak of 622 inmates on October 15, 2021. The estimated cost for outsourcing this week was $71,224. The number of outsourced males was 159 inmates and females were 12 inmates. This week's inmates were housed in the following counties – Atascosa, Blanco, Comal, Fort Bend, Guadalupe, and Red River. The number of arrests made by agency are as follows; Buda Police Department - 4, Department of Public Safety – 1, Hays County Sheriff's Department – 61, Kyle Police Department – 20, San Marcos Police Department - 28, Texas State Police Department – 0. No action taken.

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #43 RE: *DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO PROPOSED BILLS IN THE 87TH SPECIAL 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 #44 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 #45 RE: *UPDATE FROM THE COUNTY JUDGE AND STAFF REGARDING THE LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION AND COVID-19. POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND ACTION MAY FOLLOW.* **– WAS PULLED.**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Judge Becerra to adjourn court at 12:15 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 October 19, 2021.

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