

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2023, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

RUBEN BECERRA

DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE

MICHELLE COHEN

LON A. SHELL

WALT SMITH

ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1

COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2

COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3

COUNTY CLERK

Clerk's Note: For complete transcript go to Hays County Website https://hayscountytx.com/commissioners-court/court-video/Transcript can be translated into any language through Google.com.

THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Pastor Hillary Lockhart, Heart of Christ Fellowship 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

Enrique Ospina made a public comment concerning election integrity.

Introduction of the new 4-H & Youth Program Coordinator, Sierra Murray, to the Hays County Commissioners Court.

Kate Blankenship, Family and Community Health Agent for the Hays County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, introduced Sierra Murray, the new 4-H & Youth Program Coordinator to the Court. Sierra Murray spoke about her time so far in the position and thanked the Court for the opportunity. Commissioner Smith spoke about the importance of the 4-H program and its expansion into all areas of the County. Judge Becerra offered his office's support to the program.

Presentation by Ardurra regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Southside Community Center.

Eric Boehning, Senior Project Manager for Ardurra, presented a plan to grant ARPA funds to the Southside Community Center. Rodrigo Amaya made a public comment concerning the Southside Community Center and management of resources. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke about the Center's services. Deborah Villalpando, Director of Operations for the Southside Community Center, elaborated on the many services and supplies that they offer. Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor, gave background on the funding and expenditure process the County follows.

Presentation by Ardurra regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the KZSM, San Marcos Texas Community Radio Association.

Eric Boehning, Senior Project Manager for Ardurra, presented a plan to grant ARPA funds to KZSM for emergency response equipment.

Presentation by Ardurra regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Lone Star Cattlemen Foundation.

Eric Boehning, Senior Project Manager for Ardurra, presented a plan to grant ARPA funds to the Lone Star Cattlemen Foundation. Rodrigo Amaya made a public comment concerning the use of the funds and the organization's location. Commissioner Smith spoke about the organization and the benefits they provide to the youth of Hays County.



Trey Powers, founder of the Lone Star Cattlemen Foundation, clarified that their Treasurer lives in Fredericksburg which is why they use that location for banking, and spoke about their fundraising gala and the impact the COVID pandemic had on it. He spoke about their mission and how they support the County's 4-H and FFA youth.

Presentation by Ardurra regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Hays County Livestock Exposition.

Eric Boehning, Senior Project Manager for Ardurra, presented a plan to grant ARPA funds to the Hays County Livestock Exposition. Commissioner Smith spoke about the organization and the benefits they provide to the youth of Hays County. Jeff Dodd, Board Member of the Hays County Livestock Exposition, spoke about the organization's mission and the facility enhancements and scholarships these funds will go toward.

Presentation by Ardurra regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Wimberley Village Library Foundation.

Eric Boehning, Senior Project Manager for Ardurra, presented a plan to grant ARPA funds to the Wimberley Village Library Foundation.

Presentation by Ardurra regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Hays County Office of Emergency Services FirstNet.

Eric Boehning, Senior Project Manager for Ardurra, presented a plan to grant ARPA funds to the Hays County Office of Emergency Services FirstNet emergency response system.

Presentation by Halff regarding an update on the 2020 Parks Bond Program.

Dan Lyon made a public comment asking for these projects to be voted on by Hays County residents. Commissioner Smith spoke about the large majority of votes this program received. Judge Becerra gave support for Texas State University students and their involvement in the community. James Hemenes, Bond Program Manager with Halff, provided an update on various 2020 Parks Bond Program projects, including funding and recommendation status. Anais Cruz, Public Involvement Consultant with Halff, informed the Court of the website haysparksbond.com and their electronic newsletter. The Court spoke about the importance of these projects.

Presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Hays County Auditor's Office and the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement to the Hays County Auditor Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor, recognized her staff for being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA and spoke about their work.

38632 Approve payments of County invoices.

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

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38633 Approve the payment of Juror checks.

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

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38634 Approve the payment of United Healthcare claims.

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

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously



38635 Approve specifications for RFP 2023-P05 Jail Food Services and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for proposals.

Rodrigo Amaya made a public comment concerning sourcing local food. Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor, spoke about the jail's process of obtaining monthly quotes on food. The Court discussed the bidding process and how to better involve local businesses. Commissioner Ingalsbe tabled the item for later discussion.

Clerk's Note: Item G-4 was reopened at 11:57 a.m.

Captain Julie Villalpando, Hays County Jail Support Services Division, spoke about difficulties with hiring due to low salaries and explained the jail would like to explore the option of hiring a management company for food services. The Court discussed the jail's changing needs and how to address them moving forward.

A motion was made by Judge Becerra, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve specifications for RFP 2023-P05 Jail Food Services and authorize Purchasing to advertise and solicit for proposals.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38636 Accept the 2022 Racial Profiling Report from the Hays County Constable Office Precinct 3.

Commissioner Cohen clarified this is for Precinct 2, not Precinct 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to accept the 2022 Racial Profiling Report from the Hays County Constable Office Precinct 2.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38637 Authorize the submission of a grant renewal to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) FY24 Regional Local Services System/Local Public Health Services (RLSS/LPHS) in the amount of \$102,926.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the submission of a grant renewal to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) FY24 Regional Local Services System/Local Public Health Services (RLSS/LPHS) in the amount of \$102,926.00.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38638 Authorize the execution of a no-cost contract amendment to the DSHS Public Health Workforce Grant contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the execution of a no-cost contract amendment to the DSHS Public Health Workforce Grant contract.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38639 Authorize Building Maintenance to replace the 10-ton HVAC rooftop unit #4 (RTU-4) at the Hays County Courthouse in the amount of \$17,102.24 and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize Building Maintenance to replace the 10-ton HVAC rooftop unit #4 (RTU-4) at the Hays County Courthouse in the amount of \$17,102.24 and amend the budget accordingly.



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

38640 Authorize payment to Austin Extreme Graphics for vehicle graphics to a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$805.17 for the Hays County Constable, Pct. 4 Office, in which a purchase order was not obtained per the County Purchasing Policy and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize payment to Austin Extreme Graphics for vehicle graphics to a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$805.17 for the Hays County Constable, Pct. 4 Office, in which a purchase order was not obtained per the County Purchasing Policy and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38641 Authorize Building Maintenance to install a handicap push-button operator system in the amount of \$5,492.36 on the elected officials' existing rear entrance door of the Government Center and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize Building Maintenance to install a handicap push-button operator system in the amount of \$5,492.36 on the elected officials' existing rear entrance door of the Government Center and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38642 Approve out-of-state travel, utilizing the Sheriff's Office Continuing Education Funds, for Emergency Communications Manager Megan Jones and Emergency Communications Officers Sean Best, Tori Tyler, Haley Campbell, and Samantha Peterson to attend the Navigator Conference on April 17-20, 2023, in Denver, Colorado.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve out-of-state travel, utilizing the Sheriff's Office Continuing Education Funds, for Emergency Communications Manager Megan Jones and Emergency Communications Officers Sean Best, Tori Tyler, Haley Campbell, and Samantha Peterson to attend the Navigator Conference on April 17-20, 2023, in Denver, Colorado.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38643 Authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept a donation of \$750.00 from the San Marcos Lions Club for the 2023 Jr. Deputy program and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept a donation of \$750.00 from the San Marcos Lions Club for the 2023 Jr. Deputy program and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38644 Authorize the Sheriff's Office to use existing funds to purchase three drones valued at \$19,864.13.

Commissioner Shell spoke about various uses for the drones. Judge Becerra expressed privacy concerns from the public and tabled the item for later discussion.

Clerk's Note: Item G-13 was reopened at 11:31 a.m.

Captain Shane Smith, Hays County Sheriff's Office, answered questions from Judge Becerra about the drones and their uses, and explained they are already in the budget. Commissioner Smith spoke about privacy concerns and encouraged the public to contact the Sheriff's Office with any questions about drone use. Captain Smith explained this will reduce wait time when a drone is needed.



A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Sheriff's Office to use existing funds to purchase three drones valued at \$19,864.13.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38645 Authorize payment to Quantum Towing of \$750.00 for an evidentiary tow for the Sheriff's Office in which no purchase order was issued as required per the County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize payment to Quantum Towing of \$750.00 for an evidentiary tow for the Sheriff's Office in which no purchase order was issued as required per the County Purchasing Policy.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38646 Authorize payment to Enterprise Fleet Management of \$11,946.50 for settlement charges related to a totaled lease vehicle in the Sheriff's Office and amend the budget accordingly.

Vickie Dorsett, Hays County Budget Officer, provided more details about this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize payment to Enterprise Fleet Management of \$11,946.50 for settlement charges related to a totaled lease vehicle in the Sheriff's Office and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38647 Amend the County Judge's operating budget to reimburse the travel expenses in the amount of \$593.16 for in-person evaluation of the conditions of detention centers for outsourced inmates.

Rodrigo Amaya made a public comment concerning the cost of sending someone in-person to evaluate. Judge Becerra spoke about his visit to evaluate the jail conditions. Commissioner Shell and Commissioner Smith spoke about their preference of using travel allowances for these types of trips as opposed to the County's General Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to amend the County Judge's operating budget to reimburse the travel expenses in the amount of \$593.16 for in-person evaluation of the conditions of detention centers for outsourced inmates.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38648 Approve the filing of Tax Assessor-Collector Jenifer O'Kane's Continuing Education Transcript as required by Section 6.231 (d) of the Texas Property Tax Code.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the filing of Tax Assessor-Collector Jenifer O'Kane's Continuing Education Transcript as required by Section 6.231 (d) of the Texas Property Tax Code.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38649 Approve payment of \$375.00 to Waldrip Insurance Agency for the annual Tax Assessor Collector fidelity bond where no purchase order was issued as required per the County Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve payment of \$375.00 to Waldrip Insurance Agency for the annual Tax Assessor Collector fidelity bond where no purchase order was issued as required per the County Purchasing Policy.



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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Authorize expenditures of up to \$1,500.00 for a public Easter Egg Hunt Event to be held on the Courthouse Grounds on April 2, 2023 and amend the budget accordingly.

Judge Becerra spoke about past events and their success.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize expenditures of up to \$1,500.00 for a public Easter Egg Hunt Event to be held on the Courthouse Grounds on April 2, 2023 and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38651 Authorize the Juvenile Probation Department to purchase vehicle equipment valued at \$5,023.91 from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. for the 2018 Dodge Caravan leased vehicle and amend the budget accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the Juvenile Probation Department to purchase vehicle equipment valued at \$5,023.91 from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. for the 2018 Dodge Caravan leased vehicle and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38652 Authorize payment to Applied Concepts, Inc. for repairs to a LIDAR Radar System in the amount of \$527.50 for the Hays County Constable Pct. 4 Office, in which a purchase order was not obtained per County policy and amend the budget accordingly.

Commissioner Smith clarified the actual cost for this is under \$500 and the extra charge was for shipping.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize payment to Applied Concepts, Inc. for repairs to a LIDAR Radar System in the amount of \$527.50 for the Hays County Constable Pct. 4 Office, in which a purchase order was not obtained per County policy and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38653 Authorize the execution of an MOU with the Department of State Health Services related to the Texas Syndromic Surveillance (TxS2) system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the execution of an MOU with the Department of State Health Services related to the Texas Syndromic Surveillance (TxS2) system.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38654 Approve Utility Permits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve Utility Permits.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38655 Approve the appointment of Commissioner Michelle Cohen to the CARTS Board of Directors.



Commissioner Smith congratulated Commissioner Cohen on her appointment and stated he is looking forward to working together with her on the issue of reaching residents in rural areas of the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the appointment of Commissioner Michelle Cohen to the CARTS Board of Directors.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38656 Accept the delivery of the Internal Examination reports for Fiscal Year 2022 Hays County Sheriff's Office Federal Discretionary Account, Fiscal Year 2021 Hays County Sheriff Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account, and Fiscal Year 2022 Hays County Constable Precinct 2 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account.

Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning unreported funds. Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor, explained the report has been corrected and filed appropriately.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to accept the delivery of the Internal Examination reports for Fiscal Year 2022 Hays County Sheriff's Office Federal Discretionary Account, Fiscal Year 2021 Hays County Sheriff Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account, and Fiscal Year 2022 Hays County Constable Precinct 2 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Account.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38657 Authorize the County Judge to execute a Contract Amendment between Hays County and SHI Governmental Solutions pursuant to our Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement (49746921) to add the County Judge as the official signatory on all contracts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute a Contract Amendment between Hays County and SHI Governmental Solutions pursuant to our Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement (49746921) to add the County Judge as the official signatory on all contracts.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38658 Approve the upgrades to areas C, D, and Main Jail Visitation Areas in the Hays County Jail with Cornerstone Detention Products, Inc. pursuant to the GSA Contract GA-07F-269AA, and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D) for all open market items.

Commissioner Ingalsbe stated the attorney visitation expansion will be coming at a later Court date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the upgrades to areas C, D, and Main Jail Visitation Areas in the Hays County Jail with Cornerstone Detention Products, Inc. pursuant to the GSA Contract GA-07F-269AA, and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D) for all open market items.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38659 Authorize and/or ratify execution of a Fourth Amendment to the Countywide Dumpster Contract (IFB 2021-B12), in relation to debris removal under the Declaration of Local Disaster, as authorized by Section 262.031(a) of the Texas Local Government Code.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize and/or ratify execution of a Fourth Amendment to the Countywide Dumpster Contract (IFB 2021-B12), in relation to debris removal under the Declaration of Local Disaster, as authorized by Section 262.031(a) of the Texas Local Government Code.



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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38660 Approve the Hart Intercivic repair's estimate in the amount \$5,525.00 for 13 Verity Duo Machines that are no longer under warranty, and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D).

Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning the cost and quality of the equipment. Marisol Villarreal-Alonzo, County Auditor, and Commissioner Smith clarified this is only the estimate for the work that is to be done.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the Hart Intercivic repair's estimate in the amount \$5,525.00 for 13 Verity Duo Machines that are no longer under warranty, and authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(D).

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 11:04 a.m. and resumed back into open court at 11:13 a.m.

38661 Authorize the submission of a renewal grant application to the DSHS FY24 Infection Disease Control Unit/Surveillance and Epidemiology (IDCU-SUR) grant program in the amount of \$165,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the submission of a renewal grant application to the DSHS FY24 Infection Disease Control Unit/Surveillance and Epidemiology (IDCU-SUR) grant program in the amount of \$165,000.00.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #G-31 RE: Approve the appointment of County Judge Ruben Becerra as Hays County Historical Commission Chair. - WAS PULLED.

38662 Authorize the County Judge to execute a Contract Amendment with JM Engineering, LLC. related to HVAC - Maintenance and Repair Services, Countywide pursuant to RFP 2020-P01, increasing our overall contract to \$164,770.84, a 6% increase.

Dan Lyon made a public comment asking for more information on preventative maintenance. Commissioner Smith clarified this is adding additional units to an existing contract. Commissioner Shell suggested having County staff complete some of the maintenance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the County Judge to execute a Contract Amendment with JM Engineering, LLC. related to HVAC - Maintenance and Repair Services, Countywide pursuant to RFP 2020-P01, increasing our overall contract to \$164,770.84, a 6% increase.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38663 Authorize payment to Chuck Nash Auto Group for vehicle repair (replacement of lifters, manifold, and gaskets, plus labor) to a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$6075.51 for the Hays County Constable, Pct. 4 Office, in which a purchase order was not obtained.

Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning the cost of the item and the repairs being done. Vickie Dorsett, Hays County Budget Officer, explained the delays the County has experienced in receiving replacement vehicles. Commissioner Smith spoke about the issues and cost that will arise from these delays.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize payment to Chuck Nash Auto Group for vehicle repair (replacement of lifters, manifold, and gaskets, plus labor) to a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$6075.51 for the Hays County Constable, Pct. 4 Office, in which a purchase order was not obtained.



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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38664 Authorize the Sheriff's Office to transfer two non-law enforcement vehicles (white fleet) to the Pre-trial Services Department effective immediately.

Commissioner Shell clarified which vehicles are being transferred. The Court discussed anticipating the need for new vehicles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the Sheriff's Office to transfer two non-law enforcement vehicles (white fleet) to the Pre-trial Services Department effective immediately.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38665 Authorize additional funding for the Justice of the Peace Pct. 5 for continuing education training and amend the budget accordingly.

Commissioner Smith thanked Judge Bryant for her thoroughness in the submission process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize additional funding for the Justice of the Peace Pct. 5 for continuing education training and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38666 Approve the appointment of Sharri Boyett to the Animal Advisory Committee.

Judge Becerra thanked Sharri Boyett for her service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the appointment of Sharri Boyett to the Animal Advisory Committee.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38667 Authorize the County Judge to execute a First Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Steven Logsdon related to pre-employment psychological evaluations and fit-for-duty evaluations for prospective and current employees of the Hays County Sheriff's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute a First Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Steven Logsdon related to pre-employment psychological evaluations and fit-for-duty evaluations for prospective and current employees of the Hays County Sheriff's Office.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38668 Receive and Ratify the finalized Parks Bond Agreements: the Funding Commitment Agreement between Hays County and the City of Woodcreek; Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of San Marcos for funding the Purchase of Easements and Right of Way for the Purgatory Creek Improvements Project and the Interlocal Agreement Hays County and the City of Buda, TX for the Improvement of Park Facilities at Sites Owned by the City of Buda.

Dan Lyon made a public comment against the item.



A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to receive and Ratify the finalized Parks Bond Agreements: the Funding Commitment Agreement between Hays County and the City of Woodcreek; Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of San Marcos for funding the Purchase of Easements and Right of Way for the Purgatory Creek Improvements Project and the Interlocal Agreement Hays County and the City of Buda, TX for the Improvement of Park Facilities at Sites Owned by the City of Buda.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38669 Amend the County Clerk's Records Management Fund for additional continuing education funds related to the Tyler Technology annual conference held in May 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to amend the County Clerk's Records Management Fund for additional continuing education funds related to the Tyler Technology annual conference held in May 2023.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38670 Discussion and possible action to award contract for IFB 2023-B11 Darden Hill @ Sawyer Ranch Roundabout to Aaron Concrete Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$3,587,296.50.

Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning the price of the contract. Commissioner Smith explained the need for the roundabout due to the recent construction of schools in the area, and how choosing a roundabout over a traditional intersection has allowed for the preservation of a heritage oak tree. Starting construction now will ensure project completion by the start of school in the fall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to award contract for IFB 2023-B11 Darden Hill @ Sawyer Ranch Roundabout to Aaron Concrete Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$3,587,296.50.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38671 Discussion and possible action to approve a Change Order to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and WSB for additional engineering and inspection services related to the FM 2770 turn lane project.

Commissioner Smith clarified this is located in Precinct 4. Jerry Borcherding, Director of Transportation, explained the changes to the agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve a Change Order to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and WSB for additional engineering and inspection services related to the FM 2770 turn lane project.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38672 Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute an Advance Funding Agreement between Hays County and the Texas Department of Transportation relating to the Jacobs Well Road (CR 182) Improvement from 0.425 east of Mount Sharp Road to 0.6 miles east of Mount Sharp Road and amend the budget accordingly.

Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning the cost of the project. Commissioner Shell explained this has been identified as a dangerous section of road with a new school nearby and spoke about how the County is funding the project with federal and state tax dollars.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to execute an Advance Funding Agreement between Hays County and the Texas Department of Transportation relating to the Jacobs Well Road (CR 182) Improvement from 0.425 east of Mount Sharp Road to 0.6 miles east of Mount Sharp Road and amend the budget accordingly.



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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38673 Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 12 in the amount of \$1,077,457.36 to the Construction Contract with Sterling Delaware Holding Company for the FM 1626 South project from FM 2770 to RM 967 as part of the Pass-Through Finance Program and amend the budget accordingly.

Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning the number of change orders and the cost. Commissioner Smith explained the number of change orders is not surprising due to the scope of this project. Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, spoke about delays due to COVID and weather. Jerry Borcherding, Director of Transportation, stated the County did its due diligence to ensure the charges are reasonable and appropriate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 12 in the amount of \$1,077,457.36 to the Construction Contract with Sterling Delaware Holding Company for the FM 1626 South project from FM 2770 to RM 967 as part of the Pass-Through Finance Program and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38674 Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute an interlocal agreement between Hays County and the City of Buda related to the study of the SH 45 Southwest Gap Project and amend the budget accordingly.

Dan Lyon made a public comment concerning the cost of the project. Commissioner Smith explained the roadway is not within Buda city limits, but the city is willing to pay for a portion of it due to the project's importance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute an interlocal agreement between Hays County and the City of Buda related to the study of the SH 45 Southwest Gap Project and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38675 Discussion and possible action to accept the maintenance bond rider extension from DNT Construction, Inc. until July 6, 2023 for Shadow Creek subdivision, Phase 9, Section 2 - bond #1848963 in the amount of \$180,609.38.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the maintenance bond rider extension from DNT Construction, Inc. until July 6, 2023 for Shadow Creek subdivision, Phase 9, Section 2 - bond #1848963 in the amount of \$180,609.38.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38676 PLN-1962-NP; Discussion and possible action regarding the Anthem North, Phase 1 N, Preliminary Plan (aka Freedom Subdivision).

Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, provided background on the property and stated staff recommends approval of the preliminary plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the Anthem North, Phase 1 N, Preliminary Plan (aka Freedom Subdivision) (PLN-1962-NP).

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38677 PLN-2124-NP; Discussion and possible action regarding the Ecclesia Subdivision, Preliminary Plan (1 Lot).



Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, gave background on the property, stated staff recommends conditional approval, and explained the conditions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to conditionally approve the Ecclesia Subdivision, Preliminary Plan (1 Lot) (PLN-2124-NP).

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38678 PLN-2099-PC; Las Lomas, Sec 2, Lot 3-C, Replat; Call for a Public Hearing on March 14th, 2023, followed by discussion and possible action regarding the Las Lomas, Sec 2, Lot 3-C, Replat.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to call for a Public Hearing on March 14th, 2023, followed by discussion and possible action regarding the Las Lomas, Sec 2, Lot 3-C, Replat (PLN-2099-PC).

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38679 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Information Technology Director to execute equipment quotes for ordering new or replacement Cradlepoint devices through Axon Enterprise, Inc.

Jeff McGill, Director of Information Technology, explained the item and the quote process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to authorize the Information Technology Director to execute equipment quotes for ordering new or replacement Cradlepoint devices through Axon Enterprise, Inc.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38680 Discussion and possible action to approve vendors for the May 6th Cinco de Mayo Menudo Throwdown 2023 event by Hill Country Cook-Off Association in accordance with the Hays County Property Use Policy.

Judge Becerra spoke about the community's use of the courthouse grounds and the importance of this event. Richard Anzaldua spoke about the event, the many activities they will have, their efforts to expand, and beneficiaries of the fundraising.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve vendors for the May 6th Cinco de Mayo Menudo Throwdown 2023 event by Hill Country Cook-Off Association in accordance with the Hays County Property Use Policy.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38681 Discussion and possible action to authorize the renaming of a portion of Dacy Lane to Science Hall Loop.

Commissioner Inglasbe explained this is due to a new alignment of Dacy Lane. Marcus Pacheco, Director of Development Services, stated the addressing forms will not be sent out until the County finalizes and accepts the construction for the new alignment, most likely later this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the renaming of a portion of Dacy Lane to Science Hall Loop.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously



38682 Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute the Social Service Funding Agreements between Hays County and Wimberley Independent School District (WISD), San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD), Hays Consolidated Independent School District (HCISD) and Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) regarding recovery assistance for direct or indirect impacts of COVID-19 and behavior health care services and amend the budget accordingly.

Eric Boehning, Senior Project Manager for Ardurra, presented a plan to grant ARPA funds to WISD, SMCISD, HCISD, and DSISD for behavioral and mental health support for their students. Commissioner Smith spoke about how this will allow the school districts flexibility in how to use these funds to fit their needs. Jeri Skrocki, HCISD Director of Safety and Security, thanked the Court for their support and spoke about how these funds will bring resources to the school district.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize the County Judge to execute the Social Service Funding Agreements between Hays County and Wimberley Independent School District (WISD), San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD), Hays Consolidated Independent School District (HCISD) and Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) regarding recovery assistance for direct or indirect impacts of COVID-19 and behavior health care services and amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38683 Discussion and possible action to authorize use of funding from the Hays County American Rescue Plan Recovery Grant for the Hays County Local Health Department Mobile Vaccine Facility regarding recovery assistance for direct or indirect impacts of COVID-19; and to amend the budget accordingly.

Eric Boehning, Senior Project Manager for Ardurra, presented a plan to grant ARPA funds to the Hays County Local Health Department Mobile Vaccine Facility in order to better serve the County's more vulnerable population. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke about the services the health department will be able to provide through this. Judge Becerra spoke about the importance of public health.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shell to authorize use of funding from the Hays County American Rescue Plan Recovery Grant for the Hays County Local Health Department Mobile Vaccine Facility regarding recovery assistance for direct or indirect impacts of COVID-19; and to amend the budget accordingly.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38684 Discussion and possible action to appoint and confirm the chairperson for the Hays County Historical Commission.

Commissioner Shell reviewed the timeline of events that occurred leading up to a meeting called for appointment of new chair. He stated the meeting was held, and Linda Coker was selected to be nominated as chair. Judge Becerra spoke about his role in the Historical Commission as an interim chair and the need for more representation and inclusivity within the Commission. The Court and Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, discussed the statute regarding historical commissions and how to interpret its rules for appointing an interim chair. Linda Coker, Hays County Historical Commission Courthouse Coordinator, and Lila Knight, Hays County Historical Commission Secretary, spoke about the process of appointing a chair and the events that have occurred over the last few weeks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint and confirm Linda Coker as the chairperson for the Hays County Historical Commission.

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

NAY: Judge Becerra

4 - 1 Passed



Clerk's Note: Executive Session began at 2:30 p.m. and resumed back into open court at 3:29 p.m.

Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding employment and duties of all individual positions within the office of Hays County Human Resources. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

Clerk's Note: Item L-1 was opened and discussed in open court.

Elaine Cardenas, County Clerk, read a statement prepared by Judge Becerra regarding Human Resource's involvement in the salary study and issues with employees and their timesheets. Daphne Tenorio, Hays County Treasurer, spoke about concerns with HR and its director, as well as issues with several employees and their position changes. Kelly Higgins, Hays County District Attorney, spoke about difficulties he has had hiring due to salaries and criticized the HR policy for raising salaries. Shari Miller, Director of Human Resources, addressed the concerns that were raised and answered questions from the Court regarding the salary study, employee position changes, and timesheets. The Court discussed the progress of the salary study and steps to take moving forward. Commissioner Shell expressed concern over discussing these topics in open court. 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 Right of Way located at or near Windy HIII Road in Pct. 1. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

No action taken.

38685 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 at 2400 N IH 35, San Marcos. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

Commissioner Ingalsbe stated this is approximately 10 acres, is the former property of Sheriff Jack Gary, and is a useful connection piece in the Regional Parks Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize use of ARPA funds for purchase of 2400 N IH 35; and to request that Ardurra confirm authority to use ARPA funds for that purpose.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

38686 Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel regarding pending and/or contemplated litigation involving Hays County. Possible action may follow in open court.

Commissioner Smith noted DWC means Division of Workers Compensation. Mark Kennedy, General Counsel, clarified Hays County is under contract with Deep East Texas for workers compensation insurance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the Office of General Counsel to file a letter with Deep East Texas requesting they withdraw their appeal to the Division of Workers Compensation in relation to DWC number 21267805.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #L-5 RE: 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. - WAS PULLED.

Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Create. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open Court.



No action taken.

38687 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 owned by Hays County located at 401 Veterans Drive, Kyle in Pct.3. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the County Judge to execute a Lease Agreement between Hays County and CenTex AmVets Post 115, related to use of 401 Veteran's Drive, Kyle, TX.

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

5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

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

Clerk's Note Agenda Item #M-2 RE: Discussion related to the Hays County inmate population, to include current population counts and costs. - WAS PULLED.

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.

Updates of community health assessment by local health department.

Matthew Gonzales, Health Equity and Community Engagement Program Manager with the Hays County Local Health Department, updated the Court on the progress of the community health assessment, including new community partners. He encouraged residents to attend the Community Vision Session at the San Marcos Public Library and speak about their concerns regarding public health.

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.

Commissioner Smith updated the Court on bills related to the resolutions passed in a previous meeting and encouraged them to stay informed on their progress. Judge Becerra spoke about the importance of following the legislature. Commissioner Ingalsbe stated she is working on an unfunded mandate resolution. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Shell, seconded by Judge Becerra to adjourn court at 3:34 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 FEBRUARY 28, 2023.



ELAINE H. <u>CÁRDENAS</u>, COUNTY CLERK AND <u>EXOFFICIO</u> CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF

HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS