

Commissioners Court – August 25, 2026
NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS



This Notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. (VERNONS TEXAS CODES ANN. GOV. CODE CH.551). The Hays County Commissioners Court will hold a meeting at **9:00 A.M.** on AUGUST 25, 2026, in the Hays County Courthouse, 111 East San Antonio Street, Room 301, San Marcos, Texas. An Open Meeting will be held concerning the following subjects:

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

B. **INVOCATION**

C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag & Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag**

D. **ROLL CALL**

E. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
At this time 3-MINUTE comments will be taken from the audience on Non-Agenda related topics. To address the Court, please submit a Public Participation/ Witness Form to the County Clerk. Please Complete the Public Participation/ Witness Form in its Entirety.
NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE COURT DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS .

F. **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Presentation from the Budget Officer regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Possible action may follow.
BECERRA/WOODLAND

G. **CONSENT ITEMS**
The following may be acted upon in one motion.
A Commissioner, the County Judge, or a Citizen may request items be pulled for separate discussion and/or action.

1. Approve payments of County invoices. **VILLARREAL-ALONZO**
2. Approve the payment of Juror disbursements. **TENORIO**
3. Approve the payment of Texas Association of Counties healthcare claims and authorize an additional disbursement in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to the healthcare claims account. **VILLARREAL-ALONZO**

H. **ACTION ITEMS**

I. **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Discussion and possible action to acknowledge presentation of a voter petition to the County Judge for the creation of a Hays County Hospital District under Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 281. **BECERRA**

2. Discussion and possible action to order a countywide special election to be held on the first Saturday in May, 2027 for the creation of a Hays County Hospital District pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 281. The ballot for an election under this chapter shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The creation of a hospital district and the levy of a tax not to exceed 75 cents on each \$100 of the taxable value of property taxable by the district." **BECERRA**
3. Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution formalizing the Hays County Commissioners Court's intent to establish a target operating tax rate for the proposed Hays County Hospital District of \$0.01 to \$0.02 per \$100 of taxable valuation, substantially below the statutory maximum of \$0.75 per \$100 valuation; recognizing that the County currently expends approximately \$4 million annually on healthcare-related costs; and expressing the Court's intent that the proposed District offset existing County healthcare expenditures, maximize available federal matching funds and fiscal efficiencies, and provide for a corresponding reduction in the County tax burden, with the projected annual District tax on a \$400,000 taxable value not to exceed \$80 at the stated target rate. **BECERRA**
4. Discussion and possible action to add one new full-time Judicial Services Officer I position, grade 117, in the Judicial Services Office, effective September 1, 2026, and amend the budget accordingly.
INGALSBE/GRANJENOWOODLAND
5. 1:00 P.M. - Hold a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Hays County Proposed Budget.
BECERRA/WOODLAND

J.

WORKSHOP

K.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The Commissioners Court will announce that it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda. The Commissioners Court may also announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

1. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel regarding contemplated litigation involving unauthorized roadway construction by third party(s) within and/or surrounding the Sunfield and/or Suncreek subdivision(s) in Precinct 2. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court. **COHEN**

L.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

The Commissioners Court utilizes Standing Agenda Items to address issues that are frequently or periodically discussed in court. This section allows the Court to open the item when a need for discussion arises.

1. Discussion related to the Hays County inmate population, to include current population counts and costs. **BECERRA**
2. Discussion and possible action related to the burn ban. **BECERRA**
3. Discussion and possible action related to proposed bills in the 89th 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. **SMITH**

M. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Posted at least three (3) business days before the scheduled meeting of the
COMMISSIONERS COURT, HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS**

CLERK OF THE COURT

Hays County encourages compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the conduct of all public meetings. To that end, persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids such as an interpreter for a person who is hearing impaired are requested to contact the Hays County Judge's Office at (512) 393-2205 as soon as the meeting is posted (3 business days before the meeting) or as soon as practical so that appropriate arrangements can be made. While it would be helpful to receive as much advance notice as possible, Hays County will make every reasonable effort to accommodate any valid request regardless of when it is received. Braille is not available.



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM: F. 1.

Hays County Commissioners Court

Date: 08/25/2026

Requested By: Scot Woodland, Budget Officer

Sponsor: Judge Becerra

Agenda Item

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Hays County Commissioners Court

Date: 08/25/2026

Requested By:

Sponsor: Judge Becerra

Agenda Item

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Date: 08/25/2026

Requested By:

Sponsor: Judge Becerra

Agenda Item

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Sponsor: Judge Becerra

Agenda Item

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**Hays County Commissioners Court****Date:** 08/25/2026**Requested By:** Scot Woodland, Budget Officer**Sponsor:** Commissioner Ingalsbe**Agenda Item:**

Discussion and possible action to add one new full-time Judicial Services Officer I position, grade 117, in the Judicial Services Office, effective September 1, 2026, and amend the budget accordingly.

INGALSBE/GRANJENO/WOODLAND**Summary:**

Due to a reduction in grant funding for the Veterans Treatment Court, Hays County needs to absorb some of the costs of the program. This Judicial Services Officer will take over the probation responsibilities for individuals in the Veterans Treatment Court program.

Fiscal Impact:

Amount Requested: \$9,596

Line Item Number: 001-608-20]

Budget Office:

Source of Funds: General Fund

Budget Amendment Required Y/N?: Yes

Comments:

Fiscal Impact			Budget Amendment		
\$	47,769	Staff Salaries	\$	3,981	001-678-00.5021 Increase Staff Salaries
\$	9,728	Fringe	\$	247	001-678-00.5101_100 Increase FICA
\$	12,371	Insurances	\$	58	001-678-00.5101_200 Increase Medicare
\$	69,868	Total Salary/Fringe	\$	507	001-678-00.5101_300 Increase Retirement
\$	5,825	FY26 (eff 9/1/26)	\$	992	001-678-00.5160_400 Increase Medical Insurance
\$	2,000	Surface Pro	\$	34	001-678-00.5160_500 Increase Dental Insurance
\$	85	Surface Pro Supplies	\$	6	001-678-00.5160_600 Increase Life Insurance
\$	698	Monitors	\$	783	001-678-00.5202 Increase Data Processing Supplies
\$	347	Licenses	\$	347	001-678-00.5429 Increase Software Maint and Licensing
\$	160	Telephone License	\$	160	001-678-00.5488 Increase Telephone License
\$	481	Telephone/Data Lines	\$	481	001-678-00.5489 Increase Telephone and Data Lines
\$	9,596	Total FY26 Request	\$	2,000	001-678-00.5712_400 Increase Computer Equipment Operating
			\$	(9,596)	001-645-00.5091 Decrease Co-Wide Salary Adjustments

Purchasing Office:

Purchasing Guidelines Followed Y/N?: N/A

Comments:

Auditor's Office

G/L Account Validated Y/N?: Yes

New Revenue Y/N?: N/A

Comments:



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM: I. 5.

Hays County Commissioners Court

Date: 08/25/2026

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Sponsor: Judge Becerra

Agenda Item

1:00 P.M. - Hold a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Hays County Proposed Budget. **BECERRA/WOODLAND**

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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM: K. 1.

Hays County Commissioners Court

Date: 08/25/2026

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Sponsor: Commissioner Cohen

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