

ORIGINAL

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
HELD IN THE HISTORIC HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MARSHALL, TEXAS
THIS THE 26th DAY OF AUGUST 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:00 a.m. on the 26th of August 2025, Regular Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Historic Harrison County Courthouse in Marshall, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same. The meeting was open to the public and notices of said meeting were posted as required by law.

Invocation was led by County Judge Chad Sims

Pledge of Allegiance:

American Flag

Texas Flag: "Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State under God, One and Indivisible"

DECLARE A QUORUM PRESENT:

Present and Voting:

Chad Sims,	County Judge
William Hatfield,	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Zephaniah Timmins,	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Austin Koos	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jay Ebarb,	Commissioner, Precinct #4

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

"Passed to the next Agenda"

Harrison County Extension Agents won the following awards:

Jennifer Dyson, CEA-4-H Youth Development

Louraiseal McDonald, CEA-FCH

Matt Garrett, CEA Ag and Natural Resources

EXHIBIT

SEP 11 2025

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Recognition of the Sam Houston Elementary STEM Academy in Marshall, TX and George Washington Carver Elementary in Karnack, TX won the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Healthy School Recognized Camp Award “Passed to next Agenda”

“PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 2025 AS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH”

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF APPRAISER-LEE FLOWERS, A STATUS UPDATE ON THE HARRISON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

DECLARE A QUORUM PRESENT:

Call to Order by the County Judge, Chad Sims, at 9:40 a.m.

ITEM A
AUDITOR:

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-346

ITEM #1.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners’ Court of Harrison County, to approve the line item transfer of \$144,293.48 Exhibit A-1

Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Koos
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-347

ITEM #2.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners’ Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the payment for Regular Bills in the amount of \$692,593.02. Exhibit A-2

Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-348

ITEM #3.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve Payroll for August 15, 2025. Exhibit A-3

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-349

ITEM #4.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the Budget Amendment per LGC 111.0108- Special Budget for Revenue received after the start of the fiscal year. This budget has zero impact. Exhibit A-4

ITEM B

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-350

ITEM #1.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the personnel changes for the Harrison County Road & Bridge Department. Exhibit B-1

NEW HIRES: None

RANGE/STEP CHANGES: None

RESIGNATIONS:

8/13/25	Javarius Mitchell	Temporary/\$10.3476
8/16/25	Payton Morrison	Temporary/\$10.3476

TERMINATIONS: None

RETIREMENTS: None

TRANSFER: None

Full Time Employees (54)	47 (Includes County Engineer & Road Administrator)
F/T Vacancies:	7
Part Time Employees (4)	4
Part Time Vacancy:	0
Temporary: (6)	3
Temp. Vacancies:	3

Motioned by Comm. Koos
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-351

ITEM #2.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the utility applications submitted to the Harrison County Road & Bridge Department as attached for Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, West Harrison Water Supply, Markwest Energy Texas Gas Company, LLC, MPLX Pipeline. as attached. Exhibit B-2

Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Koos
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-352

ITEM #3.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve the Preliminary Plat for "Cedar Heights" Subdivision off of FM 449 in PCT 4. Exhibit B-3

ITEM C
SHERIFF:

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-353

ITEM #1.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, Texas to approve for out of state travel for Deputy Kenneth Black and Deputy Noah Aguillard to travel to Bossier Parrish, Louisiana on October 20th - October 24th, 2025, to attend the Basic Swat Training Course. Exhibit C-1

ITEM D
COUNTY CLERK:

Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-354

ITEM #1.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve the transcribed minutes of Commissioner's Court meeting on August 12, 2025. Exhibit D-1

Motioned by Comm. Hatfield
Seconded by Comm. Koos
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-355

ITEM #2.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve the transcribed minutes of Commissioner's Court meeting on August 14, 2025. Exhibit D-2

ITEM E.
NEW BUSINESS:

Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-356

ITEM #1.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County to approve, subject to ratification, in Open Court, the approval of the application made available through Texas Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services, for the Hog Abatement Grant with the deadline for submission being August 23, 2025 with no purchase to be made until Grant is awarded with effective date to be September 1, 2025- August 31, 2026.Exhibit E-1

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Koos
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-357

ITEM #2.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve the appointment of Janie Hill to serve as the treasurer on the Children's Welfare Board, effective August 13, 2025 through October 8, 2025.Exhibit E-2

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Hatfield
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-358

ITEM #3.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to discuss proposed 2025-2026 tax rate for Harrison County, take record vote and schedule public Hearing on Tax increase (if needed) to be held on September 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. and authorize publication of public Notice on august 28,2025 in newspaper and Harrison County website homepage on august 26, 2025 as listed at bottom of agenda. Exhibit E-3

Motioned by Comm. Koos
Seconded by Comm. Ebarb
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-359

ITEM #4.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County, to approve Public Hearings to be held on September 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. and authorize publication of said Public Notices on August 31, 2025, in the newspaper and Harrison County website homepage as follows:

- a) Public Hearing to consider proposed 2025-2026 Budget
- b) Public Hearing to consider proposed County Clerk's 2025-2026 Archive Fee Plan
- c) Public Hearing to consider Proposed District Clerk's 2025-2026 District Clerk Court Records Technology Fund Fee.
- d) Public Hearing to consider Proposed Tax rate for 2025-2026
- e) Public Hearing to consider Proposed 2025-2026 Salaries, Expenses other allowances of Elected Officials

Exhibit E-4

Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Timmins
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-360

ITEM #5.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County to set September 11, 2025 at 9:00a.m. for the approval of Adoption of County Budget for Harrison County for FY 2025-2026. Exhibit E-5

Motioned by Comm. Timmins
Seconded by Comm. Hatfield
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-361

ITEM #6.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County to set September 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for the approval of Adoption of County Budget for Harrison County for FY 2025-2026. Exhibit E-6

Motioned by Comm. Ebarb
Seconded by Comm. Koos
All members voting in favor
Motion carried unanimously (5-0)
Order #2025-362

ITEM #7.


IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Harrison County to approve the Proposed Texas Statewide Opioid Settlement agreements which include Purdue Settlement and Gang of 8 Settlement to include the 8 defendants as listed: Alvogen, Inc., Apotex Corp., Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC, Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc, Viatris Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc. and Zydus Pharmaceuticals. Exhibit E-7

To see more information regarding the FY 2025-2026 Budget for Harrison County please go to:
<https://www.harrisoncountytexas.gov/page/harrison.Budgets>

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Court for consideration and action, the motion was made by Commissioner Hatfield and seconded by Commissioner Timmins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

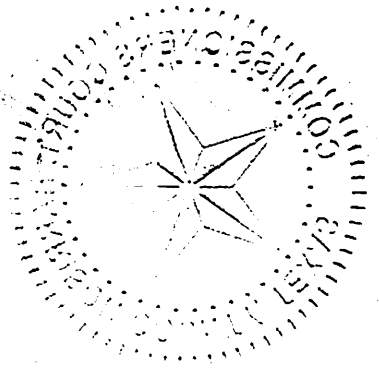
ATTEST:


Heather Henigan, County Clerk
Harrison County, Texas

Chad Sims, County Judge
Harrison County, Texas

Minutes approved on:


9-11-2025



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