

**HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2026 – 8:30 AM**

The Commissioner's Court of Hill County, Texas, met this day in special session with the following members present: Shane Brassell, County Judge; Jim Holcomb, County Commissioner, Precinct #1; Larry Crumpton, County Commissioner Precinct #2; Scotty Hawkins, County Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin Lake, County Commissioner, Precinct #4; and Nicole Tanner, County Clerk.

- I.** County Judge Shane Brassell called the Hill County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Pastor Daniel Tanguma led us in prayer.
- II.** County Clerk Nicole Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S Flag and the Texas Flag.
- ZIII.** County Judge welcomed visitors and announcements and presentations were held if any.
- IV.** Open Forum was announced and the following people came forward and spoke:
Sheila Cheek, Mairi Kaska, Bazil Zangare, Corey Miller, and Linda Polley all spoke against the Data Centers in Hill County and Transparency of the Meetings. Glenn Watson and Richard Trawick spoke with appreciation for everything they do for the county

**CONSENT AGENDA:
2026-5126**

On motion made by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, the following consent agenda items were approved:
Minutes from – April 7, 2026 Commissioners Court Meeting.
Invoices from – April 14, 2026, April 24, 2026 and Check in the amount of \$419,643.00 for Precinct #1
Payroll for – April 17, 2026
Final Receipts and Disbursements for February and March of 2026.
All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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V. COURT ORDERS:

**1. EMPLOYEE WAGE/STATUS CHANGES
2026-5127**

On motion made by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to approve the Employee Wage/Status Changes for Tricia Edge, Taylor Smith and Vanessa Ventura. New hires Frank Urbanovsky, Frances Pesina, Tonia Turlington and Waylon Rumfield.
All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**2. HILL COUNTY CPS BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT
2026-5128**

On motion made by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to observe and record the Hill County CPS Board Treasurer's Report for March, 2026.
All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**3. PROCLAMATION FOR CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
2026-5129**

On motion made by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to observe and record a Proclamation for Child Abuse and Awareness Prevention Month for April, 2026.
All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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4. MONTHLY FEE OFFICE REPORTS

2026-5130

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to observe and record the monthly reports from fee offices for January 2026 and February 2026.

All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 5. LET IT ME KNOWN** that a presentation was held by the County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development, Angie Nors regarding an interpretation and updates about the 4-H Youth Outreach and Curriculum Enrichment efforts. (Handout in Folder)

6. MONTHLY BANK BALANCE

2026-5131

On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to approve the monthly bank balance report for March, 2026

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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7. FY2027 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

2026-5132

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to approve the FY2027 Unemployment fund rate for 2027 as follows: Old Rate: FY 26 - 0.0020 and the New Rate: FY27 - 0.0026.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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8. FY2027 TCDRS RATE

2026-5133

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve the FY2027 TCDRS retirement rate as follows:

Retirement Rate - 10.12%, Group Term Life- .28% with a total Contribution Rate - 10.40% and the Employee Deposit Rate at 7%

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 9. TLOxp (TRANSUNION) CONTRACT WITH HILL COUNTY CONSTABLES WAS TABLED until Constables can be at court to present.**

10. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

2026-5134

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to approve budget amendment amount \$25,406.00 for the Hill County Sheriff's Office to purchase replacement washers for the Hill County Jail.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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11. PURCHASE OVER 5000.00 FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

2026-5135

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to approve a purchase of jail laundry equipment (washing machines) in the amount of \$25,406.00 from Ed Brown Distributors for the Hill County Sheriff's Office, Hill County Jail.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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12. AGREEMENT BETWEEN HILL COUNTY AND LESO

2026-5136

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve an agreement between Hill County and the Texas LESO (AKA10-33 Program) via the US Department of Defense (DOD) for State Plan of Operations (SPO).

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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13. TEXAS SENATE BILL 8 GRANT

2026-5137

On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve for the Hill County Sheriff's Office applying for the Texas Senate Bill 8 Grant.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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14. CONTRACT FOR WAN SERVICES

2026-5138

On motion by Commissioner Martin Lake and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve services between Hill County and Lightstream Networks, LLC to provide fiber optic services to four Hill County sites for a term of 5 years at a rate of \$2000 per month.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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15. PURCHASING AN ASPHALT RE-CLAIMER – BUY BOARD

2026-5139

On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to approve the purchasing of an asphalt re-claimer through the Buy Board.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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16. FINANCING OPTION FOR PRECINCT #2

2026-5140

On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve the financing options from Government Capital for an asphalt re-claimer for Precinct #2 in the amount of \$539,949.00.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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17. RESOLUTION REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR FINANCING

2026-5141

On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to approve a resolution regarding a contract for the purpose of financing a asphalt re-claimer.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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18. BIG TEX 40' TRAILER, PRECINCT 1

2026-5142

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to approve the purchase of a 2023 Big Tex 40" Trailer, Vin# 16V3F4822P6286549 make/model-(22GN-35BK+5MR) for Precinct #1.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 273

19. RESOLUTION REGARDING DATA CENTERS

2026-5143

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to approve a Resolution regarding enhanced regulation of Data Centers in the State of Texas.

All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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County Judge Shane Brassell called a 5-minute recess @ 9:58

20. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUILDING

2026-5144

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve action regarding the Commissioners Court granting the County Judge the authority to contact an Architect for the Emergency Operations Building.

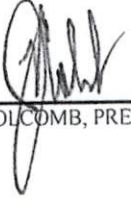
All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 21. RESCINDING SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINE
2026-5145**
On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to approve rescinding the sixth amended and restated tax abatement guidelines. All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 282
- 22. SEVENTH AMENDED AND RESTATED HILL COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT
GUIDELINES had discussion but NO ACTION.**
- 23. FIREWORKS FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
2026-5146**
On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve the sale of fireworks for Memorial Day holiday. All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 283
- 24. INSTRUMENT SOFTWARE FOR GRANT FUNDING WAS TABLED**
- 25. PEST CONTROL FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS
2026-5147**
On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to approve pest control for multiple county buildings. All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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- 26. HILL PRAIRIE ESTATES, PHASE ONE – FINAL PLAT
2026-5148**
On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to approve the final plat for Hill Prairie Estates, Phase One. All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 288
- 27. OWL ESTATES, PHASE ONE – PRELIMINARY PLAT
2026-5149**
On motion by Commissioner Martin Lake and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve the Preliminary plat for Owl Estates, Phase One. All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 289
- 28. PETTY RANCH ADDITION – PRELIMINARY PLAT
2026-5150**
On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve the Preliminary plat for Petty Ranch Addition. All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 290
- 29. JOHNSON CENTRAL SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE – MINOR PLAT
2026-5151**
On motion by Commissioner Martin Lake and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve the Minor Plat for Johnson Central Subdivision, Phase One. All Commissioner present voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 291
- IV ADJOURNMENT
2026-5152**
On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to adjourn at 10:38 A.M. All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HILL COUNTY
WERE READ AND APPROVED MAY 12, 2026.



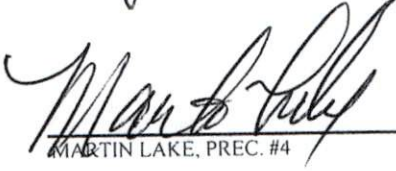
JIM HOLCOMB, PREC. #1



LARRY CRUMPTON, PREC. #2



SCOTTY HAWKINS, PREC. #3



MARTIN LAKE, PREC. #4



COUNTY CLERK NICOLE TANNER



COUNTY JUDGE SHANE BRASSELL