

**HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2026 – 8:30 AM**

The Commissioner's Court of Hill County, Texas, met this day in regular 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 Tara Bassett, Deputy County Clerk. County Clerk Nicole Tanner was absent.

I. County Judge Shane Brassell called the Hill County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 AM.
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II. County Judge Shane Brassell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S Flag and the Texas Flag.

III. 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 with concerns regarding their opposition to the Data Centers that are here and future for the ones that want to come to Hill County. Jack Merrill, Tim and Lori Lyness, George Pitterger, Tim and Kim Weiland, Ted Weiland, Wayne Moody, Lauren Docommun, Leland Limbaugh, Peter Ellis, Carol Yeargan, Elizabeth Rogers, Michelle Moran, Charles and Alex Whitfill, John Howard, Cliff Whitfill, Darrell and Kristy McLain, Linda Polley, Melissa Autrey, Gary Johnson, John Loveless, Mairi Kaska, Cathy Latham, Charles Maley, Hannah Buford, Jordan Hiness, Phillip Gallia, Amy Teal, Branda Ladd, Pat Abbott, Jan Barnes, Donna Hunter, Robyn Montgomery, Shelia Flores, Mindy Ramsey, Julie Waters, Lowell Williams, Debra Wherry, Jen Isaacks, Teresa Kasik Orr, Kili (Key-lee) H., Amanda Russell and Phillips.

Online speakers: Rico Martinez, Pervez Siddique and Basil Zangare.

**CONSENT AGENDA:
2026-5153**

On motion made by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, the following consent agenda items were approved:

Minutes from – April 24, 2026

Invoices from –April 28, 2026, May 5, 2026 and May 12, 2026

Payroll for – May, 1, 2026

Monthly Report for Revenue and Disbursements for March 2026 and April, 2026

Observe and Record Elected Officials Training Certificates – Rachel Parker, Hill County Treasurer.

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

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V. COURT ORDERS:

**1. ONE YEAR MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTER CONSTRUCTION IN HILL COUNTY
2026-5154**

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to approve placing a one-year moratorium on data center construction in Hill County in order for the county to address the issue at hand, and assess the far-reaching impact to the local community from these facilities. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

County Commissioner Precinct #1 Jim Holcomb voting "YES"

County Commissioner Precinct #2 Larry Crumpton voting "YES"

County Commissioner Precinct #3 Scotty Hawkins voting "NO"

County Commissioner Precinct #4 Martin Lake voting "NO"

County Judge Shane Brassell voting "YES" **MOTION PASSED**

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County Judge Shane Brassell called recess at 1:07 P.M.

May 12, 2026 – 1:55 P.M. – Commissioners Court Back in Session – All Present

2. EMPLOYEE WAGE/STATUS CHANGES

2026-5155

On motion made by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve the Employee Wage/Status Changes as follows:

New Hires: Kelsey Lewis – Tax Office – Deputy Clerk I

Separations: Amanda Hill – Tax Office – Deputy Clerk I

Wage Status Change: Briana Garner – Dispatcher III (Step Completion)

Vanessa Ventura – Jailer I – incorrect date used previously

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

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3. CPS BOARD TREASURERS REPORT APRIL, 2026

2026-5156

On motion by Commissioner Martin Lake and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to observe and record the CPS Board Treasurers Report for April, 2026.

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

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4. HILL COUNTY INVESTMENT REPORT

2026-5157

On motion by Commissioner Martin Lake and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to observe and record the Investment Report – Quarter ending March 31, 2026.

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

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5. AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT TABLED

On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to table the Auditors Annual report as of September 30, 2025.

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

6. HILL COUNTY FY 2025 GASB #75

2026-5158

On motion by Commissioner Martin Lake and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to observe and record the Hill County FY 2025 GASB #75 valuation for postemployment benefits other than pensions.

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

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7. 2026 COMPLIANCE LETTER REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT TABLED

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to table item #6 concerning the 2026 Compliance Letter for BPL Files, LLC pursuant to the Tax Abatement Agreement between Hill County and BPL Files, LLC, dated August 27, 2019.

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

8. COUNTY BONDS

2026-5159

On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to approve county bonds for Jennifer Bonds and Robert Bryant.

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

Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 348

9. CELL PHONE FOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

2026-5160

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to approve a cell phone for the Veterans Service Officer Brad Orban.

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

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10. CELL PHONE FOR INDIGENT HEALTHCARE OFFICER

2026-5161

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to approve a cell phone for the Indigent Healthcare Office Coordinator April Torres.

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

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LET IT BE KNOWN that a presentation was held online by Traylor & Associates for an overview of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) requirements related to Section 2 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 – Grant #CDV23-0507

**11. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT APPROVED FOR MATHIS CONSTRUCTION
2026-5162**

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve the construction contract in the amount of \$356,248.00 per the engineer's recommendation, to the low bidder Mathis Construction, for the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract #CDV 23-0507 for Post Oak SUD water improvements, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all related documents, including any necessary change orders not to exceed 25% of the awarded construction contract.

All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**12. DE-OBLIGATION MODIFICATION TO LAKE CONTRACT
2026-5163**

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve to accept the de-obligation modification in the amount of \$1,319.20 from the base year of contract W9126G25P0025P0001 between Hill County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, pertaining to Hill County's increased Law Enforcement Services for Three Rivers Region, Aquilla and Whitney Lakes, Texas.

All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**13. MONTHLY BANK BALANCE APPROVED
2026-5164**

On motion made by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to approve the monthly bank balance report for April, 2026.

All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**14. RFP'S FOR ALL HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES – ANCO BROKER
2026-5165**

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered for ANCO as our Broker for Ancillary Services to obtain RFP's for the following services: Group Medical, Dental, Vision, Basic Life & AD&D, Voluntary Life & AD&D, Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability, Critical Illness, Accident, Cancer, Hospital Indemnity, Emergency Transportation, Whole Life, MERP, Premium Saver, Tele Med and Cobra Insurance Program for October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027.

All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**15. RESIGNATION FROM SICK POOL COMMITTEE
2026-5166**

On motion by Commissioner Martin Lake and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve Martin Lake's resignation from the Hill County Sick Pool Committee.

All Commissioners Voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**16. APPOINT MEMBER TO SICK POOL COMMITTEE
2026-5167**

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to appoint Scotty Hawkins, Commissioner to the Hill County Sick Pool Committee.

All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**17. APPOINT MEMBER TO SICK POOL COMMITTEE
2026-5168**

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to appoint Linda Cain, Non-Supervisory Employee to the Hill County Sick Pool Committee.

All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**18. APPOINT MEMBER TO SICK POOL COMMITTEE
2026-5169**

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to appoint Nicole Tanner, Elected Official to the Hill County Sick Pool Committee.

All Commissioners voting Aye. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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19. 2026 SICK POOL POLICY

2026-5170

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to approve the 2026 Sick Pool Policy, Effective May 12, 2026. Existing sick pool members currently utilizing the pool shall not be changed by this policy. Once their days are exhausted, the new policy will apply.

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

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20. WELLS FARGO BANK ACCOUNT CLOSED

2026-5171

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Martin Lake, it is hereby ordered to approve closing Well Fargo Bank Account, Elewan Pitts Dudik Solar II LLC. Any funds held along with the accrued interest, will be disbursed to Elewan Pitts Dudik Solar II LLC.

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

Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 403

21. PUBLIC FINANCE CONTRACT

2026-5172

On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve a Public Finance Contract with Government Capital Corporation, for \$539,949.00, to finance one (1) BOMAG RS360 Re-claimer, including the execution of all accompanying documents for Precinct #2.

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

Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 431

22. BUDGET AMENDMENT

2026-5173

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,922.00 for the Hill County Treasurer's Office for a Panini Scanner not previously budgeted.

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

Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 446

23. TABLE ITEM #24 OF AGENDA CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to table item #24 of agenda concerning budget amendments.

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

24. CERTIFICATION OF REVENUES

2026-5174

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to approve certification of revenues in the amount of \$419,643.00 received for Precinct #1 from Government Capital in the form of a capital lease to purchase a chip spreader.

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

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25. BUDGET AMENDMENT

2026-5175

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$419,643.00 for Precinct #1 to recognize revenue in the form of a capital lease to purchase a Chip Spreader.

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

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26. BUDGET AMENDMENT

2026-5176

On motion by County Judge Shane Brassell and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve a budget amendment for Road and Bridge #4 in the amount of \$131,817.00 to ensure sufficient funds are available to provide construction materials for ongoing projects.

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

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27. BUDGET AMENDMENT

2026-5177

On motion by Commissioner Martin Lake and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve Budget Amendment for FM Lateral #4 in the amount of \$65,000.00 to increase contract services, construction materials and capital outlay.

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

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28. CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR CONSTABLES

2026-5178

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to approve a contract between TLOxp (TransUnion) and all four Hill County Constables for searches and reports offered through TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions (TRADS)

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

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29. MUTUAL AID COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT

2026-5179

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve a mutual aid communications agreement between Hill County and Steele Creek Volunteer Fire Department for the use of radio system when working with the Hill County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division.

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

Exhibits can be found in Volume Z-64 Page 458

30. REGIONAL EQUIPMENT TRANSFER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

2026-5180

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to approve the Regional Equipment Transfer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Heart of Texas Council of Governments (HOTCOG) to Hill County for the Penelope radio tower site that was funded with Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grant funds.

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

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31. HILL COUNTY 2026 HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN

2026-5181

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve a resolution to adopt the Hill County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, which aims to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and property in Hill County from future hazards and disasters.

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

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32. ITEM #33 OF AGENDA TABLES CONCERNING SOLID WASTE SERVICES

On motion by Commissioner Jim Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Larry Crumpton, it is hereby ordered to table item #33 concerning a new contract for solid waste services with Republic Services for the Huron Annex.

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

33. PUBLIC HEARING SETTING FOR A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE.

2026-5182

On motion by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to approve setting a public hearing for June 9, 2026 for installation of a traffic control device in the form of 35 MPH speed limit on HCR 3369 in Precinct #3

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

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34. SOUTHERLY ADDITION REPLAT

2026-5183

On motion by Commissioner Martin Lake and seconded by Commissioner Scotty Hawkins, it is hereby ordered to approve the Southerly Addition Re-plat.

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

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35. ADJOURNMENT
2026-5184

On motion by Commissioner Larry Crumpton and seconded by Commissioner Jim Holcomb, it is hereby ordered to adjourn.

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HILL COUNTY WERE READ AND APPROVED MAY 26, 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