



MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2026

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Brazos County, Texas was held in the Brazos County Commissioners Courtroom in the Administration Building, 200 South Texas Avenue, in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 with the following members of the Court present:

Duane Peters, County Judge, Presiding;
Bentley Nettles, Commissioner of Precinct 1, Absent;
Chuck Konderla, Commissioner of Precinct 2;
Fred Brown, Commissioner of Precinct 3;
Wanda J. Watson, Commissioner of Precinct 4;
Karen McQueen, County Clerk;

The attached sheets contain the names of the citizens and officials that were in attendance.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- U.S. and Texas Flag - Commissioner Watson

2. Call for Citizen input and/or concerns

Chris Barnes, resident of Precinct 2, addressed the Court concerning honeybees, the expansion of Highway 6, and traffic issues. Mr. Barnes submitted a copy of his statement for the minutes, it is attached hereto.

Christine Shimek, resident of Precinct 2, addressed the Court concerning the MPO road project and Elections.

Cathie Viens, resident of Precinct 4, addressed the Court concerning Data Centers.

3. Presentations and/or Discussions

- Presentation of Joint Proclamation proclaiming March 10, 2026, as Pamela Robertson Day in recognition of her outstanding service to our Veterans and to Brazos County.

Judge Peters read aloud the joint Proclamation from the offices of the County Judge and the Mayors recognizing the day of March 10, 2026 as Pamela Robertson Day. Ms. Robertson has significantly empowered Veterans and facilitated change in Brazos County. The Court expressed their gratitude for Ms. Robertson's service to the Veterans of Brazos County. Constable Donald Lampo also expressed his gratitude toward Ms. Robertson for all that she has done for him. The Court congratulated her on her new opportunity and wished her well.

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4. Approval requested to accept textbooks and teaching materials donated by the Texas Education Agency for use by youth and staff at the Brazos County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.

A copy of the donation form is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

5. Approval for acceptance of donated or unclaimed property items left by inmates leaving the Brazos County Detention Center for the month of July 2025.

A copy of the donation form is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

6. Approval requested from the Sheriff's Office to apply for the U. S. Department of Justice - Office for Victims FY25 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant.

A copy of the Grant Approval form is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

7. Approval requested for early voting locations for the May 26, 2026 Primary Elections.

Elections Administrator Trudy Hancock informed the Court that they need to select the early voting location in College Station. The Court entered into discussion on the proposed locations.

Commissioner Konderla moved to approve early voting locations for the May 26, 2026 Primary Elections with voting sites:

- Brazos County Election Administrator Office
- Arena Hall
- Galilee Baptist Church
- College Station Utilities Meeting and Training Facility
- College Station City Hall

The motion was seconded by Judge Peters, and passed with a 3 to 1 vote.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Judge Duane Peters. Passed. 3-1. Ayes: Konderla, Peters, Watson. Nays: Brown. Absent: Nettles.

8. Approval requested from Human Resources to write off outstanding account receivables in the amount of \$142.76. This amount is believed to be uncollectible.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

9. Authorization for the County Judge to sign the Extension of Tolling Agreement originally approved and executed in Commissioners Court on January 23, 2024.

Judge Peters provided clarification of the Extension of Tolling Agreement.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

10. Approval of Authorization for the County Judge to sign the Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement with the City of Bryan as required for a Special Use Permit in support of the Brazos County Courthouse Annex Building project.

Christine Shimek, resident of Precinct 2, addressed the Court concerning details of the Brazos County Courthouse Annex Building Project. Judge Peters stated that Ms. Shimek's question was outside of the scope of the posted agenda item.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

11. Approval of the ARTS Renewal for 1095Cs through Texas Association of Counties.

A copy of the agreement is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by

Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

12. Approval of Proposal 26-090 from the awarded broker, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. with the following providers:
- a. Brazos County Health District, Professional Liability: Landmark American Insurance Company
 - b. Brazos County Health and Wellness Clinic, Professional Liability: Evanston Insurance Company
 - c. Brazos County, General Liability: Evanston Insurance Company
 - d. Brazos County, Cyber Liability: Lloyd's Syndicate AFB 2623

Judge Peters stated that "c. Brazos County, General Liability", needed to be removed from the agenda.

On a motion by Commissioner Konderla and second by Commissioner Watson, the Court voted unanimously to approve Proposal 26-090 with the following providers:

- a. Brazos County Health district, Professional Liability: Landmark American Insurance Company
- b. Brazos County Health and Wellness Clinic, Professional liability: Evanston Insurance Company
- d. Brazos County, Cyber Liability: Lloyd's Syndicate AFB 2623

A copy of the Proposal is attached.

Motion: Approve w/ Conditions, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

13. Request from Forensic Services - Administration for the following personnel changes with effective date as of March 10, 2026. This change will increase the Forensic Services - Administration FY 2026 Budget in the amount of \$192,139.00.
- a. Increase B3002-1 Medicolegal Death Investigator, Salary Grade B3002-1, from \$0.00 per hour to \$40.87 per hour, Hourly Full-Time
 - b. Increase B3002-2 Medicolegal Death Investigator, Salary Grade B3002-2, from \$0.00 per hour to \$40.87 per hour, Hourly Full-Time
 - c. Increase B3005-1 Forensic Operations Administrator, Salary Grade B3005-1, from \$37.50 per hour to \$60.10 per hour, Hourly Full-Time

Commissioner Brown moved to table this item with concerns of moving forward before having enough information.

The Court then engaged in conversation with Budget Officer Nina Payne and Director of Forensic Services Dr. Jennifer Dierksen.

Commissioner Brown withdrew his motion to table but maintained his opposition to the personnel changes.

Commissioner Konderla and Commissioner Watson spoke in support of the personnel changes.

A copy of the position control changes is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 3-1. Ayes: Konderla, Peters, Watson. Nays: Brown. Absent: Nettles.

14. Consider and take action on the Comcast utility permit to directional bore conduit and construct road bores under the following County Roads. Site is located in Precinct 1.
- a. North Dowling Road – 645 feet in ROW and 2 crossings
 - b. Blue Quail Lane – 1 crossing
 - c. Ashely Lane – 1 crossing
 - d. Reveille Road – 6 crossings
 - e. Walnut Road – 155 feet in ROW

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

15. Consider and take action on the Comcast utility permit to directional bore conduit and construct road bores under the following County Roads located within Saddle Creek Subdivision. Site is located in Precinct 1.
- a. Saddle Creek Drive – 8 crossings and 350 feet in ROW
 - b. Prairie Dawn Trail – 4 crossings
 - c. Wild Rose Drive – 1 crossing
 - d. Gun Oak Trail – 1 crossing
 - e. High Meadow Trail – 2 crossings
 - f. Lariat Lane – 3 crossings
 - g. Vintage Oaks Drive – 2 crossings
 - h. Vintage Oaks Court – 4 crossings

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

16. Consider and take action on the Comcast utility permit to directional bore conduit and construct road bores under the following County Roads. Site is located in Precinct 1.
- a. I&GN Road - 1,046 feet in ROW
 - b. Straub Road - 2 crossings and 1,645 feet in ROW
 - c. Stousland Road - 3 crossings and 1,627 feet in ROW
 - d. Saddle Creek Drive – 2 crossings
 - e. Prairie Dawn Court – 2 crossings
 - f. Gun Oak Trail – 1 crossing

Commissioner Watson expressed concerns with Comcast.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

17. Request approval of the Amending Plat of Aggie Acres Subdivision Lots 8-A and 8-B addressing requests for variance to the Brazos County Subdivision Regulations, Article 7 pertaining to building setback and drainage easement. Site is located in Precinct 1.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

18. Request approval of the Final Plat of Bertram Grove Subdivision Phase 1, 42.180 Acres; Samuel Davidson Survey, City of College Station ETJ, Brazos County, Texas. Site is located in Precinct 1.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

19. Consider and take action of the Comcast utility permit to install 6,269 feet of 2-inch fiber optic conduit by directional bore within the right-of-way of Mancuso Road. Site is located in Precinct 2.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

20. Consider and take action on the Frontier utility permit to directional bore 5,300 feet of fiber optic conduit within the right-of-way of Dick Elliott Road and abandon existing lines in-place. Project is needed to accommodate proposed road improvement project. Site is located in Precinct 2.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

21. Request approval of the Final Plat of Cook Crossing Phase 2, 14.60 Acres; Thomas J. Allcorn League, A-61; City of Bryan ETJ, Brazos County, Texas. Site is located in Precinct 2.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

22. Request approval of the resubmittal of the Final Plat of Fazzino Park Subdivision, 10.12 Acres, Lots 1 and 2; H. Mitchell Survey, Abstract 180; James Curtis Jr. League Survey,

Abstract 12; City of Bryan ETJ, Brazos County, Texas. Plat revised due to a change in the number of proposed lots. Site is located in Precinct 4.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson, Seconded by Commissioner Chuck Konderla. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

23. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for December 2025 & Quarter Ending December 31, 2025.

Cathie Viens, a resident of Precinct 4, addressed the Court with concerns about the Treasurer's report.

County Treasurer Cristian Villareal provided clarification.

The Court voted unanimously to receive, approve and order filed as submitted the Treasurer's Report for December 2025 and Quarter Ending December 31, 2025. A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

24. Budget Amendments.

- FY 25/26 Budget Amendments 12.01 - 12.09

12.01 - Transfer of funds from Information Technology to Tax Assessor.

12.02 - Recognize an adjustment within the State Homeland Security in the Grant Fund.

12.03 - Recognize the PREA Grant Award in the Texas Juvenile Justice Department in Grant Fund.

12.04 - Recognize a donation to Juvenile Services.

12.05 - Transfer of funds from Contingency to Facilities Services - Parking Garage.

12.06 - Reallocation of funds within Medical Examiner's Office.

12.07 - Reallocation of funds for the firewall at the Medical Examiner's Building.

12.08 - Transfer of funds from Contingency to Capital Outlay in Sheriff's Office - Rural Law Enforcement Grant Program.

12.09 - Reallocation of funds for Brazos Center.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

25. Personnel Change of Status.

- Approval for Personnel Change of Status

A copy of the Personnel Change of Status is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

26. Payment of Claims.

- Approval of Payment of Claims

A copy of the Claims is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Peters, Watson. Absent: Nettles.

27. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.0761 for deliberation regarding critical infrastructure facility.

At this point, the Acting County Judge announced the Court would consider items 29 through 34 and then return to convene into Executive Session.

Having considered the previously noted agenda items, at 11:09 a.m. the County Judge stated that the Court would convene into Executive Session to deliberate pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.0761 for deliberation regarding critical infrastructure facility.

The following individuals were asked to stay for the session:

Aubrey Leggett, Executive Assistant

Ed Bull, General Counsel

Andrew Wipke, Assistant General Counsel

Eric Caldwell, Chief Information Officer

Kevin Joyner, Chief Information Security Officer

Nina Payne, Budget Officer

28. Consider and possible action on Executive Session.

At 11:23 a.m. the County Judge announced the meeting open to the public and announced that no action would be taken on the Closed Executive Session.

29. Acknowledgement of the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority (MHMR) of Brazos Valley Annual Financial Report, August 31, 2025.

The Court acknowledged receipt of the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority (MHMR) of Brazos Valley Annual Financial Report, August 31, 2025.

30. Acknowledgement of the CY 2025 Racial Profiling Report for the Brazos County Sheriff's Office.

The Court acknowledged receipt of the CY 2025 Racial Profiling Report for the Brazos County Sheriff's Office.

31. Acknowledgement of the FY 2025-2026 Budget to Actuals by Fund as of March 2, 2026.
Acknowledgement of the FY 2025-2026 Contingency Budget to Actuals by Fund as of March 2, 2026.

The Court acknowledged receipt of the 2025 - 2026 Budget to Actuals by Fund and Contingency Fund Budget to Actuals as of March 2, 2026.

32. Monthly Report from the County Attorney's Office

Brazos County Attorney Earl Grey reported the following:

- Total dispositions on all misdemeanors in the County - 1,767
- Total collected fees - \$82,075

33. Monthly Report from the District Attorney's Office

District Attorney Jarvis Parsons reported that the disposition rate for January and February is at 144%. DA Parsons highlighted a few cases and his Office's training program for new Police Officers, and the upcoming D. A. in a Day program.

34. Announcement of interest items and possible future agenda topics.

Commissioner Konderla asked for prayers, as our community is mourning the loss of retired College Station Police Assistant Chief Brandy Norris.

Commissioner Brown would like an item added to a future agenda regarding property issues for ESD #3.

Judge Peters introduced the new Assistant General Counsel, Andrew Wipke.

35. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.