



MINUTES

MAY 5, 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, May 5, 2026 with the following members of the Court present:

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

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 - Judge Peters

2. Call for Citizen input and/or concerns

Eric Caldwell, Chief Information Officer, addressed the Court concerning election systems.

Charles Wendt, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Court concerning the Chamber Vendor and Job Fair. He also provided a credit card rebate report.

Cynde Wiley, a resident of Precinct 1, addressed the Court concerning elections. Ms. Wiley submitted a copy of her statement for the minutes, it is attached hereto.

Cathie Viens, a resident of Precinct 4, addressed the Court concerning elections and the Rellis Campus Data Center.

3. Presentations and/or Discussions

- Presentation and discussion of the Bryan Art Path project by Jeremy Thompson to paint future murals on the Brazos County buildings in downtown Bryan..

Jeremy Thompson, a local artist, provided information to the Court on the Bryan Art Path Project plan. This is approximately a 4 mile corridor of high quality murals stretching from Northgate, through a rejuvenated midtown, into downtown. Mr. Thompson shared that in a recent study, 86% of Americans said "arts and culture are important to their community's quality of life and livability". A copy of Mr. Thompson's presentation is attached.

- Presentation from Segal providing an update on the status of the Compensation and Benefits Study.

Human Resources Director Jennifer Salazar provided a brief overview of the purpose for the Compensation and Benefits Study. She then turned the floor over to TL Cox, Vice President with Segal. Mr. Cox provided a review of the County's objectives and a progress report. Jonathan Sibert with Human Resources then explained how the current system works and the reasons a new system is needed.

Mr. Cox then presented the market assessment findings and engaged in discussion with the Court. Commissioner Watson asked for clarification concerning adding career ladders. Mr. Cox explained that would be one option, the other option would be salary ranges with a maximum.

Commissioner Nettles thanked Mr. Cox and his team for all the work they are doing. He then recommended rewarding individuals with a merit, not a merit raise for the position. Human Resources Assistant Director Raeanna McConathy then provided an overview of next steps, and Mr. Cox provided a timeline for completion of the project. The presentation and report are attached hereto.

4. Approval of Proclamation 26-016 proclaiming the month of May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month.

The County Judge read aloud Proclamation 26-016 proclaiming the month of May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month. Thomas Hall shared his personal story and then thanked the Court for helping to raise awareness for ALS.

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

5. Approval of Proclamation 26-017 proclaiming the week of May 10-16, 2026 as National Police Week and May 15, 2026 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

The County Judge read aloud Proclamation 26-017 proclaiming the week of May 10-16, 2026 as National Police Week and May 15, 2026 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Sheriff Wayne Dicky thanked the Court for the recognition. He then thanked all Peace Officers for their selfless service. Sheriff Dicky reminded us that this is not only a time to

honor those that are serving today but also a time to honor those that we have lost while serving.

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

6. Approval requested from the Public Defender's Office for the following resolutions:
 - a. 2027 Brazos County Resolution 26-009, TIDC Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program - Continuing Improvement Grant
 - b. 2027 Brazos County Resolution 26-010, TIDC Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program - Juvenile and Appellate Expansion Grant
 - c. 2027 Brazos County Resolution 26-011, TIDC Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program - Mental Health Expansion Grant

Commissioner Nettles spoke in support of the grants, sharing that he is always in favor of bringing the taxpayer money back into Brazos County.

The Court voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 26-009, Resolution 26-010, and Resolution 26-011.

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

7. Approval of Appointment of Campbell Young to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District (Rural Water Systems) for the unexpired term of Stephen Cast ending December 31, 2028.

The Court approved the appointment of Campbell Young to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District.

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

8. Approval for the Brazos County Historical Commission to plant a tree at Boonville Heritage Park as part of the Sons of the American Revolution's National Liberty Tree effort to recognize the 250th Anniversary of American Independence.

Henry Mayo, Chairman of the Brazos County Historical Commission, thanked the Court for their support and announced several events planned to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of American Independence.

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

9. Approval of the Uniform Policy for the Veteran Service Office.

A copy of the Policy is attached.

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

10. Approval requested from the Purchasing Department to declare a list of surplus property as salvage in accordance with Local Government Code 263.152 and authorize destruction or other means of disposal.

A copy of the list is attached.

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

11. Approval requested from Human Resources to write off outstanding account receivables in the amount of \$190. This amount is believed to be uncollectible.

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

12. Approval requested from the Sheriff's Office to renew the agreement with the LESO Program as administered by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A copy of the agreement is attached.

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

13. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Brazos County and Vehicles for Change outlining terms, responsibilities, and cooperation between the parties, and authorization for the County Judge to execute the agreement.

Commissioner Nettles stated that this is at no cost to the County. He also asked for clarification on the daily cost of housing an inmate and how the program will be audited.

Sheriff Dicky estimated the cost to be around \$70 a day to house an inmate, not including medical. He then stated that this is an agreement to provide a program that will put people in a position to be employable when they are released. It will be audited annually.

A copy of the agreement is attached.

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

14. Approval of Amendment #4 to the Purchasing Policy regarding expanded use of credit cards.

Cathie Viens, a resident of Precinct 4, addressed the Court concerning the use of credit cards.

Judge Peters provided clarification on the policies and procedures for using a County credit card.

Commissioner Nettles, Commissioner Watson and Purchasing Agent Charles Wendt provided additional clarification.

A copy of the amendment is attached.

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

15. Approval of the Participating Addendum with NASPO and Acro, for Short Term Professional Staffing Services. This allows the County to continue utilizing Acro's Services per Contract #25-104.

A copy of the Addendum is attached.

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

16. Permission to Advertise RFP 26-088 for Grant Writing.

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

17. Approval of the following evaluation committee for RFP 26-088 Grant Writing.
 - a. Marci Turner, County Auditor
 - b. Paul Martinez, Chief Deputy Sheriff
 - c. Jason Ware, Emergency Management Coordinator
 - d. Brian Baker, District Attorney's Office
 - e. David Hilburn, 361st District Court
 - f. Legal (non-voting)
 - g. Purchasing (non-voting)

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

18. Approval of Contract #26-103 Asset Management, Permitting, and Licensing software with Vertosoft, LLC for OpenGov.

A copy of the contract is attached.

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

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

19. Approval of the Final Plat of Southwest Acres Two, Block 1, Lots 1-4; 6.10 Acres; Samuel Davidson Survey, A-13; Brazos County, Texas. Site is Located in Precinct 1.

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

20. Consider and take action on the Comcast utility permit to directional bore conduit within the right-of-way and construct road bores under the following County Roads. Sites are located in Precinct 1.
- a. North Dowling Road – 9 crossings and 3,125 feet in ROW
 - b. Walnut Road - 5 crossings and 3,600 feet in ROW
 - c. Hickory Road - 1 crossing and 960 feet in ROW
 - d. Reveille Road – 2 crossings
 - e. Bluebonnet Drive – 1 crossing
 - f. Favor Road - 2 crossings
 - g. Woodlands Drive - 2 crossings
 - h. Feather Run - 1 crossing
 - i. Stillwater Road - 1 crossing
 - j. Ashley Lane - 1 crossing
 - k. Feather Run Circle - 1 crossing

Commissioner Konderla questioned the process for grouping Road and Bridge items on the agenda.

Right of Way Agent Joe Salvato provided clarification on their process.

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

21. Consider and take action on the Wellborn SUD utility permit to construct road bore at 8622 Smith Lane to provide water services. Site is located in Precinct 1.

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

22. Consider and take action on the Wellborn SUD utility permit to construct road bore at 1377 Westbrook Road to provide water services. Site is located in Precinct 1.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Bentley Nettles, Seconded by Commissioner Chuck Konderla. Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Konderla, Nettles, Peters,

Watson. Absent: Brown.

23. Approval of the Final Plat of P70 Industrial Park, Lots 1-15; 54.35 Acres; Moses A. Foster, A-16 and John F. Martin, A-34 League; 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: Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson. Absent: Brown.

24. Consider and take action on the Brazos Wifi utility permit to directional bore 2,800 feet of fiber optic conduit within the West right-of-way of Alexander Road from FM 974 to Collette Lane. Site is located in Precinct 2.

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

25. Consider and take action on the Brazos Wifi utility permit to install conduit by directional boring within the south ROW of Collette Lane for approximately 7,250 feet. Project includes seven (7) road bores. Site is located in Precinct 2.

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

26. Consider and take action on the Brazos Wifi utility permit to construct three (3) road bores under Green Hill Drive located within Green Hill Subdivision. Site is located in Precinct 2.

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

27. Consider and take action on the Brazos Wifi utility permit to directional bore 6,000 feet of fiber optic conduit within the North right-of-way of Old Reliance Road from Reliance Church Road to FM 2038. Site is located in Precinct 2.

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

28. Consider and take action on the Brazos Wifi utility permit to directional bore 8,390 feet

of fiber optic conduit within the right-of-way of Riley Road for internet services. Project also includes nine (9) road bores. Site is located in Precinct 2.

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

29. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for February 2026.

The Court voted unanimously to receive, approve and order filed as submitted the Treasurer's report for February 2026. 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: Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson. Absent: Brown.

30. Budget Amendments.

- FY 25/26 Budget Amendments 16.01 - 16.09

16.01 - Transfer funds from Contingency to Capital Outlay in Sheriff Office - Rural Law Enforcement Grant Program.

16.02 - Transfer of funds from Contingency to Child Support - Child Protective Svc - 472nd.

16.03 - Reallocation of funds for Project Management - Administration.

16.04 - Reallocation of funds for Specialty Court - Mental Health.

16.05 - Transfer of funds from Contingency to Capital Outlay in Hotel Occupancy Tax.

16.06 - Reallocation of funds for County Judge - Administration.

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

16.08 - Reallocation of funds for Fleet Shop - Light Equipment - Administration.

16.09 - Transfer of funds from Contingency to Forensic Services.

Cathie Viens, a resident of Precinct 4, addressed the Court concerning amendment 16.07 on the parking garage.

Judge Peters and Budget Officer Nina Payne addressed her concerns.

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

31. Personnel Change of Status.

- Approval of Personnel Change of Status

A copy of the Personnel Change of Status is attached.

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

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

32. Payment of Claims.

- Approval of Payments of Claims

A copy of the Claims is attached.

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

33. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to the following:

- 1. Texas Government Code §551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 2. Texas Government Code §551.087 for deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.
- 3. Texas Government Code §551.0725 to deliberate business and financial issues related to a contract being negotiated.

At this point, the County Judge announced the Court would consider items 35 through 39 and then return to convene into Executive Session.

Having considered the previously noted agenda items, General Counsel Ed Bull submitted a written determination that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the Court in negotiations with a third party. A motion was offered by Commissioner Konderla to meet in closed Executive Session as per Mr. Bull's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nettles and the motion passed unanimously. At 11:41 a.m. the County Judge announced the meeting closed to the public, so the Court could convene into Executive Session pursuant the following:

1. Texas Government Code §551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

The following individuals were asked to stay for the session:

Aubrey Leggett, Executive Assistant
Ed Bull, General Counsel
Andrew Wipke, Assistant General Counsel
Trevor Lansdown, Project Management Director
Katie Conner, County Judge's Office
Nina Payne, Budget Officer

2. Texas Government Code §551.087 for deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.

The following individuals were asked to stay for the session:

Aubrey Leggett, Executive Assistant
Ed Bull, General Counsel
Andrew Wipke, Assistant General Counsel
Katie Conner, County Judge's Office

3. Texas Government Code §551.0725 to deliberate business and financial issues related to a contract being negotiated.

The following individuals were asked to stay for the session:

Aubrey Leggett, Executive Assistant

Ed Bull, General Counsel

Andrew Wipke, Assistant General Counsel

Katie Conner, County Judge's Office

Nina Payne, Budget Officer

Charles Wendt, Purchasing Agent

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

34. Consider and possible action on Executive Session.

At 12:38 p.m. the County Judge announced the meeting open to the public and announced that no action would be taken on the Closed Executive Session.

35. Acknowledgement of the Brazos County Emergency Services District (ESD) #1 Annual Financial Audit Report for the year ended September 30, 2025.

The Court acknowledged receipt of ESD1 Annual Financial Audit Report for the year ended September 30, 2025.

36. Acknowledgement that the Brazos County Emergency Services District (ESD #1) Bond was filed with the Brazos County Clerk's Office on April 22, 2026.

The Court acknowledged that the ESD1 Bond was filed with the Brazos County Clerk's Office on April 22, 2026.

37. Acknowledgement of FY 2025-2026 Budget to Actuals by Fund as of April 27, 2026. Acknowledgement of FY 2025-2026 Contingency Budget to Actuals by Fund as of April 27, 2026.

The Court acknowledged receipt of the FY 2025 - 2026 Budget to Actuals by Fund and Contingency Fund Budget to Actuals as of April 27, 2026.

38. Acknowledgement of the Investment Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2026.

The Court acknowledged receipt of the Investment Report for quarter ending March 31, 2026. A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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

Judge Peters announced that we will be adding a consent agenda section to the agenda.

Commissioner Nettles shared a few items of interest.

- May 15th is Armed Forces Day, a day to honor our service members. Please keep

them is your thoughts and prayers, especial those currently serving that are in harms way.

- May 15th is also the Brazos County First Responders BBQ at St. Nick's Green, come out and support our First Responders.

Commissioner Konderla reminded the community that Sunday is Mother's Day.

- Departments are reminded that the deadline to submit your FY 2027 budget requests is **May 15, 2026**. Please ensure all Maintenance & Operations (M&O) budgets are entered and reviewed by this date to allow adequate time for analysis and follow-up discussions during the budget development process.
- Brazos County will host its annual Job Fair on May 6, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Brazos Center. We invite all members of the public to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to connect with Brazos County departments.

40. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.