



MINUTES

MAY 19, 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 19, 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;
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

Karen Simpson, resident of Precinct 1, addressed the Court concerning parking.

Christine Shimek, resident of Precinct 2, addressed the Court concerning an appointment to the Brazos Valley Council of Government Board.

Cathie Viens, resident of Precinct 4, addressed the Court concerning Commissioners

Courtroom Policies and the Open Meetings Act.

Peter Michelena, resident of Precinct 4, addressed the Court concerning Memorial Day.

3. Presentations and/or Discussions

- Presentation by Glen Brewer, President and CEO of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, regarding continued support.

A presentation was given by President of the Chamber of Commerce Glen Brewer on the continued support from the County. Mr. Brewer stated that he is not requesting additional funding this year and that he is happy to continue working with the County. He discussed the Chamber's trip to Washington D.C. and the Job Fair that took place at the Brazos Center .

Commissioner Brown questioned the number of restaurants that closed within the last year. Mr. Brewer shared that he believes great opportunities are coming soon to assist business owners. The Court thanked Mr. Brewer for his presentation.

- Presentation by Freese and Nichols, Inc., regarding the Brazos County Subdivisions Regulations update.

A presentation was given by Freese and Nichols Project Planner Connor Roberts. Mr. Roberts discussed the project timeline, noting that they just completed the second round of in-person engagement meetings with stakeholders including representatives from the City of Bryan. He shared that a comparison document has been provided to the Court and the next step is to work on revisions following the stakeholder meetings.

Commissioner Konderla expressed his appreciation for the multiple stakeholder meetings and would like to see the comparison document in a chart format.

Commissioner Nettles inquired about collaborating with City of College Station and Mr. Roberts stated that he would set up a meeting.

Commissioner Brown requested the comparison document is a format that is easier to read.

- Presentation by Eric Caldwell, Chief Information Officer, regarding Information Technology's research into citizen's concerns on alleged Bexar County voting irregularities.

Chief Information Officer Eric Caldwell presented an update on his team's investigation into a citizen's concern regarding the voting irregularities in Bexar County. Upon concluding their investigation, Mr. Caldwell stated that he does not believe the facts of the Bexar County primary elections support the conclusion that the KNOWiNK poll pad and ePulse system are demonstrably compromised and he sees no reason to discontinue Brazos County use of the systems.

The Court thanked Mr. Caldwell for his report. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Consent Agenda Items

- The following routine items will be taken as consent agenda items. These items will be approved by one vote unless a member of the Commissioners Court specifically request an item be removed for individual consideration.
 - Agenda items 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Judge Peters explained the plan for the consent agenda items regarding citizen

speakers, and the Court's process for removing items as needed.

Commissioner Nettles stated that he wished to pull item #26 from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Brown stated that he wished to pull item #18 from the consent agenda.

On motion by Commissioner Konderla and second by Commissioner Brown, the Court voted unanimously to approve consent items 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

Motion: Approve w/ Conditions, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

Consider and take action on agenda items: 4 - 32

4. Approval of reappointment of Duane Peters to the BVCOG Board of Directors. Term of appointment is October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028.

The Court approved as submitted the reappointment of Duane Peters to the BVCOG Board of Directors.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

5. Consideration and approval of an Order authorizing the issuance of "Brazos County, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026"; authorizing a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and approving other matters relating thereto.

Peter Michelena, resident of Precinct 4, addressed the Court concerning the philosophy behind the Certificates of Obligation instead of taking the matter to the voters.

PFM Consultant Blake Roberts addressed the results of the bond sale, noting that it was a success and Bank of America was the winning bidder.

Commissioner Konderla inquired about the updated County bond rating. Mr. Roberts shared that Brazos County's rating was affirmed by S&P at AA+, noting that the rating reflects prudent financial management.

Commissioner Nettles requested clarification on the difference between Certificates of Obligation and General Bonds. Mr. Roberts provided clarification.

Commissioner Brown stated that he is not in support of going out for debt and shared that he would have preferred a General Bond election to let voters decide.

Judge Peters stated his support for the Certificates of Obligation for large, long-term purchases and Commissioner Nettles concurred, noting that he believes it to be a prudent financial decision to keep cash on-hand for potential emergencies.

Auditor Marci Turner thanked PFM financial advisors for their work on this matter.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-1. Ayes: Konderla, Nettles, Peters,

Watson. Nays: Brown.

6. Consideration and approval of an Order authorizing the issuance of "Brazos County, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026"; authorizing a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and approving other matters relating thereto.

Auditor Marci Turner clarified the process for this bond sale.

PFM financial advisor Blake Roberts shared that Bank of America was the winning bidder.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 4-1. Ayes: Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson. Nays: Brown.

7. Approval of expenditure journal entry for Brazos County's 2nd Quarter Contribution to the Brazos County Health District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$119,507.25. This is a budgeted expense for the support of the Health District in FY 2025-2026.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

8. Approval requested for the Billing & Payment Policies with Texas Association of Counties Health & Employee Benefits Pool.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

9. Approval of the following Job Description:
 - a. 361st District Court - B8152 - Court Coordinator - Specialty Court
 - b. Forensic Services - B3002 - Medicolegal Death Investigator

A copy of the job description is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

10. Approval of the Service Agreement for TAMU Psychology Clinic to provide clinical psychology services to the RESTART Court.

Commissioner Konderla questioned the short length of the Agreement.

Judge Hilburn provided clarification and discussed specifics of the program.

The Court entered into discussion on the RESTART Specialty Court and Judicial programs for Veterans.

A copy of the Agreement is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Bentley Nettles. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

11. Approval requested from the Purchasing Department for permission to advertise an auction of surplus property.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

12. 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 Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

13. Approval of Deductive Change Order to #CIP #25-580 Ferrill Creek Road Reconstruction with Brazos Paving Inc. in the amount of \$213,613.40.

A copy of the Deductive Change Order is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

14. Approval of Deductive Change Orders to #CIP 25-583 Brazos County Bridge Scour Repair with Solid Bridge Construction:
 - a. Kurten Cemetery Road -\$38,553.00
 - b. Deep Well Road -\$13,400.00
 - c. Collette Lane -\$19,773.50

A copy of the Deductive Change Orders is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

15. Award of RFQ #CIP 26-085 Independent Auditor Services for Brazos County. Recommended Award: Whitley Penn, LLP.

Commissioner Brown questioned why the County would use a firm out of Houston. Auditor Marci Turner shared that there were not any local bids.

A copy of the contract is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

16. Award of Bid #26-092 Transport of Deceased and Cremation Services. Recommended Award: Trevino-Smith Funeral Home and Crematory.

A copy of the contract and bid tabulation is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

17. Award of RFP #CIP 26-532 Road and Bridge Office Building Renovations. Recommended Award: Aggieland Construction.

A copy of the contract and bid tabulation is attached.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

18. Permission to Advertise RFQ #CIP 26-557 Construction Manager at Risk for Brazos County Emergency Communications District Dispatch Center.

Commissioner Brown requested clarification on the difference between a Construction Manager at Risk and a standard construction company.

Purchasing Agent Charles Wendt provided clarification and shared the benefits of utilizing a Construction Manager at Risk for complex projects.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

19. Approval of the following evaluation committee for RFQ #CIP 26-557 Construction Manager at Risk for Brazos County Emergency Communications District Dispatch Center.

- a. Trevor Lansdown - Director of Project Management - Brazos County
- b. Bob Lamkin - Director of Facility Services - Brazos County
- c. Paul Martinez - Chief Deputy Sheriff - Brazos County
- d. Patrick Corley - Executive Director - Brazos County 911 District
- e. Laura Blackburn - Associate Director - Brazos County 911 District
- f. Purchasing - Non-Voting
- g. Legal - Non-Voting

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

20. Approval of CIP #26-560 Commissioning Services- Kent St. with Tom Green & Company Engineers, in the amount of \$151,100.00.

Commissioner Brown requested clarification on utilizing commissioning services. Purchasing Agent Charles Wendt explained the benefits of contracting for commissioning services.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Wanda J. Watson. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

21. Approval of Final Plat of Southern Pointe Section 503; 21.76 Acres; Sterrett D. Smith League Survey, A-210; City of College Station ETJ, Brazos County, Texas. Site is Located in Precinct 1.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

22. Consider and take action on the Wickson Creek SUD utility permit to construct a road bore under Falling Water Road to provide water services. Site is located in Precinct 2.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

23. Consider and take action on the Wickson Creek SUD utility permit to construct a road bore under Four Winds Drive to provide water services. Site is located in Precinct 2.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

24. Approval of Final Plat of Harvest Meadows Phase Two (2); 18.009 Acres; R. Perry Survey Abstract 44; City of Bryan ETJ, Brazos County, Texas. Site is located in Precinct 2.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

25. Consider and take action on the Enterprise Products cost estimate of \$10,000.10 to relocate two (2) existing pipeline cathodic test leads and two (2) easement entrances. This work is needed to accommodate proposed widening of Democrat Road. Site is

located in Precinct 2.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

26. Consider and take action on the BTU utility permit to install two (2) power poles within the right-of-way of Britten Road to provide electrical services. Site is located in Precinct 4.

Commissioner Nettles stated that he would abstain from voting due to his service as a BTU Board Member. A copy of the affidavit of abstention is attached.

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

27. Commissioners Court minutes for the following dates:

- a. April 1, 2026 Workshop Session
- b. April 7, 2026 Workshop Session
- c. April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting
- d. April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

28. Budget Amendments.

- FY 25/26 Budget Amendments 17.01 - 17.09

17.01 Transfer funds from Information Technology - Non Capital to Tax Assessor/Collector - Administration.

17.02 Transfer funds from Information Technology - Non Capital to Sheriff's Office - Jail Administration.

17.03 Transfer funds from Information Technology - Non Capital to Jail Correctional Medicine - Administration.

17.04 Transfer funds from Contingency to Forensic Services - Administration.

17.05 Transfer funds from Information Technology - Non Capital to Tax Assessor/Collector - Administration.

17.06 Reallocate Capital Improvement Funds.

17.07 Transfer funds from Contingency to Project Management - Administration.

17.08 Reallocate funds for 2023 Certificates of Obligation.

17.09 Reallocate Capital Improvement Funds.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters,

Watson.

29. 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 Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

30. 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 Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

31. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to the following:

- a. Government Code §551.0725 to deliberate business and financial issues related to a contact being negotiated.
- b. Texas Government Code §551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

At this point, the County Judge announced the Court would consider items 33 through 36 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 Brown and the motion passed unanimously. At 11:46 a.m. the County Judge announced the meeting closed to the public, so the Court could convene into Executive Session pursuant the following:

- a. 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
Katie Conner, County Judge's Office
Charles Wendt, Purchasing Agent
Prarthana Banerji, County Engineer

- b. 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

Katie Conner, County Judge's Office

Nina Payne, Budget Officer

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Fred Brown. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

32. Consider and possible action on Executive Session.

At 12:35 p.m. the County Judge announced the meeting open to the public. On motion by Commissioner Konderla, seconded by Commissioner Nettles, the Court voted unanimously to authorize Judge Peters to sign a letter of intent to purchase real property.

Due to technical difficulties, this action was not captured on the recording.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Chuck Konderla, Seconded by Commissioner Bentley Nettles. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Brown, Konderla, Nettles, Peters, Watson.

33. Acknowledgement of Monthly Reports submitted in May 2026.

The Court acknowledged receipt of the Extension Service reports submitted in May 2026 and acknowledged receipt of reports from the following County and Precinct Offices showing revenues collected and remitted to the County Treasurer:

Constable, Precinct 2
Collections

34. Acknowledgement of Monthly Reports from County Auditor for December 2025 and January 2026

The Court acknowledged receipt of the Monthly Reports from County Auditor for December 2025 and January 2026.

35. Acknowledgement of FY 2025-2026 Budget to Actuals by Fund as of May 11, 2026. Acknowledgement of FY 2025-2026 Contingency Budget to Actuals by Fund as of May 11, 2026.

The Court acknowledged receipt of the 2025-2026 Budget to Actuals by Fund and Contingency Fund Budget to Actuals as of May 11, 2026.

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

Commissioner Nettles reminded everyone that it is Memorial Day weekend, and he announced the Remember the Fallen event at the Museum of the American GI on Sunday at 2:45 p.m.

He also clarified that the City of College Station did participate in a stakeholder meeting