



MINUTES

MAY 20, 2026

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Call to Order

A Workshop Session 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 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 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, Absent;

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

2. Presentation and discussion on Community Support Contract requests for the proposed budget FY 2026-2027.

(a) Foundational Public Services

Public Safety/Justice/Health

- Aggieland Humane Society
- Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley
- Brazos County Health Department
- Brazos Dispute Resolution Center
- Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG)
 - Brazos Valley Wide Area Communication System (BVWACS)
 - County Indigent Health Care (CIHC)
- MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley

Court - Related/Judicial Support Services

- Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC)
- Scotty's House (Child Advocacy Center)
- Voices for Children (CASA)

Direct County Operational Services

- Junction 505
- Brazos Transit District

Emergency Response (Life Safety)

- 9-1-1 Emergency
- South Brazos County VFD
- Brazos County District 2 VFD
- Brazos County Precinct 3 VFD
- Brazos County Precinct 4 VFD

Governmental

- Brazos County Historical Commission

(b) Community Outreach and Development**Health & Human Services (Preventative/Support)**

- Brazos Valley Food Bank
- Health For All
- Brazos Maternal & Child Health Clinic (Prenatal Clinic)
- Easter Seals (Early Childhood Intervention)
- NAMI Brazos Valley
- Salvation Army

Youth/Education/Community Programs

- Big Brother Big Sister of Brazos Valley
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Brazos Valley
- North Bryan Community Center

Environmental/Quality of Life

- Keep Brazos Beautiful
- Brazos County Soil & Water Conservation District

Arts/Cultural/Community Enhancement

- Arts Center of Brazos Valley
- Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial
- Brazos Valley Thin Blue Line Foundation

Public Safety Prevention/Community Safety

- Brazos County Crime Stoppers

(c) Strategic Public Partnerships

- Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG)
- Greater Brazos Partnership
- Easterwood Airport

Budget Officer Nina Payne welcomed the outside agencies in attendance and called on the first presenter.

(a) Foundational Public Services**Public Safety/Justice/Health**

- Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley - Dee Murph explained what Amber Alert Network does for the community. She stated that they need the continued funding from the County to provide the same level of support to the community for the next year.

- Aggieland Humane Society - Executive Director Kristina Ross discussed the services that Aggieland Humane Society provides and shared what the County funding goes toward. Ms. Ross stated that they are requesting a 3.35% increase in funding for the next fiscal year.
- Brazos County Health Department - Director Santos Navarrete discussed the various programs the Health District provides and stated that they are requesting a \$100,000 increase from each contributing local entity for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Brown discussed the surplus that the Health District has in the General Fund.
- Brazos Dispute Resolution Center - Executive Director Tori Ellis shared the mission of the Center and how their services help to prevent costly trials within the Courts. Ms. Ellis stated that they are requesting a \$10,000 increase over last year's funding due to inflation.
- Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) - Executive Director Terri Cloud discussed the multiple funding requests for their organization. Ms. Cloud stated that they are in need of an increase for both Brazos Valley Wide Area Communication System (BVWACS) and County Indigent Health Care (CIHC)
- MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley - Executive Director Bill Kelly stated that MHMR serves to help adults and children with severe and persistent mental illness. He discussed his funding request, noting that he is requesting the same level of funding from the County as last fiscal year.

Court - Related/Judicial Support Services

- Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) - Executive Director Alisha Rice discussed the services provided and noted a rising need for those services in the growing community.
- Scotty's House (Child Advocacy Center) - Board Member John Godfrey shared the mission for Scotty's House and the child advocacy services provided. He stated that due to the population increase, there are more cases. They are requesting a \$40,000 investment from the County.
- Voices for Children (CASA) - Executive Director Amy Faulkner shared the services provided by Voices for Children and stated that they are requesting \$60,000 in funding from the County.

At 9:56 a.m. the County Judge announced a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

Direct County Operational Services

- Junction 505 - Operations Manager Jon Glaze stated his appreciation for the partnership with Brazos County. He discussed the services provided by the organization and requested a \$90 per site, per month, increase to their funding. The Court discussed a collection site issue in Precinct 1.
- Brazos Transit District - Chief Administrative Officer Jo Marlow shared the services provided by BTD, noting they provide a vital service to the community. The Court discussed covered bus stops and the level of funding requested.

Emergency Response (Life Safety)

- 9-1-1 Emergency - Executive Director Patrick Corley discussed their funding request with the Court, noting that an increase is needed due to an additional staff member and pay scale changes.
- South Brazos County VFD, Brazos County District 2 VFD, Brazos County Precinct 3 VFD, and Brazos County Precinct 4 VFD - South Brazos County Fire

Chief Joe Don Warren explained the challenges in recruiting efforts and the expenses associated with training efforts. While the VFD's request was to remain at the same level of funding as last year, the Court expressed interest in an increased level of funding. Commissioner Konderla suggested an additional \$10,000-\$15,000 over last year.

Governmental

- Brazos County Historical Commission - Historical Commission Representative Allison Kay discussed the mission of the organization and explained the need for an increase in funding for the next fiscal year.

At this point, Ms. Payne called the remaining organizations in attendance for the morning session.

- Greater Brazos Partnership - Director Tom Johnson stated that they are requesting the same level of funding as the previous fiscal year, noting that they are requesting equal amounts from each entity. The Court then discussed the SpaceX Project.
- North Bryan Community Center - Executive Director Mattie Carter shared the various programs and services that the Center has to offer. She then engaged with the Court in discussion on the enrollment statistics for the school year and summer programs. Helen Washington also spoke in support of the Center, stating that it is an investment in the youth that will pay off later.

At 11:07 a.m. the County Judge stated that the meeting would recess until 1:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m. the meeting was reconvened and Ms. Payne called the next organization to the podium.

(b) Community Outreach and Development

Health & Human Services (Preventative/Support)

- Brazos Valley Food Bank - Executive Director Teresa Mangapora discussed the Food Bank's Backpack Program to assist in feeding school age children. She stated that they are requesting \$15,000 in County funding.
- Health For All - Director Liz Dicky discussed the services provided by the organization noting that 70% of the patients are Brazos County residents. Ms. Dicky stated that they are requesting a slight increase over last year.
- Brazos Maternal & Child Health Clinic (Prenatal Clinic) - Executive Director Lynn Cleary Yeager discussed the mission of the Prenatal Clinic and the statistics of the women they serve. She then stated that they are requesting the same level of funding as last fiscal year.
- Easter Seals (Early Childhood Intervention) - Director Dena Day shared what the organization has accomplished in early childhood intervention throughout the last year. She went on to discuss how the funding from the County is utilized.
- Salvation Army - Tatiana Rivera discussed the various services provided by the Salvation Army including Pathway of Hope and the food pantry. She requested an additional \$15,000 in County support to assist more families this next fiscal year. Ms. Payne noted that Salvation Army has not requested payment via invoice for the current fiscal year. Ms. Rivera stated that she would send the invoice.
- NAMI Brazos Valley - Operations Manager Carly Burson shared the mission of NAMI and the services provided. She requested continued support from Brazos

County.

At 2:30 p.m. the Court took a brief recess. The meeting was reconvened at 2:43 p.m.

Youth/Education/Community Programs

- Big Brother Big Sister of Brazos Valley - Development Director Bonnie Davila shared the mission of the organization and stated that they served 288 youth last year. She discussed a requested increase in funding due to rising operational costs and a growing need within the community.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Brazos Valley - CEO Rhonda Watson stated that they are requesting an increase in County support. She went on to share the services provided by the organization.

Environmental/Quality of Life

- Keep Brazos Beautiful - Executive Director Brooke Arellano discussed their recent community projects and beautification efforts. She explained that they are requesting an increase of \$1,000 from each funding source.
- Brazos County Soil & Water Conservation District - Board Chairman Ken Dunlap stated that they appreciate the past support that the County has provided and are asking for \$5,000 in continued support.

Arts/Cultural/Community Enhancement

- Arts Center of Brazos Valley - Executive Director Leslie Bowlin stated that she appreciates the continued support from the County. She requested an increase to offset expenses due to rising costs.
- Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial - Board President Michael Bottiglieri stated that they are not requesting an increase for the next fiscal year. He then discussed what the organization does.
- Brazos Valley Thin Blue Line Foundation - Board Member Larry Hodges shared the mission of the organization and stated that they hope to receive continued support from the County to give back to first responders.

Public Safety Prevention/Community Safety

- Brazos County Crime Stoppers - President Pam Cemino thanked the Court for the continued support and shared what that support does for the organization. She stated that they are requesting an increase to offset costs for P3 school tips.

Ms. Payne then discussed the funding for BVCNet, the Chamber of Commerce, and the TIRZ with College Station. Marci Turner provided clarification regarding the TIRZ. Ms. Payne went on to discuss the 10th Court of Appeals, and EMS Agreements.

Once the presentations were concluded, Ms. Payne requested that the Commissioners submit their requests regarding Community Support Contracts to her by email.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.