



# NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

## Regular Meeting

**\*This meeting will have remote access; See instructions below:**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING\*

*\*Public Notice is hereby given that to the extent the Commissioners Court has distinguished between subjects for public deliberation and those for executive session deliberation, that practice has changed. The Commissioners Court is hereby notifying the public that any item listed anywhere on the agenda, if permitted by law, may be discussed in executive session. See Executive Session below.*

**APRIL 24, 2024**

The Nueces County Commissioners Court will meet on the above date at **9:00 a.m.** for a Regular Meeting in the Commissioners Courtroom, 3rd floor, Nueces County Courthouse, 901 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas. Up to two (2) Court members may participate remotely.

**CONNIE SCOTT**  
**ROBERTO G. HERNANDEZ**  
**JOE A. GONZALEZ**  
**JOHN MAREZ**  
**BRENT CHESNEY**

**COUNTY JUDGE**  
**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1**  
**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2**  
**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3**  
**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4**

**KARA SANDS, CLERK OF THE COURT**

### INFORMATION ON THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court during this section on any Agenda Item or any subject within its jurisdiction except a matter related to pending litigation. Each speaker should sign in on the Public Comment Sheet available at the rear of the Courtroom at least five (5) minutes before commencement of the Commissioners Court meeting. Speakers should limit their comments to three (3) minutes. The County Judge may, if he/she deems it necessary, limit both the number of speakers and the time allotted to each speaker. Under the law, the Commissioners Court may only take action on items specifically listed on the Agenda. Subject matter presented which is not part of the Agenda will be referred to the appropriate department for review and subsequent action. Materials submitted during public

hearings will not be returned unless prior arrangements have been made through the County Clerk, with the approval of the County Judge. At least ten (10) copies of any document to be used by any speaker should be available for distribution. The speaker's name and, if applicable, Agenda Item number should be clearly marked on such documents.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** At most meetings, the Commissioners Court establishes a Consent Agenda. It consists of those Agenda Items which are routine or non-controversial, and which neither a member of the Commissioners Court nor the public has asked to be pulled for discussion. Once the Commissioners Court has established the Consent Agenda, Agenda Items included on it will be voted upon in one vote, and will not be discussed separately unless requested by the County Judge, Commissioner, or a citizen.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Commissioners Court may go into Executive Session to discuss those matters listed anywhere on the Agenda or as otherwise permitted by law.

**ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY:** The Commissioners Court may adjourn the meeting in memory of deceased community leaders, County employees, and other distinguished persons. Requests for Adjournment in Memory may be made through any County Commissioner or the County Judge.

**AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES:** Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting of the Commissioners Court, and who may need special assistance, services or auxiliary aids, should contact the Office of the Nueces County Judge (361-888-0444) at least forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

#### **COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, CONTRIBUTORS, AND PUBLIC ACCESS**

**The commissioners court members, public, presenters, contributors, and others may access the meeting and make public comment, by clicking the link below and registering prior to the calling of public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Link to webpage instructions: <https://www.nuecesco.com/remotepubliccomment>**

*Click the link above for access to the virtual meeting link to join the live broadcast of Commissioners Court. You must join before public comment is called to attend the virtual meeting. Once in the meeting, you will be muted until it is time for public comment. During public comment, the name you submitted will be announced before unmuting you. Before speaking, you will be asked to state, for the record:*

- *Your full name, and*
- *Your address*

Or QR Code



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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- A. County Judge calls for the Invocation.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Texas Flags.
- C. County Judge will call roll, note date, time, and location of meeting, and certify a quorum is present.
- D. **ANNOUNCEMENT ON DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Any Conflicts of Interest or Appearance of a Conflict of Interest with items on this agenda shall be declared at this time. Members with conflicts will refrain from voting and are asked to refrain from discussion on such items. Conflicts discovered later in the meeting shall be disclosed at that time.
- E. Present the following Certificate(s) of Recognition:
  - 1. In recognition of Arlis Young's 27 years of service to Nueces County.
- F. Adopt the following Resolution(s), Proclamation(s), and/or Order(s):
  - 1. In Recognition of the Robstown Early College High School Lady Pickers Powerlifting Team 2024 State Championship.
  - 2. In recognition of Autism Awareness Month - April 2024.
  - 3. Recognizing 5 Cowboys who assisted Nueces County deputies with rounding up 5 wild, estray horses in the London/Chapman Ranch area.

G. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

1. Coastal Bend Council of Governments
2. Nueces County Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities
3. Nueces County Library Advisory Board
4. South Texas Water Authority

H. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any issues within its jurisdiction. The Commissioners Court may not take formal action on any requests made during the Public Comment period which are not on the Agenda, but can refer such requests to County staff for review if appropriate.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following Agenda Items are of a routine nature, and the Commissioners Court has received supporting materials for consideration. All of these Agenda Items will be passed with one vote without being discussed separately, unless a member of the Commissioners Court or the public requests that a particular Agenda Item be discussed. If so, that Agenda Item will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed as part of the regular Agenda at the appropriate time. One vote will approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

A. Accept the Minutes for April 10, 2024.

B. Authorize payment of bills - regular bill and DSS summaries dated April 26, 2024; received check registers for Exception List payments of Utilities dated April 3rd & April 10th, 2024; Payroll Garnishments dated April 12, 2024; and payments on the vendors exceptions list dated April 5th, April 8th & April 12th, 2024; Received check registers for previously authorized payments of bills for Regular, DSS and Special Motions dated April 12, 2024.

C. Authorize payment of bills - manual check registers dated April 2, 2024, through April 15, 2024.

D. Authorize payment of bills - Special Motions Regular List dated April 24, 2024.

E. Authorize payment of bills - Special Motions list - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dated April 24, 2024.

F. Authorize payment of bills - Special Motions List - Lockwood Andrews & Newnam (LAN) dated April 24, 2024.

G. Authorize payment of bills - Special Motions list submitted by the County Attorney dated April 24, 2024.

- H. Authorize payment of bills - group health insurance claims and fees by Boon Chapman dated April 1st & April 13th, 2024; and for the month of March 2024.
  - I. Receive Monthly Travel Expense Reports for FY 23/24 Travel submitted between February 2024 and May 2024.
  - J. Receive Personnel Actions-New Hire Report and Personnel Actions-Separation Report for November 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.
  - K. Authorize Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Economic Development Contract for \$10,800 with Northwest Business Association.
  - L. Ratify and adopt Amendment No. 1 to the contract with the Texas PACE Authority.
  - M. Accept the following "Outside Agency Reports" for FY 2022-2023 and FY 2021-2022:
    - 1. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
    - 2. Northwest Business Association - (FY2021-2022)
    - 3. Timon's Ministries
  - N. Authorize the following "Outside Agency" Contracts for FY 2023-2024:
    - 1. Del Mar College - County Judge - \$1,000
    - 2. Timon's Ministries - Commissioner Pct. 4 - \$1,000
  - O. Authorize "Outside Agency" Contract for FY 2023-2024 for Court-Appointed Special Advocates of the Coastal Bend - Commissioner Pct. 4 - \$750.
  - P. Approve award and execution of an Agreement for \$212,333.60 with Progressive Structures, Inc. for the Nueces County Veterans & Social Services Renovations (IFB No. 3265-24).
  - Q. Receive update regarding Bob Hall Pier project, and all related matters.
3. **REGULAR AGENDA:**
- A. AGENDA ITEMS
    - 1. Receive presentation on the role of Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group as it pertains to Nueces County.
    - 2. Discuss and consider approval of an interlocal agreement between Nueces County, Nueces County Drainage District #2 and the City of Robstown on Precinct 3 American Rescue Plan act (ARPA) project for improvements to the Bridge at County Road 44 and all related matters.

3. Discuss and consider waiver of Chapter 63 of the Natural Resources Code limited to the proposed project, Port Aransas Permit 006100-C3.00; and all related matters.
4. Receive update on Boys and Girls Club Precinct 3 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project.
5. Receive update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund balances for individual precinct and county wide projects through March 31, 2024 from Grants Administration.
6. Discuss and consider amending the Work Authorization No. 1 from \$67,232.00 to \$105,492.00 for the New Driscoll Community Center project.
7. Discuss and consider transferring \$286,087.00 to the New Driscoll Community Center Project.
8. Discuss and consider adopting additional economic policy guidelines related to Precinct 2 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project community and economic development programs within Nueces County pursuant to Local Government Code 381.004, and all related matters.
9. Discuss and consider adopting criteria and application for recipients under the Precinct 2 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project, Colonias Septic System Improvements project; and all related matters.
10. Discuss and consider application process for Colonias residents to apply for assistance under the Colonias Septic System Improvements Precinct 2 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project; and all related matters.
11. Discuss and consider approval for method of procurement IFB (Invitation for Bids) for Colonias Septic System Improvements, Precinct 2 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project; and authorize the Purchasing Agent to publish a notice; and related matters.
12. Discuss and consider allowing Commissioner Joe A. Gonzalez (JAG), Precinct 2, to make requests to outside entities for additional funding for the Colonias Septic System Improvement, Precinct 2 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project, in compliance with the Nueces County Commissioners Court policy, and then to bring back any positive responses for court consideration.
13. Discuss splitting certain departments to determine, if it is beneficial to Nueces County and all related matters.
14. Discuss and consider approval of 3-year agreement with Carahsoft, DIR Contract No. DIR-TSO-4288, for \$13,884.99 for the County Clerk's subsite build-out, hosting, maintenance, and support by Granicus.
15. Discuss and consider execution of a three-year agreement for a total of \$30,000 (\$10,000 per year) between Nueces County and Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership for services related to protection of the coastal bend air quality.

16. Discuss and consider tearing down Hilltop Community Center (old Tuberculosis sanatorium), which is a county wide project and replacing it with a brand-new building to provide something special for all Nueces County residents, in particular those in Precinct 1. Any and all funds not needed for this project would remain in Precinct 1 to aid in other important projects in Precinct 1. All monies would remain in Precinct 1.
17. Discuss and consider authorizing Richter Architects to complete design specifications and drawings for value engineering for Hilltop Community Center Renovation (IFB No. 3265-24) as proposed by Richter Architects and related matters.
18. Discuss and consider selection of Turner Ramirez Architects for additional modifications needed at the Calderon Wellness Clinic, and related matters.
19. Discuss and consider upcoming Commissioners Court meeting date(s), workshop date(s), and related matters.

B. SHERIFF

1. Discuss and consider approval of purchase of firearm(s) by Honorably Retired Peace Officer(s), as authorized by Section 614.051 of the Texas Government Code.

C. GRANTS

1. Ratify the submission of a no-match grant application to Little Free Library, a nonprofit organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota.
2. Authorize the execution of a Renewal and Extension Agreement for Professional Services with Justice Benefits, Inc. (JBI).
3. Approve and Adopt a Citizen Participation Plan specific to the Nueces County MIT MOD grant application through the Texas General Land Office, Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Method of Distribution (CDBG-MIT-MOD) Program.

D. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Discuss and consider approval of Work Authorization No. 2 for \$71,525 between Nueces County and Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the County Road 47 Bridge Widening project located in Precinct 4.
2. Approve method of procurement IFB (Invitation for Bids) for Nueces County Animal Care Facility; and authorize the Purchasing Agent to publish a notice.

E. PURCHASING

1. Discuss and consider conditional selection of International Consulting Engineers (ICE) for Oil Belt Park Improvements (IFB No. 3267-24).

2. Discuss and consider authorizing and approving Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Sec-Ops, Inc. for Nueces County Security Services (RFP No. 3158-21), and related matters.
3. Discuss and consider conditional selection of RXDX, LLC for Sunrise Pond Nature and Storytime Walking Trail (IFB No. 3273-24).

F. AUDITOR

1. Approve Final Budget Change Order No. 23 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
2. Approve Budget Amendment No. 06 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve Drug and Healthcare Cost Reporting 2023 annual report by DrugCostReporting.com and Group Health Third Party Administrator (TPA) Boon Chapman in accordance with the "No Surprises Act" (NSA).

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Commissioners Court may elect to go into an Executive Session anytime during the meeting to discuss matters listed anywhere on the Agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. *To the extent there has been a past practice of distinguishing items for public deliberation and those for executive session, the public is advised that the Court is departing from that practice, and reserves the right to discuss any listed agenda items in executive session when authorized by law to do so.*** In the event the Commissioners Court elects to go into Executive Session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the Executive Session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. In accordance with the authority of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.0745, 551.076, 551.086, 551.087, the Commissioners Court will hold an Executive Session to consult with attorney(s) including matters related to litigation; deliberate regarding real property, prospective gift(s), personnel matters, including termination, county advisory bodies, security devices, and/or economic development negotiations and other matters that may be discussed in an Executive Session. Upon completion of the Executive Session, the Commissioners Court may in an open session take such action as appropriate on items discussed in an Executive Session.

- A. Discuss and consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Nueces County Appointed Department Heads as scheduled, Director of Human Resources and Medical Examiner, by the Commissioners Court (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.074).

**Adjournment in Memory (upon request)**