

**The State of Texas**

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**County of Edwards**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. there came on and was held in the City of Rocksprings, Edwards County, Texas, at the Edwards County Courthouse therein, a Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Edwards County, Texas. The Agenda for this Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on May 8, 2025 at 2:17 p.m.

Present were:

Honorable Marty Graham, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Steve Smith, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three

Honorable Mike Grooms, Commissioner of Precinct Four, was absent

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Honorable Olga Lydia Reyes, County and District Clerk

**1. Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Regular Open Meeting was called to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. Judge Shanklin announced that he had a quorum. All Commissioners were present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiances and Invocation.**

**3. Open Forum.** There were no participants in the Open Forum.

**4. Staff Reports.** No staff reports were discussed.

**5. DELIBERATE, CONSIDER and/or TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**a. Prior Minutes.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2025 meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to leave the burn ban as is, with Judge Shanklin having the authorization to lift the ban, if needed; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

c. **Discuss and Possible action to submit request to Texas Comptroller's Office for Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that Carl Esser will submit this request to the Texas Comptroller's Office, if needed. He stated that the County does this every year. Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the submission of a request to the Texas Comptroller's Office for Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Discuss and Act upon Terms of Agreement for Avenu Government Records Services, LLC for April 3, 2025, to April 2, 2028 – Olga Lydia Reyes.** Clerk Reyes stated that this is her recording and cashing software and is the best software that her office has. Avenu's prices rose substantially for the term of this new contract. We are currently paying a base fee of \$1000/month. We also pay several incidentals, such as microfilm storage and full service indexing. Our new base rate is \$1250 per month and incidentals have also increased. There will also be a 5% increase in the base fee and for incidentals each successive year, after 2025. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the contract with AVENU Government Records Services, LLC for April 3, 2025, to April 2, 2028; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. **Discuss and Act upon Participating in Entities Services Agreement for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS). Contract Number 52025-SYZ Edwards County – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin announced that this agreement was entered into every year. It is for the statewide automated victim notification service. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the County's participation in the Entities Services Agreement for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

f. **Discuss and Act upon Proclamation Declaring May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Proclamation Declaring May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

g. **Discuss and Act upon Proclamation Declaring May 2025 as Community Action Month – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Proclamation Declaring May 2025 as Community Action Month; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

h. **Discuss and Act upon approval for County Employees and Elected officials to complete the 2025 Cybersecurity Course annual mandatory training – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the County Employees and Elected officials to complete the 2025 Cybersecurity Course annual mandatory training; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

i. **Report Presentation of Public Health Region 8 County and Regional Report – Rolla Kelley.** Ms. Kelley appeared with her whole Public Health Region 8 team to present her report to the Court. Everyone on her team introduced themselves. She then proceeded to present her Region 8 Annual Report for 2024. The 2024 Public Health Summary for Edwards County reported only 3 STDs, 2 foodborne illnesses, 0 residents exposed to tuberculosis, 0 vaccine preventable diseases, and 0 rabies positive animals. Judge Shanklin thanked the Region 8 team for their work.

j. **Discussion of Invitation from Edwards County Historical Commission and the Edwards County Sheriff's Department for remembrance on Memorial Day, May 26, 2025, at 10:30 am at the Edwards County Veterans Memorial. All Veterans will be honored, and refreshments will be served. – Kari Cloudt.** Judge Shanklin stated that this date would also serve for the unveiling of the Park Building. He invited all of the Commissioners and the public to attend. No action taken as this was an informational item only.

k. **Discuss and Act upon purchase or sale of Equipment for Edwards County Road & Bridge. – Jim Prescott.** Mr. Prescott appeared to address the Court. He stated that he would like to purchase 2 dump trucks for his department. Right now, the current dump trucks are from 1997 and 1998. The trucks that he is currently looking at are newer. They are located in Houston. He and some of his crew (incl. a mechanic) will, if approved, be traveling to Houston to look at these trucks. He stated that the purchase of these trucks would not affect the bottom line of his budget. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the purchase or sale of this equipment for the Edwards County Road & Bridge Department. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

6. **New Business.** No new business was discussed.

7. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of June, 2025 (June 10, 2025) at 9:00 a.m.

8. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the bills; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

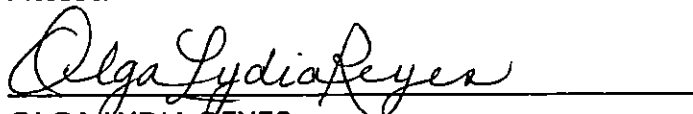
APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:



OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk

