

The State of Texas §

County of Edwards §

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 12th day of August, 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 August 5, 2025 at 4:40 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
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 8:54 o'clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. Judge Shanklin announced that he had a quorum. Sheriff Guthrie was also present. All Commissioners were present.
2. **Open Forum.** Carly Stevens, an engineer with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, appeared to address the Court. She discussed this agency's Emergency Watershed Protection Program with the Court. It is a financial cost-share program that only works with government sponsors.
3. **Staff Reports.** No staff reports were discussed.
4. **DELIBERATE, CONSIDER and/or TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**
 - a. **Prior Minutes.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the prior minutes from July 8, 2025. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to enact the burn ban and give the County Judge the authority to lift it if circumstances improve. Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. **Act and Adopt FY 2025-2026 Edwards County M & O Budget – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin announced that this matter had been taken care of at yesterday's meeting where the proposed budgets were approved.

d. **Act and Adopt FY 2025-2026 Edwards County M&O Tax Rate of .556808 – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin announced that this matter had been taken care of at yesterday's meeting where the proposed tax rates were approved.

e. **Act and Adopt FY 2025-2026 Edwards County Road & Bridge Budget – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin announced that this matter had been taken care of at yesterday's meeting where the proposed budgets were approved.

f. **Act and Adopt FY 2025-2026 Edwards County Road & Bridge Tax Rate of .134623 – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin announced that this matter had been taken care of at yesterday's meeting where the proposed tax rates had been approved.

g. **Act and Adopt FY 2025-2026 Edwards County Voter Approved Tax Rate of .691431 – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin announced that this matter had been taken care of at yesterday's meeting where the proposed tax rates had been approved.

h. **Discuss and act upon approval of Deputy Felix Ruiz to cash out 40 hours of vacation – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve Deputy Felix Ruiz to cash out 40 hours of vacation; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. **Discuss and act upon approval of Edwards County Republican Party Election Workers for November 4, 2025 – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Edwards County Republican Party Election Workers for November 4, 2025 as submitted by the Republican County chair; Commissioner

Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

j. Discuss and act upon lease of office space at Edwards County Annex Building – Judge Shanklin. Judge Shanklin stated that, for the past several years, the County was looking to purchase a building for the District Court, Juvenile Board, and Juvenile Probation because of all of the activity we have had in the District Court. There is actually no written lease contract with the Edwards Central Appraisal District who is currently renting office space at the Edwards County Annex Building. He stated that since an issue had arisen, the Appraisal District would be removed from this space and it would instead be used by the District Attorney and the Juvenile and Adult Probation offices. We will let the ECAD find another space elsewhere. Commissioner Fry asked how much the ECAD paid to rent this space; Shanklin answered they paid \$600/monthly. Fry asked what amount, if any, the District Court would pay. Shanklin answered that they would pay \$800/month. The ECAD will be given until September 15 to vacate the office. Shanklin called for a motion to approve this: Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve and Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. Noting no opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. New Business. Commissioner Graham traveled to Del Rio to attend a meeting about the proposed pipeline coming through our area. He reports that the information received about the transmission lines was rather vague. The presenters gave about 12 different routes they proposed to take. No payment amounts for easements were revealed at this meeting. Contact information for attendees was collected. The best course of action for this project is to stay updated and informed about new developments.

Jim Prescott also addressed the Court. He read up on some information from the County Progress monthly publication. He informed the Court of some precedents that exist in other counties, such as a Road and Bridge fee of no more than \$10 that is collected on each piece of property. This fee is included and collected along with the property taxes. Additionally, some counties permit their road department equipment to be used on subdivision roads during off-time (for his department, it would be Fridays and Saturdays) and let the County workers

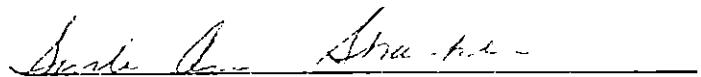
collected overtime for working on subdivision roads. Commissioner Fry indicated his apprehension about the latter suggestion.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court will be a special open meeting to finalize the budget on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. The next regular open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of September, 2025 (September 9, 2025) at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Judge Shanklin asked for a motion to confirm these settings: Commissioner Smith made the motion to set meetings on the above-indicated dates and times; Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. Noting no opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

7. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the bills; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

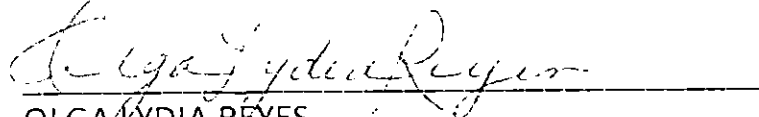
8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN
Edwards County Judge

Attest:



OLGA LYDIA REYES
Edwards County and District Clerk

