

The State of Texas

§

County of Edwards

§

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 14th day of October, 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 October 7, 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, was absent

Victoria Ramirez, Deputy 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 Deputy Clerk Ramirez. Judge Shanklin announced that he had a quorum. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Grooms, were present.

2. Open Forum. Game Warden Blake Satterfield appeared in Open Forum to thank the Court for providing a satellite phone to him. He stated that he had been able to save someone's life by using the satellite phone. A lady was 42 miles out of town and had an accident out in the middle of nowhere; Satterfield had no phone service and no radio service but he was able to communicate with dispatchers by using his satellite phone to summon for help. This phone is a big help in the isolated areas where he has to patrol.

3. Staff Reports. No staff reports were discussed.

4. 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 September 9, 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 reinstate the burn ban, 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. **Consider and Act upon Resolution for 2026 Indigent Defense Grant Program – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that the County addresses this matter every year; this Resolution helps us cover the indigency costs that we have to cover by law. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Resolution for the 2026 Indigent Defense Grant Program; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Consider and Act upon Resolution to apply to CVCOG Regional Solid Waste Grant Program for 2025-2026 – Judge Shanklin.** Shanklin stated that this item concerns a grant that the County applies for through the Concho Valley COG where, if the grant is awarded, they bring in one of those roll-off trailers and dispose of local trash like tires and what not. It comes through the State of Texas. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Resolution to apply for the CVCOG Regional Solid Waste Grant Program for 2025-2026; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fry. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. **Discuss and Act upon MOU and Interlocal Agreement between Edwards County and Val Verde County for 2025-2026 – Judge Shanklin.** Shanklin stated that this has to do with Operation Lone Star. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the MOU and Interlocal Agreement between Edwards County and Val Verde County for 2025-2026; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

f. **Discussion of Safe Room/Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding through TDEM – Judge Shanklin.** James Glasscock, Emergency Management Coordinator,

appeared to address the Court. Glasscock stated that communities can apply for safe rooms or shelters, which are two different things. This item is referring to a safe room which is different from a shelter. Safe rooms are limited to about 48 hours. A shelter is more of a long term facility that would require, for example, showers.

Shanklin stated this would be a safe room for a tornado but it would be above ground. Glasscock said that this building could have various uses, for example, a polling place or a warming station. He wants to start applying now for one of these shelters. These could also be multi-use. Working with TDEM, there is some money coming up pretty soon. It would take about a month to get ready. However, he received a call telling him to hold off a little bit so he could start the whole process. They did not want the application to be rushed or anything to be left off. They will be back next week and Glasscock will get with the Judge to determine his availability. The County's match for this project will be 25%. Shanklin gave a brief history of the need for storm shelters, stating that our 1927 tornado is still, to this day, the second largest disaster in the State of Texas. He stated that Mr. Glasscock generously offered the vacant lot by his house. The County needs one on the north side, the south side, and in Barksdale. They need to be within 5 minutes walking distance and with 800 people in Rocksprings, we would need two of them. We will put in for the grant like all other grants. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve an application for the Safe Room/Hazard Mitigation Grant; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fry. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

g. Discuss and Act upon October 30, 2025, as "Weatherization Day" for Edwards County – Judge Shanklin. Judge Shanklin stated that the County addresses this matter every year. It comes from the Community Council of South Central Texas. Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve October 30, 2025, as "Weatherization Day"; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

h. Discussion of Updates on Road and Bridge Purchases and Production Report – Jim Prescott. Road Superintendent Jim Prescott appeared to address the Court. He stated that the fiber optics crew was looking for a way to put in their system

without having to go underground. They asked Prescott if there would be an issue if they could go “overhead” which means going on the telephone poles with satellite dishes. Shanklin answered that he did not believe it would but it should not impede Prescott’s work or the private landowners’ rights. They should speak with them. Commissioner Fry stated to make sure that there was something in there that spoke to the right-of-way they would use; he recommended there be some kind of agreement. Alternatively, Fry would suggest they would stay underground because the telephone poles are not as tall as the electric poles and they cross over the county roads.

Prescott also presented the latest work schedule; they are finally out of Barksdale. He’s got three motor- graders running. He provided a rundown of the work being performed on the county roads and the work and locations anticipated in the near future. He also presented a history of the work that has been done so far and the length of time it took to complete each individual work area in case anyone has any questions about the work being done.

Commissioner Smith stated that he has received queries about work needed on the Barksdale city roads. Shanklin stated that he had spoken to Carl Esser about this and we qualify to do something in 2026 to finish up the sewer lines and repave the streets. This will be through a Colonia grant application.

i. Discuss ad act upon nominations of Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2026-2027 – Judge Shanklin. Judge Shanklin stated that the Chief Appraiser sends this out; it does not come from the Judge’s office. Edwards County’s representatives for the Appraisal District Board of Directors for the past 10 years have been Max Martin and Craig Wolcott; before them, it was Lee Sweeten. Now, Shanklin stated, the County needs to make a change and have someone from the Commissioners Court on this Board. The County, through the Commissioners Court, will nominate and will then be given a certain number of votes. The School receives more votes than the County does. The County has to have this information turned in by October 15th, this is why it is on the agenda today. By October 30, 2025, the Chief Appraiser will deliver a ballot to each voting unit. By December 15, 2025, the voting units must return the ballots to the Chief Appraiser who will announce the candidates with the highest number of votes by

December 31st and they will take office on January 1st, 2026. Shanklin opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Fry nominated Jeff Martin. Commissioner Smith stated that since someone from the Commissioner's Court was needed, he nominated Matt Fry, Commissioner for Precinct 3. Judge Shanklin announced the names of the two candidates that were submitted. He asked for other nominations and none were forthcoming. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve these names; Commissioner Marty Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. Judge Shanklin stated that Jeff Martin and Matt Fry would be presented up as the County's nominees.

j. Presentation of Mobile Mental Health Clinic van for dispatching for Edwards County and surrounding rural communities. – Maria Baskett with Hill Country MHDD. Judge Shanklin stated that Mental Health Clinic van was set up in the parking lot of our health clinic. Shanklin stated when we have an issue, this van will be sent out. They are still in Uvalde County and it is run very well. If we were to have an issue regarding mental health, this van would be dispatched to assist us. He invited everyone to go look at this van.

5. New Business. Commissioner Fry addressed the Court. He stated that he has noticed that late fees are being incurred by the County. He would like an email sent out notifying the Treasurer or County officials that invoices should be turned in to the Treasurer's office immediately.

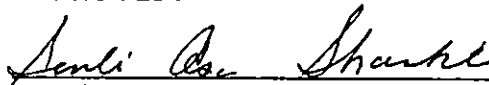
Judge Shanklin spoke briefly on the transmission lines proposed to be going through our area. He is referring to the north-south connector lines. There will be three lines going from the I-35 corridor to West Texas. These lines will do nothing for our power grid. All the money to build these lines will come from our pockets and all money generated will go to Austin. He's been to a community meeting regarding this issue in Real County hosted by County Judge Bella Rubio, as well. The meeting was attended mostly by landowners who have retired in this area and were angry about this project which would affect their land.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of November, 2025 (November 11, 2025) at 9:00 a.m.

7. **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.

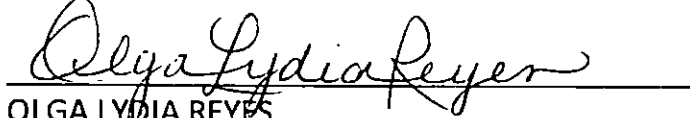
8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN
Edwards County Judge

Attest:



OLGA LYDIA REYES
Edwards County and District Clerk

