

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on March 16, 2026, Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas, met at a special meeting with the following present:

Mark Henry, County Judge

Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner Precinct 1 (Appeared by videoconference)

Joe Giusti, Commissioner Precinct 2

Hank Dugie, Commissioner Precinct 3

Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner Precinct 4

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk By Melissa A. Childs, Deputy

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order by Judge Henry at 9:30 A.M. at the Calder Annex.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hank Dugie led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Robin Armstrong.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted by the Auditor's Office:

- *1. Approval of the accounts payable checks dated 3/16/2026
Attachments: [1](#)
- *2. Order for payroll ending 3/11/2026 bi-weekly #6
Attachments: [2](#)
- *3. Order for supplemental payroll period ending 3/11/2026 bi-weekly #6
- *4. Internal audit report of the County Clerk Fee Audit for period of 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 with response letter from Honorable Dwight D. Sullivan, dated 2/25/2026
Attachments: [FY26 CC Fees Audit 03.16.2026](#)
- *5. Internal audit report of the Galveston County Financial Assistance Program for period of

1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 with response letter from Diana Huallpa, Chief Financial Officer, dated 3/2/2026

Attachments: [Financial Assistance 03.16.2026](#)

- *6. Internal audit report of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 for period of 2/1/2025 - 1/31/2026 with response letter from Honorable Blake Apffel, dated 3/4/2026

Attachments: [CC Agenda Packet 03.16.26](#)

- *7. Early check release dated 2/18/2026 to ACI Payments, EFT-0050060

Attachments: [7](#)

- *8. Early check release dated 2/18/2026 to SOE Software Corporation, check number AP00485573

Attachments: [8](#)

- *9. Early check release dated 2/26/2026 to Texas Juvenile Justice Department, check number AP00485574

Attachments: [9](#)

- *10. Receive and file refund check list from Odyssey submitted by the District Clerk

Attachments: [SR-327 DC.pdf](#)
[SR332_District Clerk Odyssey.pdf](#)

- *11. Receive and file the restitution checklist from Odyssey submitted by Personal Bond/Collections

Attachments: [Ody Collections \\$15,825.37](#)
[SR332_Court Collections Odyssey](#)

- *12. Receive and file February 2026 Personal Bond/Collections Monthly Report submitted by Personal Bond/Collections

Attachments: [GC Personal Bond February 2026 Data Review](#)

- *13. Receive and file Summary of Biweekly Personnel Movements pay period #05, February 12, - February 25, 2026, submitted by Human Resources

Attachments: [PP 05 New Hire](#)
[PP 05 Personnel Movement](#)
[PP 05 Terminations](#)

- *14. Receive and file FY2025 amended Second Quarter Investment Report submitted by Professional Services

Attachments: [QTR 2](#)

- *15. Receive and file FY2025 Third Quarter Investment Report submitted by Professional Services

Attachments: [QTR 3](#)

- *16. Receive and file FY2025 Fourth Quarter Investment Report submitted by Professional Services

Attachments: [QTR 4](#)

*17. Consideration of approval of reappointments to the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District submitted by the County Judge

Attachments: [Harris-GalvSubDistrictJAN2026](#)

*18. Consideration of approval for Galveston County Parks and Cultural Services Department to accept a donation of a memorial bench from Caitlin Schanzer to be installed at Paul Hopkins Park in Dickinson, submitted by Parks and Cultural Services Department

Attachments: [Memorial Bench Request Paul Hopkins](#)

*19. Consideration of authorization to extend the closure of the Bayshore boat ramp located at Bayshore Park in Bacliff for construction through May 2026 with signs posted, submitted by Parks and Cultural Services Department

(NO ACTION TAKEN)

*20. Consideration of the County Judge to sign Architectural Barriers Designated Agent Form from Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation for Project# TABS2026013582 for Galveston County Health District Offices & Services at 9850-A Emmett F Lowry Expy A108, Texas City, TX 77591 submitted by Facilities

Attachments: [20](#)

*21. Consideration of approval of amendment #1 for RFP B242015 Generator Maintenance & Repair Services with Land and Sea Services, LLC submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [21](#)

*22. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Bacliff Municipal Utility District and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [22](#)

*23. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between City of Bayou Vista and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [23](#)

*24. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between City of Dickinson and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [24](#)

*25. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between City of Friendswood and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [25](#)

*26. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services

between City of Galveston and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [26](#)

- *27. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between City of Hitchcock and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [27](#)

- *28. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between City of Kemah and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [28](#)

- *29. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between City of La Marque and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [29](#)

- *30. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between City of Texas City and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [30](#)

- *31. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Dickinson Water Control and Improvement District and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [31](#)

- *32. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Friendswood Independent School District and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [32](#)

- *33. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [33](#)

- *34. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Galveston County Drainage District #2 and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [34](#)

- *35. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 12 and the Galveston County Elections

Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [35](#)

- *36. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Galveston County Municipal Utility District 66 and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [36](#)

- *37. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Galveston County Municipal Utility District 69 and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [37](#)

- *38. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District 19 and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [38](#)

- *39. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 8 and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [39](#)

- *40. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 12 and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [40](#)

- *41. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between Saint Barts Municipal Utility District No. 1 and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [41](#)

- *42. Consideration of authorization for the County Judge to sign contract for election services between San Leon Municipal Utility District and the Galveston County Elections Division submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [42](#)

- *43. Consideration of granting authority to the County Judge to sign the resolution giving governmental approval for the aerial spraying for the abatement of mosquitoes within the regulations and constraints of The Federal Aviation Administration, The Environmental Protection Agency, and other authoritative federal and state agencies submitted by Mosquito Control

Attachments: [43](#)

- *44. Consideration of approval of Change Order to authorize additional funding for Workday support

with Guidehouse submitted by Information Technology

Attachments: [44](#)

- *45. Consideration for authorization to extend the contract for RFP B222020, Debris Management Services submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [debris](#)

- *46. Consideration for authorization to extend the contract for RFP B242002, Transportation of Human Remains submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [bodies](#)

- *47. Consideration for authorization to dispose of salvage or surplus property submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [2026-03-16 fleet surp](#)

- *48. Consideration of approval of an exclusive broker agreement between Hopkins Properties, Inc. and Galveston County submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [48](#)

- *49. Consideration of approval of a resolution for a road project and an interlocal agreement with the City of Santa Fe for pavement milling on 4th St from Shouse Rd. to Ave S, and on Ave L from FM 1764 to 6th St. submitted by Road & Bridge

Attachments: [49](#)

- *50. Consideration of authorizing the County Engineer to issue a sand pit permit to John Dafonte at 3160 Broadway, Port Bolivar, Texas 77560 submitted by the County Engineer

Attachments: [Sand-26-1_2_](#)

- *51. Consideration of 2026 Property Tax Assessment & Collection Fee Ratification submitted by the Tax Assessor/Collector

Attachments: [2026 Tax Assessment and Collection Parcel Fee Ratification](#)

- *52. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to execute Task Order #1 in connection with Grantworks Service Agreement for work related to FEMA HMGP Elevation Program DR-4332-0025 & 0239 as submitted by Grants Administration

Attachments: [52](#)

- *53. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to execute Task Order #2 in connection with Grantworks Service Agreement for works related to FEMA HMGP Generators Projects DR-4332-0236 as submitted by Grants Administration

Attachments: [53](#)

- *54. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to execute Task Order #3 in connection with Grantworks Service Agreement for work related to FEMA HMGP Dry Flood Proofing Public Structures for Phase 1 and Phase 2 DR-4798-0090 as submitted by Grants Administration

Attachments: [54](#)

- *55. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to submit Texas General Land Office Local Communities Program (LCP) Phase 1 Pre-application submitted by Grants Administration

Attachments: [Memorandum - GLO CDBG DR Local Communities Program](#)

- *56. Consideration of approval of a professional services contract with The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas to provide project management for the implementation phase of the system improvement recommendations from the justice system assessment submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [56](#)

- *57. Consideration of approval of amendment #5 with MasterWord for the Professional Interpreter Services Contract submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [57](#)

- *58. Consideration of approval for first additional request financial assistance award with M.I. Lewis submitted by Professional Services

Attachments: [58](#)

- * Consideration of approval of the following budget amendments submitted by Professional Services:

- *59. 26-84-0316-A
Parks and Cultural Services- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Parks Department Capital Project Fund - Building Improvements to fund La Salle Park Improvements - Concessions Building project additions

Attachments: [BA 26-84-0316-A](#)

- *60. 26-85-0316-B
District Attorney- Consideration of approval of personnel budget adjustment for District Attorney reclassification

Attachments: [BA 26-85-0316-B](#)

- *61. 26-86-0316-C
Mental Health/Public Defender- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Mental Health Public Defender - Mobile Phone Expense to fund ongoing telephone invoices

Attachments: [BA 26-86-0316-C](#)

- *62. 26-87-0316-D
Professional Services- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to General Government - Agency Memberships to cover the increased FY2026 allocation for the Galveston Central Appraisal District

Attachments: [BA 26-87-0316-D](#)

- *63. 26-88-0316-E
Information Technology- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to

Information Technology - Other Contract Services to fund guidehouse ERP requests

Attachments: [BA 26-88-0316-E](#)

*64. 26-89-0316-F

Juvenile Justice- Request transfer within Juvenile Justice utilizing Alternative Education Program settle funds for vehicle and residential placement expenses

Attachments: [BA 26-89-0316-F](#)

*65. 26-90-0316-G

Juvenile Justice- Request transfer from Juvenile Justice Fund utilizing Detention Reimbursement HB500 funds to County Capital Projects Fund - Building Improvements to fund the Juvenile Justice Upgrades project

Attachments: [BA 26-90-0316-G](#)

*66. 26-91-0316-H

Sheriff's Office - Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Patrol Division - Various Spend Categories to fund outstanding invoices

Attachments: [BA 26-91-0316-H](#)

*67. 26-92-0316-I

Engineering- Consideration of approval to establish the initial budget for the Texas City Hurricane Levee Improvements project

Attachments: [BA 26-92-0316-I](#)

Motion to approve consent agenda items 1-67 by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Dugie with the exception of item(s): 19. (Agenda item 19 is deferred.)

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Dugie, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

ACTION AGENDA

Engineering

68. Receive public comments on dune mitigation permit for 358 Atkinson, Crystal Beach

Public Hearing was opened at 9:32 A.M.

Public Hearing held.

No public comments.

Public Hearing was closed at 9:32 A.M.

69. Consideration of approval of dune mitigation permit for 358 Atkinson, Crystal Beach

Attachments: [358 Atkinson](#)
[358 ATKINSON](#)

Motion to approve unconditionally by Commissioner Giusti, seconded by County Judge Henry that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Dugie, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

70. Receive public comments on dune mitigation permit for 1326 Emerald Dr, Crystal Beach

Public Hearing was opened at 9:32 A.M.

Public Hearing held.

No public comments.

Public Hearing was closed at 9:32 A.M.

71. Consideration of approval of dune mitigation permit for 1326 Emerald Dr, Crystal Beach

Attachments: [1326 Emerald](#)

Motion to approve unconditionally by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Dugie, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

Purchasing

72. Consideration to award ITB 26-085 Pneumatic Roller

Attachments: [roller](#)

Motion to approve by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti that contract be awarded to Mustang Cat as recommended.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Dugie, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

General Counsel

a. BREAK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Break into Executive Session at 9:33 A.M.

b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney: the Commissioners Court will enter into an executive session as permitted under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the County under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas- clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act relating to each of the following items:

- b.73.** Property located at 1424 45th St., in the City of Galveston, TX
- b.74.** 26-CV-0146; Javion Lewili Brow vs. Galveston County in the 405th District Court, Galveston County, Texas
- b.75.** 26-CV-0235; Larissa Danielle Castro-Young, et al vs. Galveston County in the 56th District Court, Galveston County, Texas
- b.76.** Claimant Bianca Lujan
- b.77.** Claimant Roger Bellew

c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters: the Commissioners Court will enter into executive session as permitted under the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

- c.78.** Director of Parks & Cultural Services

d. RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL MEETING

Reconvene into Special Meeting at 10:08 A.M.

- d.79.** Consideration of approval of appointment of the Director of Parks & Cultural Services

Motion to approve the appointment of Martha Lee by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Dugie, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

- d.80.** Consideration of environmental services proposal from ERC Environmental & Construction Services, Inc. for the property at 1424 45th St., Galveston, TX to include additional chemicals on the IOP Program Application submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [80](#)

Motion to approve by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Dugie, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

d.81. Consideration of waiver, release, and settlement agreement with Bianca Lujan arising from an incident that occurred on or about November 20, 2025, submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [Lujan Claim Full and Final Release and Waiver p](#)

Motion to approve by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Dugie that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Dugie, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

d.82. Consideration of waiver, release, and settlement agreement with Debra Henson and Roger Bellew arising from an incident that occurred on or about September 15, 2025, submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [Bellew Release Signed by Bellew and Henderson](#)

Motion to approve by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Dugie that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Dugie, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

ADJOURN

Commissioners Court adjourned at 10:10 A.M. on Monday, March 16, 2026.