

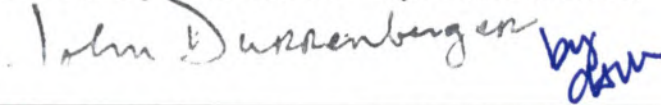
AGENDA

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M.
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAMBERS #103
100 EAST MAIN STREET
BRENHAM, TEXAS**

WORKSHOP

1. Discuss Senate Bill 22 (SB 22) funds, including eligibility requirements, allowable uses, and potential allocation strategies for the Washington County Sheriff's Office.
2. Adjourn meeting.

Witness my hand this 18th day of March 2026.



John Durrenberger, County Judge

Came to my hand at 4:11 p.m. on the 18th day of March, 2026 and executed at 4:11 p.m. on the 18th day of March 2026 by posting a true copy on the bulletin board located on the first floor of the Washington County Courthouse and true copies at the main entrance doors of said courthouse, these being places convenient to the public in Brenham, Washington County, Texas.



Nicholas Prenzler, County Clerk

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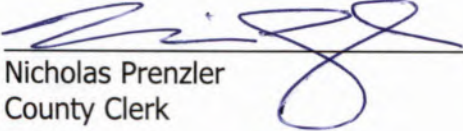
BE IT REMEMBERED, and it is hereby certified that the Commissioners’ Court of Washington County, Texas held a Special Session, at 2:00 p.m. on March 24, 2026, in Room 103 of the Washington County Courthouse, 100 E. Main Street, Brenham, Texas, with the following members present: County Judge and Presiding Officer John Durrenberger, Precinct 1 Commissioner Misti Hartstack Corn, Precinct 2 Commissioner Candice Bullock, Precinct 3 Commissioner Kirk Hanath, Precinct 4 Commissioner Dustin Majewski and County Clerk Nicholas Prenzler. Also present were Sheriff Trey Holleway, District Attorney Derek Estep, Auditor Shawna Hollis, Chief of Staff Carrie Marmol, HR Director Amber Skalka, Chief Deputy Jay Petrash, Jail Chief Clifton Bellard, County Attorney Renee Mueller, Jim Chisholm, and Brad Tegeler.

DISCUSSION – SB 22 FUNDS

1. Judge Durrenberger called the Workshop to order at 2:00 p.m. HR Director Amber Skalka presented information regarding the use of SB 22 funds in the 2026 budget. Skalka explained that the current budget allocates SB 22 funds for vehicle purchases but noted that, following multiple discussions with Sheriff Holleway, there is interest in using those funds to support employee compensation. She proposed providing a \$6,500 increase to each licensed peace officer employed by the County, totaling approximately \$335,000, and noted that this adjustment would also increase overtime costs by an estimated \$60,000 due to higher hourly rates. Skalka stated that sufficient funding exists within the current budget to support the proposal due to existing vacancies and clarified that cadets in the academy would not be eligible until they become licensed. Commissioner Bullock inquired how the proposal aligns with the ongoing salary survey and how the adjusted pay compares to similar agencies, to which Skalka responded that starting salaries would increase from approximately \$61,500 to \$68,000. Commissioner Majewski asked about the use of any unspent SB 22 funds, and Auditor Shawna Hollis explained that unused funds could be redirected toward eligible equipment purchases if submitted to the State before year-end. Skalka indicated a desire to process a payroll correction to issue backpay for the current year. Discussion followed regarding how to sustain the increase in future budgets, with Commissioner Bullock emphasizing the need to incorporate the increase into the base budget rather than relying on SB 22 supplements, while Skalka noted the decision remains at the Court’s discretion annually. Sheriff Holleway stated that he and his leadership team declined receiving SB 22 supplements in order to prioritize higher compensation for staff and emphasized the importance of the proposed increase for recruitment and retention. Additional discussion included the potential use of vacancy savings to fund the salary increase while reallocating SB 22 funds toward purchasing patrol vehicles instead of leasing, as well as the current cost of fully outfitted patrol vehicles. Commissioner Hanath expressed support for utilizing SB 22 funds mid-year to address immediate needs and agreed that the increase should be permanently incorporated into future budgets. The Court reached a general consensus to proceed with the \$6,500 increase while continuing to evaluate the most appropriate long-term funding strategy.

ADJOURN

2. Commissioner Majewski moved, seconded by Commissioner Corn and unanimously carried to adjourn the Workshop at 2:51 p.m.



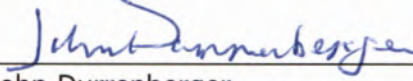
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