

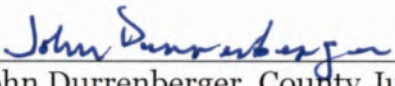
AGENDA

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026, 8:00 A.M.
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAMBERS #103
100 EAST MAIN STREET
BRENHAM, TEXAS**

SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA

1. Invocation. (Commissioner Hanath)
2. Pledge of Allegiance. (Commissioner Hanath)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding whether to proceed with the proposed issuance of \$61,000,000 in Certificates of Obligation for the Judicial Center and Covered Arena projects or to reduce the issuance amount by issuing Certificates of Obligation for a single project, and to provide direction to Specialized Public Finance, Inc. for the preparation of the related bond offering documents, which will be brought back to the Commissioners Court on August 11, 2026, for consideration and possible approval of the issuance.
4. Adjourn meeting.

Witness my hand this 21st day of July 2026.



John Durrenberger, County Judge

Came to my hand at 3:59 p.m. on the 21st day of July 2026 and executed at 3:59 p.m. on the 21st day of July, 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

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON §

BE IT REMEMBERED, and it is hereby certified that the Commissioners Court of Washington County, Texas held a Special Session, at 8:00 a.m. on July 27, 2026, in Room 103 of the Washington County Courthouse, 100 E. Main Street, Brenham, Texas, with the following members present: County Judge & 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 District Attorney Derek Estep, Treasurer Peggy Kramer, and County Attorney Renee Mueller.

INVOCATION

1. Deacon Al Prescott, St. Mary's, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGES

2. Commissioner Hanath led the Pledges of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

3. The Court discussed the proposed financing for the Judicial Center and Covered Arena projects. Hanath noted that extensive discussions had taken place with constituents both in support of and opposed to the projects and stated that, in his opinion, the time had come to construct the Judicial Center, describing it as a necessary project for the County. Commissioner Bullock agreed, stating that any delay, including pursuing a bond election, would likely increase overall project costs due to continued construction inflation and rising interest rates. Judge Durrenberger stated that constructing the Judicial Center immediately represented the most fiscally responsible approach and emphasized that the current courthouse no longer provides adequate security for court proceedings or inmate transport. Bullock reviewed the implementation of the County's Strategic Plan and Master Plan during her time on the Court and stated that, based on the County's financial position, she could not recommend delaying the project. She further stated that she supported using Certificates of Obligation to finance the Judicial Center because it addresses a public safety need.

Judge Durrenberger also stated that the Covered Arena represents an important need for the EXPO, explaining that the County has lost longstanding events to competing facilities due to the lack of a covered venue, resulting in lost rental revenue as well as reduced economic activity for the community. During public comment, Sharlie Douglass stated that while she supports both projects and agrees they are

needed, she believes the decision should be submitted to the voters. Commissioner Corn agreed that the Judicial Center is a necessary project and stated that the Covered Arena has the potential to become a significant economic driver but expressed discomfort with authorizing the overall level of spending without voter approval.

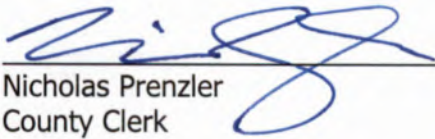
Kelly Strader asked how the proposed financing would affect property owners over the age of 65. Judge Durrenberger explained that homeowners with an over-65 homestead tax ceiling would generally experience little to no increase in County property taxes. Commissioner Bullock stated that the Court's primary responsibility is its fiduciary duty to taxpayers and remarked that signing a petition requiring an election would ultimately increase the overall cost of the projects. Strader also asked how any unused proceeds would be handled if the projects were completed under budget, and Bullock explained that excess funds would continue earning investment income and could be applied toward early repayment of the principal after the callable period.

Hanath asked Sharlie Douglass, who was circulating a petition opposing the Certificates of Obligation, whether she was sharing all of the information discussed during the public meetings. Douglass responded that she was sharing the information presented by the County's financial advisor at the previous meeting. Douglas Borchardt spoke in support of the Judicial Center, citing his experience financing capital projects while serving on the Blinn College Board of Trustees. He stated that a successful petition followed by a failed election could delay the project for up to three years, resulting in substantially higher construction costs. The Court then discussed separating the Covered Arena from the Judicial Center financing. Douglass asked Hanath why his position had changed from previously supporting a bond election, and Hanath responded that discussions with the County's financial advisor regarding projected construction and financing costs had changed his perspective. Commissioner Majewski also asked about removing the Covered Arena from the Certificates of Obligation, and the Court discussed at length the appropriate funding level for the Judicial Center if the projects were separated.

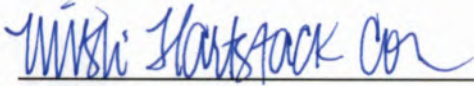
Commissioner Bullock moved, seconded by Hanath, to proceed with the issuance of \$45,000,000 in Certificates of Obligation for the Judicial Center only and to place the Covered Arena project on a future agenda for a bond election in November. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioners Bullock, Hanath, Majewski, and Judge Durrenberger voting in favor and Commissioner Corn voting against.

ADJOURN

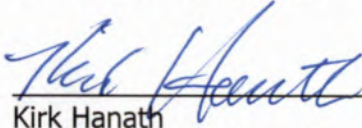
4. Commissioner Majewski moved, seconded by Commissioner Corn and unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:12 a.m.



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Misti Hartstack Corn
Precinct 1 Commissioner



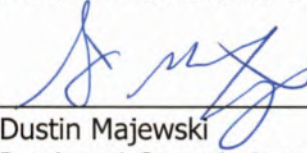
Kirk Hanath
Precinct 3 Commissioner



John Durrenberger
County Judge & Presiding Officer



Candice Bullock
Precinct 2 Commissioner



Dustin Majewski
Precinct 4 Commissioner