

COLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: January 21, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.
BUILDING: Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom 106
STREET LOCATION: 400 Spring Street
CITY OF LOCATION: Columbus, Texas 78934

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On this the 21st day of January 2026, the Commissioners Court of Colorado County, Texas met in Special Session at 8:30 A.M., in their regular meeting place at the Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 400 Spring Street, in the City of Columbus, Texas.

The Following Members were present to wit:

Honorable Ty Prause	County Judge
Honorable Shannon Owers	Commissioner Precinct #1
Honorable Ryan Brandt	Commissioner Precinct #2
Honorable Keith Neuendorff	Commissioner Precinct #3
Honorable Darrell Gertson	Commissioner Precinct #4
By: Michelle Kollmann	Deputy Clerk

The Honorable Kimberly Menke, County Clerk was unable to attend.

The County Judge Ty Prause called the meeting to order at 8:41 A.M.

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DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

__1. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

Judge Prause led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

__2. Agenda as posted.

**Motion by Commissioner Brandt to approve the agenda as posted; seconded by
Commissioner Neuendorff; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.**

(See Attachment)

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COUNTY CLERK

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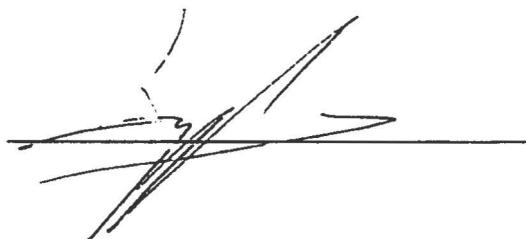
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DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- 2. Agenda as posted.
- 3. Public comments.
- 4. Resolution indicating Commissioners Court's support of an application to the Texas Secretary of State to establish election day county-wide polling places, or vote centers, in lieu of individual precinct polling places for all future elections; and providing an effective date. (LaCourse)
- 5. Health Services Agreement between Colorado County and Southern Health Partners, Inc. for inmate medical services. (Sheriff/Laake)
- 6. Commissioners Court Members sign all documents and papers acted upon or approved.
- 7. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION

NAME: Ty Prause
TITLE: Colorado County Judge
SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL:
DATE: January 13, 2026
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (979) 732-2604
FAX NUMBER: (979) 732-9389



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__3. Public comments.

None at this time.

__4. Resolution indicating Commissioners Court's support of an application to the Texas Secretary of State to establish election day county-wide polling places, or vote centers, in lieu of individual precinct polling places for all future elections; and providing an effective date. (LaCourse)

Motion by Judge Prause to approve a resolution indicating Commissioners Court's support of an application to the Texas Secretary of State to establish election day county-wide polling places, or vote centers, in lieu of individual precinct polling places for all future elections; seconded by Commissioner Owers; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.

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Notice of Intent

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**Colorado COUNTY
Election Administrator**

Rebecka K. LaCourse

1117 Travis St., Columbus, TX 78934

979-732-6860

rebecka.lacourse@co.colorado.tx.us or elections@co.colorado.tx.us

November 14, 2025

Secretary of State, Texas
Elections Division
PO Box 12060
Austin Texas 78711

RE: Notice of Intent to Participate in Countywide Polling Place Program

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the original Notice of Intent to Participate in Countywide Polling Place Program. I will send the follow up required documents no later than January 30, 2026.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Rebecka LaCourse, TREO #198, CERA #1728

Colorado County Election Administrator

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM

Name of County: Colorado County

County's Contact Person: Rebecka LaCourse
(Name)

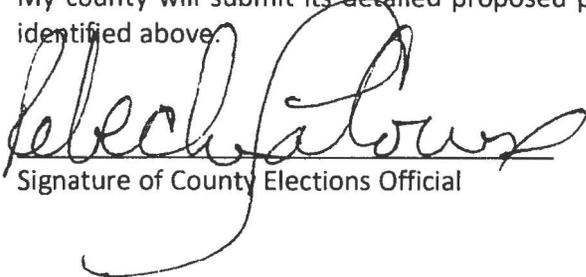
Election Administrator
(Title)

979-732-6860
(Phone Number)

We hereby notify the office of the Secretary of State of our county's intent to participate in the countywide polling place program. This Notice is for the election scheduled for Uniform Date May 02, 2026.

I certify that my county has the technological capabilities to conduct this program in the election designated above. I also understand that each county commissioners precinct must contain at least one countywide polling place and that the number of countywide polling places open in one commissioners precinct may not exceed twice the number in any other precinct. I further understand that the number of countywide polling places used in the first year in which the county participates in the program cannot be less than 65 percent of the number of precinct polling places that would otherwise be located in the county for a particular election. In subsequent elections, this number may be reduced to 50 percent.

My county will submit its detailed proposed plan by the application deadline for the election identified above.


Signature of County Elections Official

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**COLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
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DATE OF MEETING: November 24, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.
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**On this the 24th day of November 2025, the Commissioners Court of Colorado County,
Texas met in Regular Session at 9:00 A.M., in their regular meeting place at
the Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 400 Spring Street, in the
City of Columbus, Texas.**

The Following Members were present to wit:

Honorable Ty Prause	County Judge
Honorable Shannon Owers	Commissioner Precinct #1
Honorable Ryan Brandt	Commissioner Precinct #2
Honorable Keith Neuendorff	Commissioner Precinct #3
Honorable Darrell Gertson	Commissioner Precinct #4
By: Michelle Kollmann	Deputy Clerk

The Honorable Kimberly Menke, County Clerk, was unable to attend.

The County Judge Ty Prause called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

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DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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__2. Agenda as posted.

Motion by Commissioner Brandt to approve agenda as posted; seconded by Commissioner Neuendorff; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.

{See Attachment}

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DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- __1. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- __2. Agenda as posted.
- __3. Public comments.
- __4. Consideration and action regarding intent to participate in countywide polling place program and set public hearing as appropriate. (LaCourse)
- __5. Select an advisory committee for countywide polling place program with representation from local cities, schools, hospital district, party chairs, county, and minority community. (LaCourse)
- __6. Release of Superheavy or Oversize Permit Bond No. 101266762 posted by Troy Construction, LLC for various county roads in Precinct Nos. 1, 2, and 4 for the Blackfin Sheridan Lateral Pipeline Project.
- __7. Application submitted by Industry Communications to install fiber optic cable within the right-of-way of Stokes Road, Precinct No. 3. (Neuendorff)
- __8. Authorization to begin repair and renovation of the Opportunity Center building in Altair for the future housing of the Offices of Emergency Management. (Brandt)
- __9. Consent Items:
 - a. Acceptance of donations to the Colorado County Sheriff's Office:
 1. Dru-Chem, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000.00.
 2. Tractor Supply Company Foundation in the amount of \$250.00.
 - b. Colorado County Tax Assessor-Collector's Report for October 2025.
 - c. Colorado County Indigent Health Care Program Report for October 2025.
 - d. Certification of Continuing Education: Joyce Guthman, County Treasurer, 2025 Texas Public Funds Investment Conference.

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- e. Certificate of Liability Insurance from Otis Worldwide Corporation/Otis Elevator Company (12/1/2025-12/1/2026).
- _10. County Auditor's Financial Report for October 2025.
- _11. County Investment Officer's Investment Report for October 2025 and affidavit approving same.
- _12. County Treasurer's Report for October 2025 and affidavit approving same.
- _13. Examine and approve all accounts payable, budget amendments and new ledger accounts (if any).
- _14. Announcements (without discussion and no action) by elected officials/department heads. (Types of Announcements: Events, Road Conditions, Weather Occurrences, Important Dates, Vacancies in Offices or Positions, Accomplishments of Individuals, and Notices)
- _15. Commissioners Court Members sign all documents and papers acted upon or approved.
- _16. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION

NAME: Ty Prause
TITLE: Colorado County Judge
SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL:
DATE: November 18, 2025
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (979) 732-2604
FAX NUMBER: (979) 732-9389



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 3. Public comments.

None at this time.

 4. Consideration and action regarding intent to participate in countywide polling place program and set public hearing as appropriate. (LaCourse)

Judge Prause stated the Election Board had a meeting concerning this issue and agreed with the county wide polling place program.

Motion by Commissioner Brandt to approve the action regarding intent to participate in countywide polling place program and set public hearing as appropriate; seconded by Commissioner Owers; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM

Name of County: Colorado County

County's Contact Person: Rebecka LaCourse
(Name)

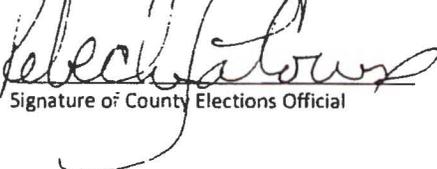
Election Administrator
(Title)

979-732-6860
(Phone Number)

We hereby notify the office of the Secretary of State of our county's intent to participate in the countywide polling place program. This Notice is for the election scheduled for Uniform Date May 02, 2026.

I certify that my county has the technological capabilities to conduct this program in the election designated above. I also understand that each county commissioners precinct must contain at least one countywide polling place and that the number of countywide polling places open in one commissioners precinct may not exceed twice the number in any other precinct. I further understand that the number of countywide polling places used in the first year in which the county participates in the program cannot be less than 65 percent of the number of precinct polling places that would otherwise be located in the county for a particular election. In subsequent elections, this number may be reduced to 50 percent.

My county will submit its detailed proposed plan by the application deadline for the election identified above.


Signature of County Elections Official

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- __5. Select an advisory committee for countywide polling place program with representation from local cities, schools, hospital district, party chairs, county, and minority community. (LaCourse)**

Rebecka LaCourse stated the committee would give its recommendation and then a public hearing would be held during the first Commissioner Court Meeting in January.

Motion by Judge Prause to approve an advisory committee for countywide polling place program with representation from local cities, schools, hospital district, party chairs, county, and minority community; seconded by Commissioner Neuendorff; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.

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**County Wide Polling Place Program
Advisory Committee**

Political Subdivision	Nomination
Citizen	Sheri Peters
Citizen	William Durbin
Republican Party	Tom Kelley
Democratic Party	Wayne Lefferd
City of Columbus	Cody Nance
City of Eagle Lake	Lina Ferguson
City of Weimar	Maria Franco
CISD	Theresa Carruth
RCISD	Susan Engstrom
WISD	Chase Seelke
Glidden Fresh Water	Edward Pavlicek
Groundwater District	Aaron Weisuhn
Rice Hospital District	Billy Hefner
	Joe McCrearty
Garwood Water	David Peacock
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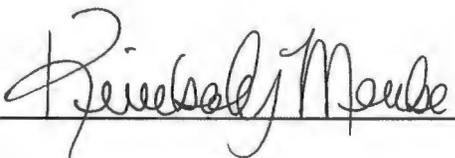
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**Minutes were taken and prepared by Kimberly Menke, County Clerk on the
24th day of November 2025 with Judge Ty Prause presiding.**

**I, KIMBERLY MENKE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT IN AND FOR COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the
Commissioner Court in session on the 24th day of November 2025.**

Given under my hand and official seal of office this date November 24, 2025.





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County Judges Letter

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Colorado County, Texas

TY PRAUSE
County Judge

Ph. (979) 732-2604
Fax (979) 732-9389
Email: ty.prause@co.colorado.tx.us

P.O. Box 236
400 Spring Street, Rm. 107
Columbus, Texas 78934

January 21, 2026

The Honorable Jane Nelson
Texas Secretary of State
P.O. Box 12060
Austin, Texas 78711-2060

Re: Countywide Polling Place Program

Dear Secretary Nelson:

On January 12, 2026, Colorado County Commissioners Court held a Public Hearing regarding adoption of Countywide Polling Places for future elections. With no negative feedback from our community, we would like to implement the Countywide Polling Place Program in Colorado County.

Please accept this letter as official confirmation of our request to proceed with the Countywide Polling Place Program to implement countywide polling locations throughout Colorado County. Feel free to contact my office should you require additional information. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ty Prause", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Ty Prause
Colorado County Judge

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**Election
Administrator
Letter**

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Colorado County Elections
Rebecka LaCourse
Elections Administrator

Colorado County Courthouse Annex
1117 Travis Street
Columbus, Texas 78934

Secretary of State
Jane Nelson
P.O. Box 12887
Austin, TX 78711-2887

January 26, 2026

Dear Secretary,

Colorado County respectfully submits its application to participate in the Countywide Polling Place Program, effective May 2, 2026.

Since taking office in 2019, I have been committed to improving election services for the voters of our county. Implementing countywide voting represents the final step in achieving that goal, and I am pleased to share that both our voters and local officials are supportive of this transition.

My office has worked diligently to prepare the application and secure the necessary equipment to successfully implement the program. I am confident that all requirements outlined in the enclosed application packet have been fully met.

Thank you for your consideration of Colorado County's participation in this program.

Sincerely,

Rebecka LaCourse

Rebecka LaCourse, TREO #198, CERA #1728
Colorado County Election Administrator

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Election Advisory Committee

An explanation of the methodology that will be used to select the countywide polling locations. Include a map of the previous and new polling locations and information on the vote center advisory committee used to select locations including names, organizations, positions and e-mail addresses (see below);

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Election Advisory Committee

An Advisory Committee was established to support the review and evaluation of Colorado County's election processes and proposed system improvements. The committee included representatives from local municipalities, school districts, the hospital district, county leadership, political party chairs, and members of the broader community. Contact information for each committee member is provided within this documentation.

Committee Meetings

The Advisory Committee convened twice in person, on December 19, 2025, and January 5, 2026. Each meeting followed a structured agenda and included a formal slideshow presentation. Both the agendas and presentation materials are attached for reference.

Committee Recommendations

During the course of these meetings, committee members engaged in discussion, reviewed system information, and evaluated proposed actions. All recommendations were adopted unanimously and are documented within the meeting slides.

Discussion and Questions

Several school districts whose boundaries extend into multiple counties raised questions regarding how joint election contracts and the countywide voting model would apply to their circumstances. To obtain clarification, the Election Administrator (EA) contacted the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) on December 18, 2025, and spoke with Anna in the Legal Division. Anna referred the EA to an existing advisory; however, the advisory did not directly address the specific questions presented by the multi-county school districts.

Following the call, the EA submitted a written inquiry to the SOS on December 18, 2025, but did not receive a response. On January 5, 2026, the EA again contacted the SOS Legal Division and spoke with Ryan, who indicated he was not familiar with the countywide voting model. He recommended that the EA resubmit the question via email to ensure it reached the appropriate staff for review and response. On January 6, 2026 Andre Montgomery SOS attorney responded.

Election Advisory Committee

Political Subdivision	Nomination	Phone	Email
Citizen	Sheri Peters		columbuspeters@live.com
Citizen	William Durbin	713-412-9270	wpdhoutx@sbcglobal.net
Republican Party	Tom Kelley	713-557-2239	tkcotton87@hotmail.com
Democratic Party	Wayne Lefferd	979-733-2170	wayne@lefferd.com
City of Columbus	Cody Nance	979-942-7108	cnance@columbustexas.net
City of Eagle Lake	Lina Furgeson		citysecretary@coeltx.net
City of Weimar	Maria Franco	979-725-8554	mfranco@weimartx.gov
CISD	Theresa Carruth	(979) 732-5704	theresa.carruth@cisdschools.org
RCISD	Susan Engstrom	979-234-3531 x1032	sengstrom@riceraiders.net
WISD	Chase Seelke	979-725-6300	cseelke@weimarisd.org
Glidden Fresh Water	Edward Pavlicek	979-942-4050	N/A
Groundwater District	Aaron Weisuhn	(979) 732-9300	aaron@cccdg.net
Rice Hospital District	Billy Hefner		sjmartinez@ricemedicalcenter.net
	Joe McCrearty		
Garwood Water	David Peacock	979-661-1999	david.peacock@zoetis.com
Commissioner	Shannon Owers		

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Election Advisory Committee Meeting 12/18/25

Political Subdivision	Nomination	Print	Signature
Citizen	Sheri Peters	Sheri K Peters	Sheri K Peters
Citizen	William Durbin	William Durbin	William Durbin
Republican Party	Tom Kelley	Tom Kelley	Tom Kelley
Democratic Party	Wayne Lefferd	Wayne Lefferd	Wayne Lefferd
City of Columbus	Cody Nance	Cody Nance	Cody Nance
City of Eagle Lake	Lina Furgeson	Lina Furgeson	Lina Furgeson
City of Weimar	Maria Franco	Maria Franco Maria Franco	Maria Franco
CISD	Theresa Carruth	Theresa Carruth	Theresa Carruth
RCISD	Susan Engstrom		
WISD	Chase Seelke	Chase Seelke	Chase Seelke
Glidden Fresh Water	Edward Pavlicek		
Groundwater District	Aaron Weisuhn	Aaron Weisuhn	Aaron Weisuhn
Rice Hospital District	Billy Hefner	BILLY HEFNER	Billy Hefner
	Joe McCrearty	Joe H. McCrearty	Joe H. McCrearty
Garwood Water	David Peacock	David Peacock	David Peacock
Commissioner	Shannon Owers	Shannon Owers	Shannon Owers

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Colorado County Elections
Rebecka LaCourse
Elections Administrator

Colorado County
1117 Travis Street
Columbus, Texas 78934

Notice of Meeting of the Colorado County Special Advisory Board
Friday, December 19, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
1117 Travis St, Columbus, TX (Election Center)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Presentation of SB 2753
- III. Review and discuss Colorado Counties current voting model and polls
 - a. Cost
 - b. Staffing
 - c. Logistics
 - d. Turnout
- IV. Review and discuss the option of a countywide voting model
 - a. Cost
 - b. Staffing
 - c. Logistics
 - d. Turnout
- V. Adjournment

Colorado County Election Advisory Committee

Objective:

1. Evaluate SB 2753 and provide recommendation to Commissioner's Court on Monday, January 12, 2026.
2. Evaluate the countywide voting model and provide a recommendation to Commissioner's Court on Monday, January 15, 2026.
3. Determine the placement of voting locations that are in the best interest of the voters of Colorado County and provide a recommendation to Commissioner's Court on Monday, January 12, 2026.

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SB 2753

- Went into effect 9/1/2025
- The implementation date is to be determined by the Secretary of State no later than August 2027.
- Voting Period
 - Results that were previously reported separately by Early Voting and Election day will now be reported as “in-person” voting.
 - 12 consecutive days. Shorter period but will encompass 2 weekends and holidays.
- Polling locations
 - Locations used in the first 11 days must stay open on day 12.
 - New locations may be added on day 12 if they weren't used earlier.
 - Polling locations can be combined and/or consolidated

Pros and Cons to SB2753 Logistics

- All locations set up for entire voting period:
 - Pros:
 - Consistency
 - All equipment and locations get set up at one time.
 - Cons:
 - Costly
 - Requires committed workers.
- 3 locations for the first 11 days with 2 additional locations added day 12:
 - Pros:
 - Financially feasible
 - Requires less workers willing to do the long period
 - Cons:
 - Logistics of staging and having staff get everything set up while voting is underway.
 - Not consistent; could be difficult for voters.
- One location for the first 11 days with 2 additional locations added day 12:
 - Pros:
 - Most cost effective
 - Requires less workers willing to work the long period
 - Cons:
 - Logistics of staging and having staff get everything set up while voting is underway.
 - Voters are currently utilizing three early voting locations; early voting typically accounts for half of the voter turnout.

Two types of County Voting methods

- Precinct specific
 - Must go to your assigned precinct based upon residential address.
 - Subject to the combining and consolidating criteria.
 - Current method.
 - Not subject to any additional voting systems requirement except ADA
- Countywide/Vote Centers
 - Can vote at any polling location within the county
 - ½ the counties in Texas already participate in this program; 18 states
 - Evaluate precinct count, reduce through eligibility of combining and/or consolidating criteria, and set countywide polling places at a minimum of 50% of that number.
 - Confirmed with the legal department of the SOS (attorney Chuck Pinney) that the number for Colorado County would be 5 at the *current* voter registration numbers.
 - Subject to voting systems requirements

Combining and Consolidating Criteria

- Minimum of one polling location per county election precinct.
- Polling locations must contain at least 50 but not more than 5,000 registered voters.
- You can *consolidate* any polling locations within a single precinct.
 - Ie: Precinct 1 (101, 102, 103) is consolidated.
- May *combine* county election precincts to avoid unreasonable expenditures for election equipment, supplies, and personnel.
 - Ie: Precincts 101 and 305 (City of Columbus) is combined.

What does an election cost?

- **Between \$20,000 - \$40,000**
- **Average cost per voter is \$11.00 per ballot cast**
- *Variables:*
 - Number of polling locations
 - Number of workers
- *Staffing:*
 - Minimum of 3 to work polls
 - Minimum of 2 to work curbside
 - Minimum of 2 per party
 - Logistically we appoint 5 to fully staff AND meet requirements
- **Logistics to consider:**
 - What is on the ballot?
 - How many people volunteered in total and where are they registered?
 - Is the building available? If yes, are special arrangements needed?
 - Voter Registration requirements?
 - Voting equipment availability?
 - Estimated number of ballots?

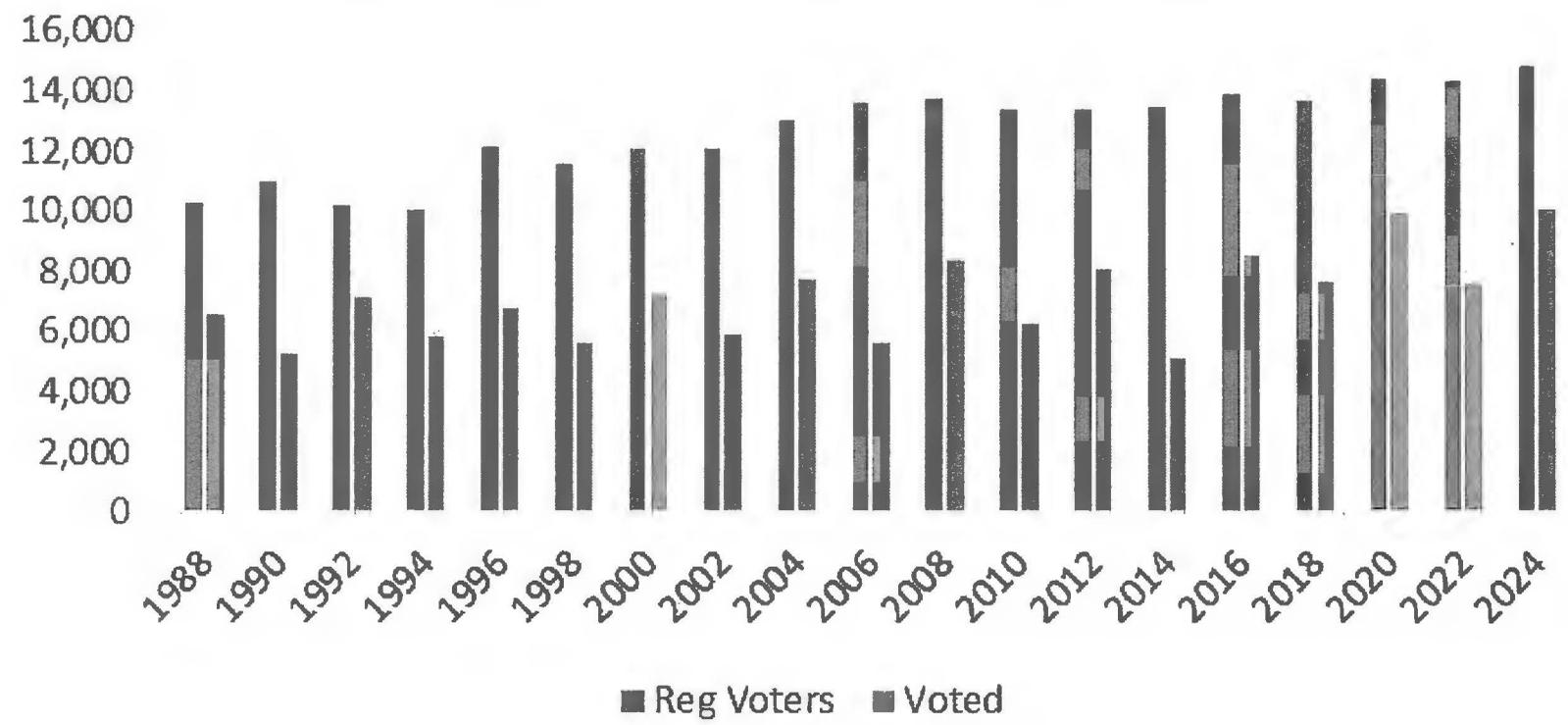
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Average Election Costs*

- Early Voting Workers: 12 days x 13 hours per day x 3 locations x 5 workers x \$12.00 per hour = **\$28,080.00**
- Election Day Workers: 1 day x 16 hours x 11 locations x 5 workers x \$10.00 per hour = **\$8,800.00**
- Boards: Average cost = **\$1,128.00**
 - EVBB: Minimum 10 hours x \$12.00 per hour x 5 workers = \$600.00
 - Partial Manual Count: Minimum 8 hours x \$12.00 per hour x 3 workers = \$288.00
 - Central Count: Average 5 hours x \$12.00 per hour x 4 workers = \$240
- Set-up/Tear Down: Average Cost = **\$760.00**
 - County Workers 2 x \$20.00 per hour x 8 hours = \$640
 - Fuel – 2 tank \$120.00
- Security: Average Cost = **\$1,435.00**
 - Central Count: 1 Deputy x 5 hours x \$35.00 per hour = \$175.00
 - Early Voting: 3 Deputies x 12 hours x \$35.00 per hour = \$1,260.00
- Office Supplies and Equipment: Average Cost = **\$1750.00**
 - Seats
 - Election Kits
 - Signs
 - Envelopes
 - Boxes
 - Ballot by Mail
 - Postage
 - Copies
 - Stickers
 - Ballot Stock
- Equipment Programming & Maintenance: Average Cost = **\$5,500**
 - Express Votes
 - DS200 (Tabulators)
 - Pollbooks (Voter Registration)

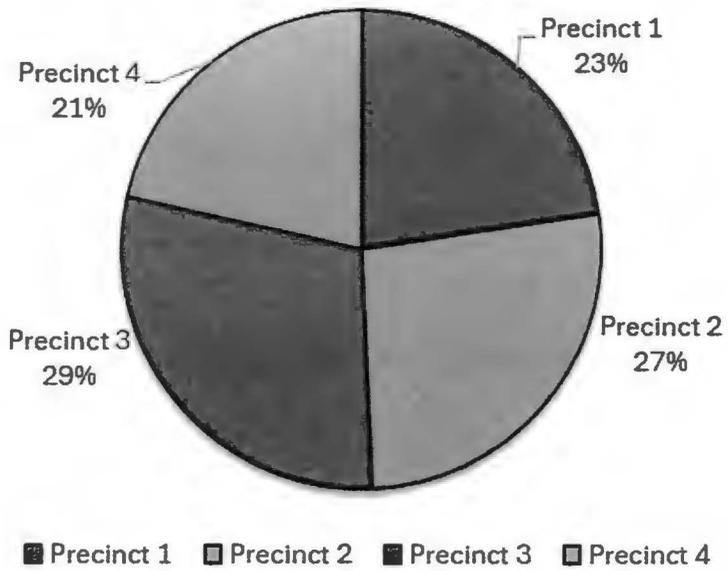
*More than the highest election cost due to legislative changes, price increases, and flexibility with workers

Colorado County Voter Registration VS Actual Voters



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Registered Voters Per Precinct

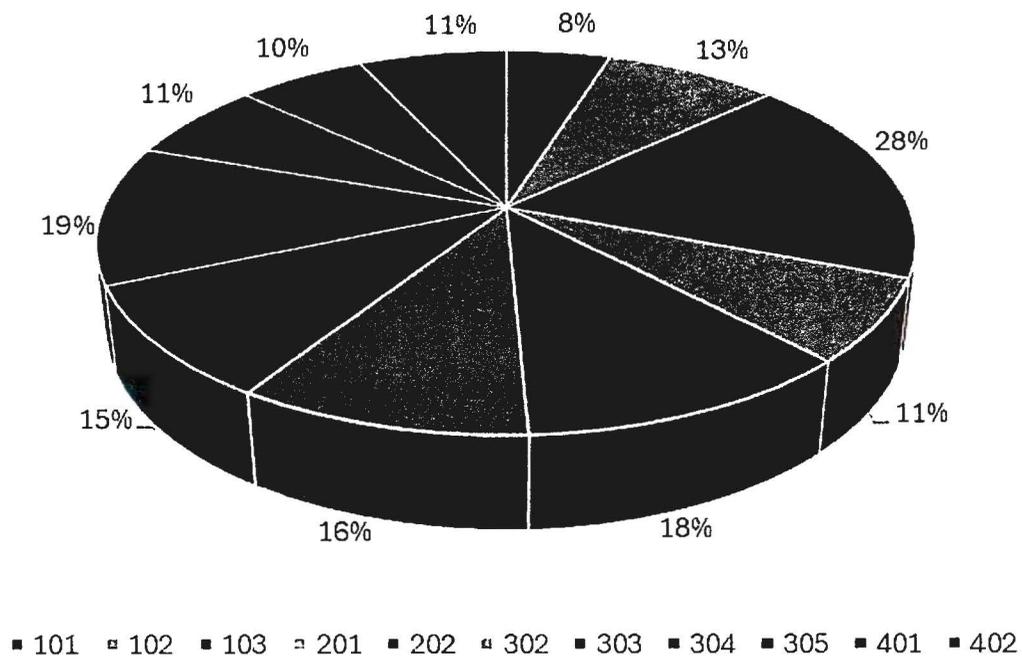


Voter
Registration
per Precinct
in 2025

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Average
Voter
Turnout by
Polling
Location

Combining and Consolidating Locations

Option One

- Precinct 101 and 305 (City of Columbus) = 3,976
- Precinct 102 and 103 = 906
- Precinct 201 and 202 = 3,768
- Precinct 302, 303, and 304 = 2,405
- Precinct 401 and 402 = 3,022

Option Two

- Precinct 101, and 305=3,976
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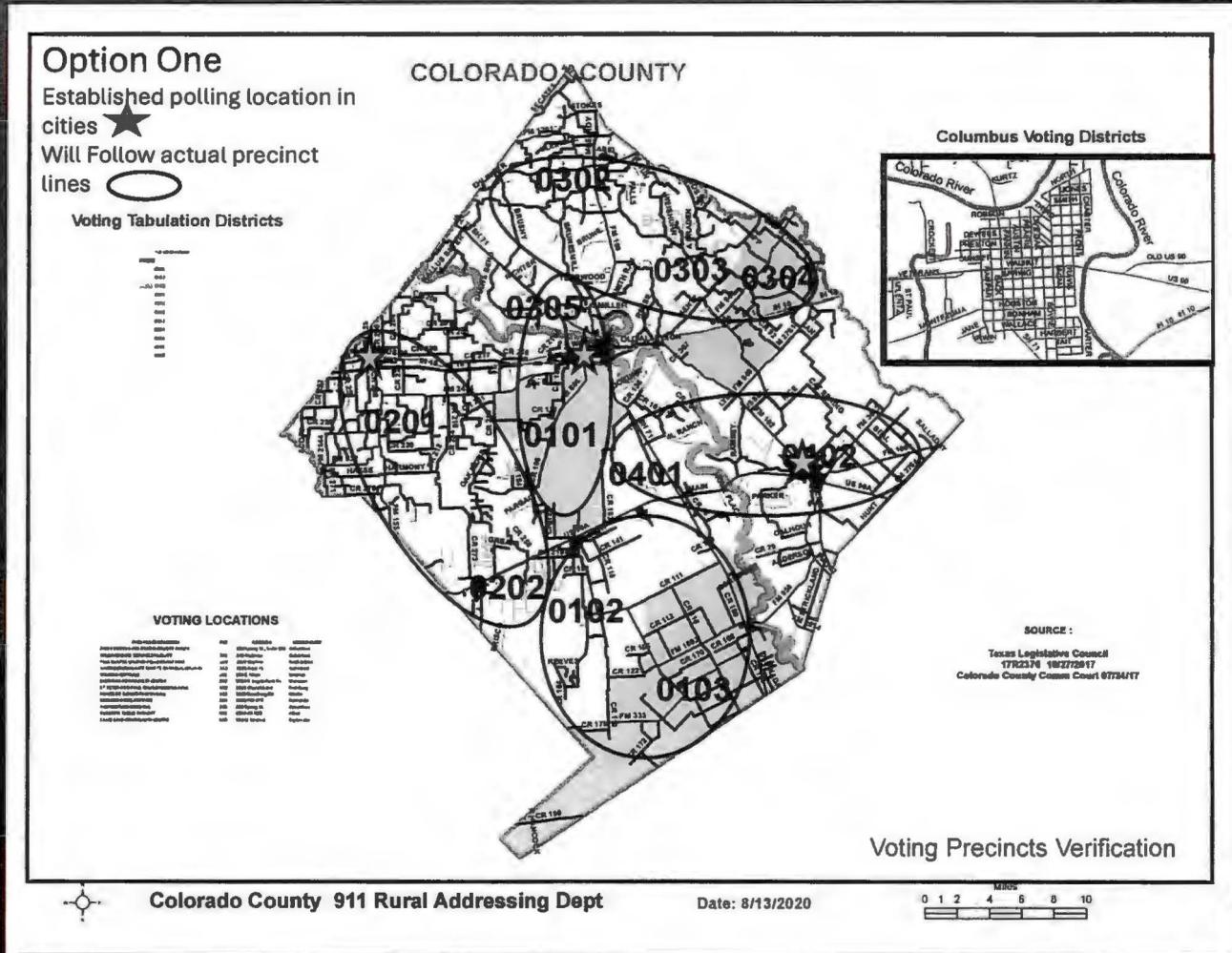
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Countywide Locations

Option One

- City of Columbus
- City of Eagle Lake
- City of Weimar
- Altair Area
- Zimmerschidt Area

Option Two

- City of Columbus
- City of Eagle Lake
- City of Weimar
- Nada
- Frelsburg

Benefits of Countywide Voting Model

- Reduction of overall cost
- Voter convenience
- Fewer Provisional ballots
- Required staffing
- Beneficial during an emergency
- Potential increase in voter turnout
- Adaptable for precinct growth
- No redistricting confusion
- More potential of voter Anonymity

Benefits of Precinct Based Voting Model

- Civic experience of voting with neighbors
- Knowledge of the exact number of voters to expect
- No lines; no wait
- More options for voters on “method” of voting vs where to vote
- School Districts do not have to contract with 2 counties for an election.

Either Model – these things don't change

- Equipment
 - ADA accessibility (ExpressVote)
 - Electronic Voter Registration file (Pollbook)
 - Ballot Styles in locations (Ballot on Demand BOD)
 - Choice of touchscreen or scantron
- Reporting and Results
 - Reported on a precinct-by-precinct level
 - Number of signatures = Number of Ballots
 - Reconciliation process
 - Hand count
 - Canvas package
- Ran for the people by the people

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Colorado County Elections
Rebecka LaCourse
Elections Administrator

Colorado County
1117 Travis Street
Columbus, Texas 78934

Notice of Meeting of the Colorado County Special Advisory Board
Monday, January 05, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
1117 Travis St, Columbus, TX (Election Center)

- I. Call to Order
- II. New discussion on:
 - a. Voting model
 - b. Poll locations
 - c. SB 2753
- III. Recommendations on voting model.
- IV. Recommendation on poll locations.
- V. Formulate a communication plan for the public.
- VI. Adjournment

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**Elections Special Advisory
Board**

Monday, January 05, 2026

Voting Models:

- Precinct Specific
 - Pros
 - Cons
- Countywide - *RECOMMENDED by Committee*
 - Pros
 - Cons

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SB 2753

- Run all five locations through the entire 2 weeks.
 - Pros
 - Cons
- Run three locations through the entire 2 weeks and then add two locations the last day. - ***RECOMMENDED by Committee***
 - Pros
 - Cons

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Recommendation to Commissioner's Court

- Voting Model - Countywide/Vote Centers
- Poll Locations - 5 total; 3 major towns and 1 on each end of county

Public Hearing set for Monday 1/12/26 at 9:00 a.m.

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Communication Plan

- Newspapers
- Radio
- Websites including all public entities
- Social Media Posts
- “Push” Notifications
- Flyers in billing statements
- Flyers in bank statements

Additional recommendations: billboards, signage, mass mail out of postcards through the USPS, fliers at primary election in March.

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Public Hearing

Information on the public hearing held, including date and time of the hearing, information that was provided in the hearing, and any feedback that was submitted to the county. A video or audio copy of the hearing must be provided. If a video or audio copy of the hearing is not available, a paper transcript is acceptable;

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of the Public Hearing was posted in the following manner:

- Colorado County Bulletin Board with all other public notices.
- Colorado County website (screen shots attached).
- County Newspapers: Banner Press, Colorado County Citizen, and Weimar Mercury. Publishers affidavits attached.
- County Judge spoke on KULM Radio on January 06, 2026 announcing the public hearing. The notice was ran three times during the day.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
APPLICATION TO SECRETARY OF STATE
TO ADD COLORADO COUNTY TO THE
COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM**

Application to Secretary of State to Add Colorado County to the Countywide Polling Place Program

Notice is hereby given that Colorado County has applied to the Texas Secretary of State for the creation of a Countywide Polling Place Program in Colorado County, Texas.

The Colorado County Commissioners Court approved the intent to apply on November 24, 2025. As part of the application process, a public hearing is required.

This hearing will:

- Inform the public about the proposed Vote Centers.
- Solicit opinions from voters, minority organizations, and other interested parties.
- Discuss the use of ballot-marking devices that print and scan ballots at polling places.
- Review the computerized voter registration list that allows instantaneous verification to ensure a voter has not already voted at another polling place.

Date & Time: January 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Location: County Courtroom, 400 Spring Street, Columbus, TX 7893

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Divorce Filed
 Lisa Marie Holmbeck and Elly
 Reuter
 Dawn Rene Roth and Robert
 Wilson Roth

Divorce Granted
 Mohammad Amara Azar and
 Azuryal Nydia Saib
 Stephen Lee Hill and Courtney
 Michelle Hill-Boar
 Stephanie Earlsman and Shava
 Earlsman
 Isabel Hara and Miguel Angel
 Jerez Hernandez

County Court
Case Filed
 Dec. 19, 2025
 Fernando Hala, assault
 causes bodily injury/family violence.
 Gary Alan Hala, assault causes
 bodily injury/family violence.
 Marvin Smith, evading arrest/
 detention.
 Jaime Alvarez-Sanchez, resist
 arrest, search or transport.

Dec. 22, 2025
 Katherine Ostad Walker, attempt
 to commit possession of controlled
 substance - Penalty Group 2 in an
 amount less than 1 gram.

Dec. 22, 2025
 Yolanda Davis Whitegrain, fail
 to yield over, emerging from al-
 leyway/driveway/building

Deaths
 Dec. 18, 2025
 Donat Alberto Mendez to Ro-
 salba Lopez, Multiple Lacerations,
 Lazy River Subdivision.
 Donat Ismael Nicolas Turner to
 Justin Maloney, see recording.

Donat Sarves Craig Vaughn to
 Mitchell Barrow Spyer, Lot 27, Bri-
 arwood Subdivision, Section 2.
 Donat Loren Glenn Miles Jr. to
 John Allen Mills, see recording.

Donat Kinley Russ to Gerald
 Wayne Jancsek, see recording.

Donat Paul and Lind-
 sey Lambelle to Joseph R. and Steph-
 anie C. Turman, 20-236 Acres, John
 Jones League, A-59.

Dec. 19, 2025
 Gil Deed: Sarves and Deborah
 Bernath to Ashley Bando, 15.26/100
 Acres, J.M. Hensley League, A-54.
 Warranty Deed: Albert Brothers
 LLC to Stacie Kangas Properties
 LLC, interest in 119.756 Acres, Jo-
 seph Biigel League, A-18.

Donat Eric Schenckmann to Me-
 gan J. Calvert, see recording.
 Donat Terra Ethia Campbell,
 trustee to Terra Ethia Campbell, see
 recording.
 Donat Natsumi Moriage
 LLC to Michael Kalak, sub-lease,
 Lot 79, South East Addition, Town
 of Seely.
 Donat Marie Holtkamp Landy
 to Margaret Adams, see recording.
 Donat Joel Saldon to JNK In-
 vestments LLC, see recording.
 Donat Tiffany Sodalak to Mari-
 lys Sodalak, see recording.
 Donat Matthew J. Sodalak to
 Marlys Sodalak, see recording.

Dec. 23, 2025

Donat Hector Hernandez Rios to
 Patricia R. Pueli, see recording.
 Donat Alyssa Anna Lewis to First
 America Homes LTD, Lot 26, Block
 1, Blackhawk Village Subdivision,
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Court Filings
Marriage Licenses
 André Stebbins and Bernadette Pascal Rata
 Victor James Molina and Mercedes Elizabeth Howard

Deeds
 Dec. 28, 2025
 Deed: Weathered Elm LLC to Maverick PMA Group LLC, see recording.
 Deed: Shipman Texas AI Builders Inc. to Corey Shipman, see recording.

Dec. 30, 2025
 Deed: Clayton Properties Group Inc. to B&B Properties II LLC, Multiple Lots/Vicinity, Hunters Crossing Subdivision, Section 2.
 Deed: Hataaka Walker to First America Norman UTI, Lot 35, Block 1, Blakemont Village Subdivision, Section 2.

Dec. 31, 2025
 Deed: Sheela White to Arden Cristobal Ojeda, Lot 6, Block C, Westview Terrace Townhomes Subdivision.
 Deed: Lane Star Ranch and Home LLC to Nancy Reidel Conrad, individually & independent executor, see recording.

Dec. 28, 2025
 Deed: Larry James and Doris Marie Rino Hernandez Living Trust to Bradley James Inc, see recording.
 Deed: Joseph Roberts, independent administrator to Berline Lane Real Estate Inc, see recording.
 Deed: Jessica Schuchert to Austin Peck, see recording.
 Deed: Susanne Massey Schuchert to Charlene Family Partners UTI, see recording.
 Deed: Tuhel Dal to Will Madden, see recording.

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 Rafael Perez Martinez and Elizabeth Vega
 Daniel Alberto De La Cruz and Veronica Chavez Mendon
 Jose Antonio Barrios Robben and Diosdado Desim Garcia Soto
 Patrick Allen Parfu and Laura Winder Woodo
 Dylan Steven Vornand and Rayna Michelle Copley
 Maria Saucedo and San Juana K. Perez Echeverria

County Court
 Daniel Fink
 Dec. 18, 2025
 Christopher Donnell Young, violate bond/protective order.
 Jack Matthew McConnell, driving while intoxicated with blood alcohol content in an amount greater than or equal to 0.15.

Dec. 11, 2025
 Deed: Wayne Barber, criminal mischief in an amount greater than or equal to \$750 but less than \$2,500.
 Kalia Yari Corbia, possession of marijuana in an amount less than 2 ounces.
 Bryan Ricardo Maldonado-Rodriguez, Count 1: possession of marijuana in an amount less than 2 ounces; Count 2: unlawfully carrying weapon.

Dec. 22, 2025
 Deed: John Arthur Washington A, accident involving damage to vehicle in an amount greater than or equal to \$200.

Dec. 22, 2025
 Addition Jermi Hickman, possession of marijuana in an amount less than 2 ounces.
 Dec. 23, 2025
 Megan Raquelita Roeth, accident involving damage to vehicle in an amount greater than or equal to \$200.

Terrence Tombores Subdivision.
 Deed: Jason Webb to Susan Leah Johnson, Lot 22, Pine Creek Subdivision, Section 1.

Terrence Tombores Subdivision.
 Deed: Susan S. Zapala to Leroy A. Zapala, Multiple Subdivision Lots.
 Deed: The Estate of Susan S. Zapala to Leroy A. Zapala, Multiple Subdivision Lots.

Terrence Tombores Subdivision.
 Deed: Sonja Brown Grancha to Cody Colburn, see recording.
 Deed: K. Hovnanian of Houston II LLC to Stafford Duff, Lot 10, Block 1, Care Crossing Estates Subdivision, Section 1.
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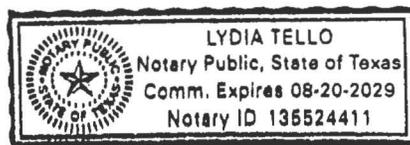
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Lifesaving New Year kick-offs

The new year begins with this issue of the Woods, Waters, and Wildlife column. And let it begin with my wish for you to spend as much of your free time outdoors, doing something - anything - to get you off the couch and away from your computer and the internet.

It doesn't matter what activity you choose - just pick one or two off the list below, put on your best walking shoes, and get out after it! Jane Goodall, the famous conservationist and environmentalist, recently died at age 91. If she were here to comment, I'm confident she would attribute her longevity on earth to being outdoors. She was famous worldwide for her groundbreaking chimpanzee research. Although some of her work was indoors writing and analyzing her data - like all wildlife researchers - MS Goodall spent much of her life outdoors. But don't get me wrong; you don't have to risk your life consorting with wild animals and publishing much heralded research literature. Going for a walk in a nearby park would be a fine start. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) even pushed "First Hikes" on a state park to start the new year off on the right foot! Even the late Robert Redford, who died in 2025 at



Photo by John Jefferson

To benefit from outdoor exercise, one doesn't have to drive to the Big Bend, like the woman hiker pictured here, although it makes it easier to hike in new areas. There are nearby parks or attractions that make hiking an inspiring adventure.



Woods, Waters, and Wildlife
 BY JOHN JEFFERSON

age 89, credited his environmentalism and love of nature to his outdoor visits to relatives in Austin as he was growing up. Disregarding any beliefs he might have shared that offended readers, he also benefitted from his outdoor life in some of the roles he chose as an actor or director - like "Out of Africa," "A River Runs Through It," and others. In "A River ...," Redford was director AND narrator. But you needn't even take off your shoes as the title of his movie, "Barefoot in

the Park" implied, Redford kept his shoes on ... except in bed! All this is said to create interest in an outdoor lifestyle for future health. It obviously assisted in taking the two notables mentioned farther in life than most people. It's helped me keep moving ... to see what's around the next bend in the stream. Pick an activity you can enjoy. Here are some examples: hiking, swimming, water-walking, bicycling, jogging, tennis, golfing (with or without a golf cart), wade fishing, skeet shooting, birding, paddling a canoe or kayak, rowing, walking or training dogs, surfing, karate or judo, water aerobics, or even pickleball! If those aren't enough, walking the bank and fish-

ing for rainbow trout on the Guadalupe River or other streams will still be available into March. Click on <https://tpwd.texas.gov/2025-2026trout/stocking/schedule> for dates and stocking sites. There are also dove seasons still open providing some exercise: North Zone closes 1/7/26; Central Zone closes 1/14/26; South Zone 1/22/26. Duck hunting requires some walking, too! All seasons close 1/25/26. Check the Outdoor Annual for bag limits. They vary. Dark and Light Goose seasons: Both Western Zones close 2/1/26. LIGHT Goose season Eastern Zone closes 2/15/26. Exercising is easy, providing you do something you enjoy.

Trails to Trout' brings fishing to Tyler's Nature Center

TYLER - Celebrate the start of the new year by introducing a kid to the Texas winter tradition of rainbow trout fishing. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) "Trails to Trout" fishing days are scheduled for Jan. 4 and Jan. 10 at the Tyler Nature Center.

TPWD will stock 900 rainbow trout at the pond for kids and people of all ages to pursue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anglers only need to bring fishing equipment and bait. TPWD will be on hand to assist new anglers and provide limited fishing equipment for those who need it on a first-come, first-served basis. Trout bait will also be available for those who need it and ice will be provided for attendees that choose to harvest their catch.

After a morning of fishing at the pond, folks can explore the rest of the Tyler Nature Center by taking a stroll on one or more outdoor hiking trails to complete the great outdoors experience. Recommended Equipment: Bring a light-action rod and reel combination with small

fishing hooks, light line (6 lb. test or less), small bobbers (optional), and small split shot. For bait, bring salmon eggs, whole kernel corn, marshmallows, small worms or prepared trout bait. Small rooster-tail spinners also work well. If you intend to keep trout, make sure to pack a stringer or small cooler.

TPWD plans to stock 335,048 rainbow trout in Texas across the state through early March. Because rainbow trout are only available during the colder winter months in most areas of Texas, anglers are encouraged to keep up to their daily bag limit of five.

Dates and locations are subject to change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Be sure to check the 2025-26 Trout Stocking Schedule online before going fishing to confirm the stocking dates, check fishing regulations and find other winter trout stocking program angling tips. For more information, contact Jake Norman, TPWD Inland Fisheries Biologist, at (903) 566-1615 x 213.

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LEGAL
 Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit by Cocodrillo LLC, dba Urban Saloon to be located at 523 Walnut St. Columbus, Colorado County, Texas. Owner of said corporation is Randall Duarte.

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The screenshot shows the Colorado County website with the following content:

Colorado County Elections
 Rebecca LaCourse, Election Administrator
 1117 Travis Street
 Columbus, TX 78934
 Phone: 979-732-6860
 Email: elections@co.colorado.tx.us

Colorado County Election Mission Statement: To uphold a high level of professional election standards in order to earn and preserve public confidence in the electoral process.

Texas Election Rights Resources/Results

QUICKLINKS

- Home
- Commissioners Court Agenda
- Court Calendar
- County Holiday Schedule
- Courts
- Elected Officials
- Other County Offices
- Bid Opportunities
- Burn Ban Status
- Elections
- Employee Information
- Employment Opportunities
- Truth In Taxation Summary

Employment Opportunities
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 Public Information Request
 Public Notices
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 Courthouse Grounds Use Policy
 Colorado County Fairgrounds
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Colorado County Calendar

January 2026

Day	Week	Month	Agenda	Categories	Print	ICM	RSS						
28	Sat	29	Mon	30	Tue	31	Wed	1	Thu	2	Fri	3	Sat
4	Sun	5	Mon	6	Tue	7	Wed	8	9	10	11	12	13
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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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COUNTY CLERK MK

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.
BUILDING: Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom 106
STREET LOCATION: 400 Spring Street
CITY OF LOCATION: Columbus, Texas 78934

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DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- 2. Agenda as posted.
- 3. Public comments.
- 4. Minutes for Regular Meetings for December 2025.
- 5. Proclamations:
 - a. 175th Anniversary of the Caledonia Masonic Lodge No. 68 of Columbus.
 - b. Colorado County Crime Stoppers Month January 2026.
- 6. Colorado County GLO Contract No. 24-065-079-E734 CID02 Generator Project and CID04 Water Improvements Project updates.
- 7. 9:00 A.M. - Public Hearing regarding Application to Secretary of State to add Colorado County to the Countywide Polling Place Program. (LaCourse)
- 8. Approval for county employees who voluntarily wish to work as election poll workers in Colorado County, with the consent of Department Head / Supervisors, to work in such positions as needed and determine how they are to be compensated. (LaCourse)
- 9. Approval of construction documents for Dowdy Creek Bridge project on County Road 215 and authorize the County Commissioner to advertise and solicit bids for the project. (Brandt)
- 10. Application submitted by San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. to install two power poles and one guy wire in the right-of-way of Cushen Street, Precinct No. 1. (Owers)
- 11. Application submitted by San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. to install one power pole in the right-of-way of West 8th Street, Precinct No. 2. (Brandt)

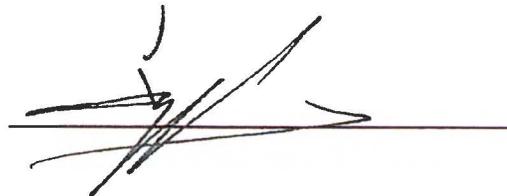
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- _29. Consent items:
 - a. Acknowledge David & Eula Wintermann Foundation for grant to the Colorado County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$15,000.00.
 - b. TxDOT Local Government Assistance program allotment of \$28,237.00 in surplus road material for FY 2026.
 - c. Certificate of Liability Insurance:
 - 1. Drymalla Construction Company, LLC (1/1/2026-1/1/2027).
 - 2. Guage Engineering, LLC (1/1/2026-1/1/2027).
 - d. Continuation Certificate for Bond No. 67301410 for Crystal Whisnant, Assistant County Auditor (12/23/2025-12/23/2026).
 - e. Texas Lawyer's Insurance Exchange Judge's Professional Liability Policy for Honorable Ty Prause (10/22/2025-10/22/2026).
 - f. County Tax Assessor Collector's Report for November 2025.
 - g. County Indigent Health Care Program Report for December 2025.
- _30. County Auditor's Financial Report for November 2025.
- _31. County Investment Officer's Investment Report for November 2025 and affidavit approving same.
- _32. County Treasurer's Report for November 2025 and affidavit approving same.
- _33. Examine and approve all accounts payable, budget amendments and new ledger accounts (if any).
- _34. **CLOSED MEETING:** Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, to conduct a private consultation with the County's attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation: Inland Environmental enforcement action and litigation.
- _35. **OPEN MEETING:** Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.102, to take final action, decision, or vote, if final action, decision, or vote is necessary, on the matter(s) deliberated in the closed meeting of Colorado County Commissioners Court.
- _36. Announcements (without discussion and no action) by elected officials/department heads. (Types of Announcements: Events, Road Conditions, Weather Occurrences, Important Dates, Vacancies in Offices or Positions, Accomplishments of Individuals, and Notices)
- _37. Commissioners Court Members sign all documents and papers acted upon or approved.
- _38. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION

NAME: Ty Prause
TITLE: Colorado County Judge
SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL:
DATE: January 6, 2026
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (979) 732-2604
FAX NUMBER: (979) 732-9389



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- ___7. 9:00 A.M. - Public Hearing regarding Application to Secretary of State to add Colorado County to the Countywide Polling Place Program. (LaCourse)

9:15 A.M. Open Public Hearing

Rebecka LaCourse stated with county wide voting, there will be less polling places, but citizens can vote at any location. The locations available for early voting will be Weimar, Columbus, and Eagle Lake. Election day will add two additional locations, Nada/Garwood, and Frelsburg, for a total of five locations.

9:20 A.M. Close Public Hearing

(See Attachment)

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Date & Time: January 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Location: County Courtroom, 400 Spring Street, Columbus, TX 7893

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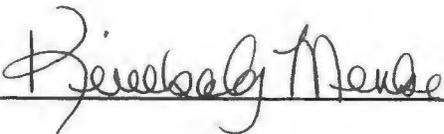
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**Minutes were taken and prepared by Kimberly Menke, County Clerk on the
12th day of January 2026 with Judge Ty Prause presiding.**

**I, KIMBERLY MENKE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT IN AND FOR COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the
Commissioner Court in session on the 12th day of January 2026.**

Given under my hand and official seal of office this date January 12, 2026.





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Resolution for
Countrywide Polling or
Vote Centers by the
Colorado County
Commissioner's Court

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**COLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
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DATE OF MEETING: January 21, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.
BUILDING: Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom 106
STREET LOCATION: 400 Spring Street
CITY OF LOCATION: Columbus, Texas 78934

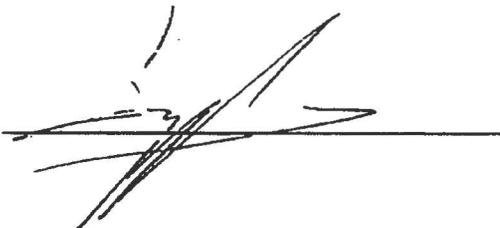
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- 1. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
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- 3. Public comments.
- 4. Resolution indicating Commissioners Court's support of an application to the Texas Secretary of State to establish election day county-wide polling places, or vote centers, in lieu of individual precinct polling places for all future elections; and providing an effective date. (LaCourse)
- 5. Health Services Agreement between Colorado County and Southern Health Partners, Inc. for inmate medical services. (Sheriff/Laake)
- 6. Commissioners Court Members sign all documents and papers acted upon or approved.
- 7. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION

NAME: Ty Prause
TITLE: Colorado County Judge
SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL:
DATE: January 13, 2026
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (979) 732-2604
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The Colorado County Courthouse is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available.

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, COUNTY OF COLORADO, TEXAS, INDICATING ITS SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DAY COUNTY-WIDE POLLING PLACES, OR VOTE CENTERS, IN LIEU OF PRECINCT POLLING PLACES FOR ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the 79th Texas Legislature approved a pilot program to evaluate the use of election day county-wide polling places as an alternative to restricting voters to voting only at the precinct polling place where they are registered to vote; and

WHEREAS, subsequent Texas Legislatures have approved the expansion of the program to counties applying for vote center voting status based upon the succession of the program in the pilot program; and

WHEREAS, surveys of voters utilizing county-wide polling places, or vote centers, on election day have expressed support for the continued use of said *vote* centers due to the convenience to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State filed a report with the Texas Legislature reporting that the pilot program was well received and liked by voters and election workers; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado County Commissioners Court held a public hearing on January 12, 2026 in Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, the individuals attending the public hearing spoke in favor of implementing county-wide *vote* centers in Colorado County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

The Colorado County Commissioners Court hereby voices its support of an application to the Secretary of State for permission to implement election day county-wide, or vote centers for voting, effective with the May 02, 2026 election.

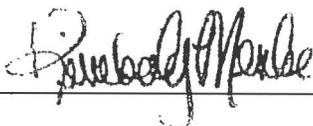
This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

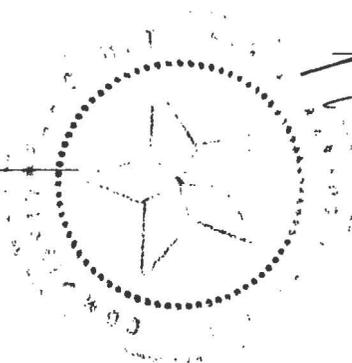
Adopted by vote of the Colorado County Commissioners Court a special meeting held on January 21, 2026.

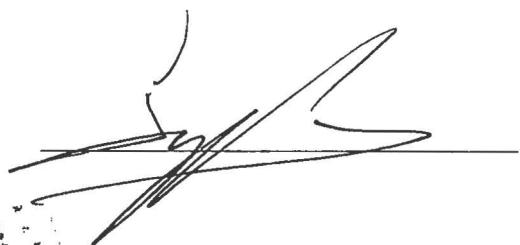
Ty Prause, County Judge

ATTEST:

Kimberly Menke, County Clerk







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Election Day Voting System

Information regarding the county's use of voting systems on election day. The letter must identify the vendor, quantity of voting machines and number of polling places to be used, and how long the county has conducted elections with use of voting machines;

The county's use of a computerized voter registration list that allows instantaneous verification that a voter has not already voted at another polling place. Identify steps taken to guarantee connectivity at each polling place and the county's plan for dealing with a loss of connectivity during an election;

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**Colorado County Election Day Voting Systems Report
Introduction**

Colorado County, with a population of approximately 22,000 residents and roughly 14,500 registered voters, has made significant advancements in its election infrastructure over the past several years. Through a combination of grant funding and county funds, the county has modernized its voting equipment, strengthened voter registration processes, and enhanced connectivity and security at polling locations. These improvements have contributed to a more efficient, secure, and positive voting experience for both voters and election workers.

Electronic Voting System

Colorado County utilizes the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) platform, which includes ExpressVote ballot-marking devices, DS300 on-site tabulators, and a Ballot on Demand (BOD) system. This voting system was introduced to the public in March 2020 and has since become a core component of the county's election operations.

Equipment Inventory

The county currently owns:

- 23 ExpressVote ballot-marking devices
- 16 DS200 tabulators (upgraded for compatibility with current systems)
- 7 DS300 on-site tabulators
- 7 Ballot on Demand printers

These investments have significantly improved the efficiency and accessibility of the voting process. Voters have responded positively to the updated system, and election workers report that the equipment has streamlined their duties and enhanced overall election administration.

Computerized Voter Registration System

Colorado County employs the ExpressPoll electronic poll book system to manage voter check-in at all polling locations. This system has been fully operational since November 2020 and is used during both early voting and Election Day.

System Features and Usage

- The county owns 28 ExpressPoll units.
- Poll books are updated regularly in accordance with state law.
- The system provides real-time access to voter registration data, improving accuracy and reducing check-in times.

Election workers and voters consistently report that the electronic poll book system enhances the check-in process and contributes to stronger election security.

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Internet Connectivity

Each ExpressPoll device is equipped with a dedicated MiFi unit to ensure secure and reliable connectivity. Every polling location is assigned a unique username and password to maintain controlled access.

Connectivity Management

- Verizon provides the county's wireless service.
- Election software continuously monitors connectivity status.
- The Election Administrator closely oversees system performance throughout early voting and Election Day.
- We will also have the ability to communicate with our workers via those Pollbooks and by cell phone should any issues or questions come up.
- Paper pollbooks are always the contingency plan in case of emergency; procedures will be updated for loss of internet connectivity.

This connectivity framework supports efficient voter check-in, timely updates, and secure data transmission.

Conclusion

Colorado County has made substantial progress in modernizing its election systems, improving both the voter experience and the efficiency of election administration. Through strategic investments in voting equipment, electronic poll books, and secure connectivity, the county has strengthened the integrity and reliability of its elections. Election workers and voters alike have expressed strong satisfaction with these improvements, positioning Colorado County as a model for effective election

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Communication Plan

A communication plan that explains how voters will be notified of the change to countywide polling places and new polling locations;

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Polling Location Selection

A statement confirming that the commissioners court reviewed the county election precinct boundaries in March or April 2025 pursuant to Section 42.031 of the Election Code and that the county election precincts are in compliance with Section 42.005 of the Code (officer line rule), Section 42.006 of the Code (population rule), and Section 42.007 of the Code (combining incorporated and unincorporated territory). County election precincts are created by order of commissioners court and constitute the basic unit of voter registration. If the commissioners court did not review the county election precinct boundaries in March or April 2025, the application must contain a statement indicating when the county most recently reviewed the county election precinct boundaries pursuant to Section 42.031 of the Code. The statement must also confirm whether the county election precincts are in compliance with Sections 42.005, 42.006, and 42.007 of the Code.

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Current Precinct Specific Polling Locations

Early Voting:

Colorado County Election Center (Main)
1117 Travis St.
Columbus, TX 78934

EL Community Center (Branch)	Weimar City Hall (Branch)
100 N. Walnut Eagle Lake, TX 77434	106 E. Main St. Weimar, TX 78962

Voting Locations

(You must go to your assigned polling location identified on your Voter Registration Card)

Precinct 101 <i>Columbus</i>	Colorado County Services Facility	305 Radio Lane, Columbus
Precinct 102 <i>Rock Island</i>	Full Gospel Church – Fellowship Hall	2304 Cushen, Rock Island
Precinct 103 <i>Garwood-Nada</i>	Nada Community Center – St. Mary's	7825 Hwy 71, Nada
Precinct 201 <i>Weimar</i> Precinct 202 <i>Sheridan</i>	Weimar City Hall Sheridan Community Center	106 E. Main, Weimar 5803 S. Logan Park Dr., Sheridan
Precinct 302 <i>Frelsburg</i>	St. Peter & Paul Church Dining Hall	1031 Church Lane, Frelsburg
Precinct 303 <i>Mentz</i>	St. Roch's Parish Hall	1600 Frelsburg Rd., Mentz
Precinct 304 <i>Bernardo</i>	Bernardo Fire Station	2845 FM 949, Bernardo
Precinct 305 <i>Columbus</i>	Agriculture Bldg	316 Spring St., Columbus
Precinct 401 <i>Altair</i> Precinct 402 <i>Eagle Lake</i>	Robert. R. Wells Airport Eagle Lake Community Center	1084 CR 102, Altair 100 N. Walnut, Eagle Lake

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**RESCOLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

DATE OF MEETING: April 14, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.
BUILDING: Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom
STREET LOCATION: 400 Spring Street
CITY OF LOCATION: Columbus, Texas 78934

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**On this the 14th day of April 2025, the Commissioners Court of Colorado County,
Texas met in Regular Session at 9:00 A.M., in their regular meeting place at
the Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 400 Spring Street, in the
City of Columbus, Texas.**

The Following Members were present to wit:

Honorable Ty Prause	County Judge
Honorable Shannon Owers	Commissioner Precinct #1
Honorable Ryan Brandt	Commissioner Precinct #2
Honorable Keith Neuendorff	Commissioner Precinct #3
Honorable Darrell Gertson	Commissioner Precinct #4
By: Michelle Kollmann	Deputy Clerk

The Honorable Kimberly Menke, County Clerk, was unable to attend.

The County Judge Ty Prause called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

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**MINUTES OF THE COLORADO COUNTY
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April 14, 2025

COLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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DATE OF MEETING: April 14, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.
BUILDING: Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom
STREET LOCATION: 400 Spring Street
CITY OF LOCATION: Columbus, Texas 78934

KIMBERLY MENARD
COUNTY CLERK MK

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene in a closed meeting to discuss and deliberate agenda item(s) subject to the closed meeting exceptions. A final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in a closed meeting shall only be made in an open meeting. Commissioners Court may use a telephone conference call, video conference call, or communications over the Internet to conduct a public consultation with its attorney in an open meeting of the governmental body or a private consultation with its attorney in a closed meeting of the governmental body. Immediately before any closed meeting, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chapter 551, which provides statutory authority for closed meetings, will be announced.

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
2. Agenda as posted.
3. Public comments.
4. Minutes for Regular Meetings for March 2025.
5. Judge Prause to introduce Shariyn Wagner, new Grant Writer for Colorado County.
6. Presentation and acceptance of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for year ended December 31, 2023. (Lowrance)
7. Proclamations:
 - a. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 13 - 19, 2025.
 - b. Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month April 2025.
 - c. National Day of Prayer May 1, 2025.
 - d. Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 27 – May 4, 2025.
 - e. National County Government Month April 2025.
8. Request to participate in the Adopt-A-County Road Program:
 - a. Buddy and Kathy Hudec – County Road 204 beginning at County Road 201 and County Road 204 intersection going north approximately 1.7 miles.
 - b. The Gary and Teresa Hoppe Family – County Road 219 and County Road 218 beginning at intersection of County Road 219 and County Road 217, going north on County Road 219, then north at County Road 218 intersection approximately 2 miles. (Brandt)
9. **9:00 AM** - Public Hearing pursuant to Texas Transportation Code §251.152, to receive public comment regarding the establishment of the proposed speed limits on the following County Roads in Precinct No. 3:
 - a. Brunas Mill Road, from the intersection of FM 109 to Buescher Road – to 35 MPH.

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- b. All of Schobel Road, from the intersection of Brunes Mill Road to SH 71 – to 45 MPH. (Neuendorff)
- _10. Establishment of speed limits on the following County Roads in Precinct No. 3:
 - a. Brunes Mill Road, from the intersection of FM 109 to Buescher Road – to 35 MPH.
 - b. All of Schobel Road, from the intersection of Brunes Mill Road to SH 71 – to 45 MPH. (Neuendorff)
- _11. **9:00 AM** - Public Hearing to consider Replat of Lots 236, 237 and 238 of Wild Wing Preserve Subdivision - Phase 2, Waco Manufacturing Co. Survey No. 11, Abstract No. 619, Colorado County, Precinct No. 1. (Owers)
- _12. Application for Replat of Lots 236, 237 and 238 of Wild Wing Preserve Subdivision – Phase 2, Waco Manufacturing Co. Survey No. 11, Abstract No. 619, Colorado County, Precinct No. 1. (Owers)
- _13. Resolution in support of Senate Bill 1377 and House Bill 3000 to provide critical funding for rural emergency medical services. (Furrh)
- _14. Authorization to use the County Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fund for the purchase of the new AgendaLink software which the court previously approved in the amount of \$15,435.00, under Local Government Code §118.0216. (Menke)
- _15. Application submitted by Colorado Valley Telephone to install buried fiber optic cable in the right-of-way of County Road 204 and Harmony Road, Precinct No. 2. (Brandt)
- _16. Application submitted by City of Weimar to run overhead power lines across the right-of-way of County Road 253, Precinct No. 2. (Brandt)
- _17. Discussion and possible action to donate the 50 AED devices owned by Colorado County currently being used by the Volunteer Fire Departments in the county to the Colorado County Firefighters Association. (Brandt)
- _18. Proposal from Firepot Media for a new sound system for the District Courtroom. (Prause)
- _19. Receive recommendation from Hutson|Gallagher on bid received for the Colorado County Courthouse Maintenance Repairs Project No. 2025-02 and award of bid. (Prause)
- _20. Set public hearing on the adoption of Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Colorado County, pursuant to the Texas Property Tax Code §312.002(c-1). (Prause)
- _21. Consent items:
 - a. 2025 membership with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and payment of dues in the amount of \$822.28.
 - b. Approval of Bond for Assistant County Auditor Stephen Chelotti.
 - c. Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Contract No. HHS000285000024 with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (Term 10/1/2025-9/30/2032).
 - d. Title IV-E Legal Services Contract No. HHS000285100018 with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (Term 10/1/2025-9/30/2032).
 - e. 2024 Audit of the Colorado County Jail Commissary Operations.
 - f. Determination that County Election Precincts comply with Chapter 42 of the Elections Code, pursuant to Election Code Section 42.031.
 - g. Colorado County Indigent Health Care Program Report for March 2025.

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- h. Cooperative/Collaborative Working Agreement with Bastrop County Women's Shelter dba Family Crisis Center.
 - i. Notice to Proceed documents for the Colorado County Texas General Land Office Community Development & Revitalization Contract 24-065-079-E734 CID 02 Stand-By Electrical Generators.
 - j. Notice to Proceed documents for the Colorado County Texas General Land Office Community Development & Revitalization Contract 24-065-079-E734 CID 03 Sewer Improvements.
 - k. Accept donation of five Toshiba mobile air conditioner units from CAI Services, LLC.
 - l. Certification of Continuing Education: 2025 County Elections Academy - Rebecka LaCourse, Election Administrator and Racheal Schneider, Election Systems Clerk.
 - m. Acknowledgment of users that have completed yearly cybersecurity training per HB 3834.
 - n. Continuation Certificate for Superheavy or Oversize Permit Bond No. SU1181370 posted by Wagner Oil Company (4/25/2025-4/25/2026).
 - o. Certificate of Liability Insurance posted by City of Weimar (10/1/2024-10/1/2025).
- _22. Examine and approve all accounts payable, budget amendments and new ledger accounts (if any).
- _23. Announcements (without discussion and no action) by elected officials/department heads. (Types of Announcements: Events, Road Conditions, Weather Occurrences, Important Dates, Vacancies in Offices or Positions, Accomplishments of Individuals, and Notices)
- _24. Commissioners Court Members sign all documents and papers acted upon or approved.
- _25. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION

NAME: Ty Prause
TITLE: Colorado County Judge
SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL:
DATE: April 10, 2025
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (979) 732-2604
FAX NUMBER: (979) 732-9389



The Colorado County Courthouse is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available.

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**Office of the Secretary of State
State of Texas
Precinct List**

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SELECTION CRITERIA

County Name: COLORADO
Show Voter Count: Yes
Breakdown Total by Voter Status: No
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	Total Voters
County = COLORADO	14357
Precinct=101	2304
CETJ	
ETJC AREA LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE Columbus	327
CITY	
COL COL	1364
CNST	
1 CONSTABLE 1	2304
COAD	
14 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 14	2304
1 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 1	2304
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
1 COMMISSIONER 1	2304
CTY	
ALL COUNTYWIDE	0
DISJUD	
25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	2304
ESD	
ESD ESD 1	2304
HOSP	
RHD RICE HOSPITAL	88
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
1 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 1	2304
SCHOOL	
CISD COLUMBUS	2154
RISD RICE CONSOLIDATED	90
WISD WEIMAR	60
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 10	2304
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
8 5 S T A T E R E P R E S E N T A T I V E D I S T R I C T 8 5	2304
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE DISTRICT 17	2304
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10	2304
WATER	
GARW WATER DISTRICT GARWOOD	0
GLID WATER DISTRICT GLIDDEN	354

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		Total Voters
	GCD COLORADO COUNTY G R O U N D W A T E R CONSERVATION DISTRICT	2304
Precinct=102		344
	CITY	
	COL COL	0
	CNST	
	1 CONSTABLE 1	344
	COAD	
	14 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 14	344
	1 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 1	344
	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
	1 COMMISSIONER 1	344
	CTY	
	ALL COUNTYWIDE	27
	DISJUD	
	25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	344
	ESD	
	ESD ESD 1	344
	HOSP	
	RHD RICE HOSPITAL	175
	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
	1 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 1	344
	SCHOOL	
	CISD COLUMBUS	178
	RISD RICE CONSOLIDATED	166
	STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
	10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 10	344
	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
	8 5 S T A T E R E P R E S E N T A T I V E D I S T R I C T 8 5	344
	STATE SENATE	
	17 STATE SENATE DISTRICT 17	344
	US CONGRESS	
	10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10	344
	WATER	
	GCD COLORADO COUNTY G R O U N D W A T E R CONSERVATION DISTRICT	344
Precinct=103		586
	CNST	
	1 CONSTABLE 1	586
	COAD	
	14 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 14	586
	1 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 1	586

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	Total Voters
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
1 COMMISSIONER 1	586
DISJUD	
25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	586
ESD	
ESD ESD 1	586
HOSP	
RHD RICE HOSPITAL	586
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
1 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	586
1	
SCHOOL	
RISD RICE CONSOLIDATED	586
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 STATE BOARD OF	586
EDUCATION DISTRICT 10	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
8 5 S T A T E	586
R E P R E S E N T A T I V E	
D I S T R I C T 8 5	
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE	586
D I S T R I C T 1 7	
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL	586
D I S T R I C T 1 0	
WATER	
GARW WATER DISTRICT	188
GARWOOD	
GCD COLORADO COUNTY	586
G R O U N D W A T E R	
C O N S E R V A T I O N D I S T R I C T	
Precinct=201	3192
CETJ	
ETJW AREA OUTSIDE	142
WEIMAR	
ETJC AREA LOCATED JUST	9
OUTSIDE Columbus	
CITY	
WEI WEI	1279
CNST	
2 CONSTABLE 2	3192
COAD	
14 COURT OF APPEALS	3192
DISTRICT 14	
1 COURT OF APPEALS	3192
DISTRICT 1	
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
2 COMMISSIONER 2	3192
CTY	
ALL COUNTYWIDE	0
DISJUD	
25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	3192
ESD	

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	Total Voters
ESD ESD 1	3192
HOSP	
RHD RICE HOSPITAL	74
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
2 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	3192
2	
SCHOOL	
CISD COLUMBUS	66
RISD RICE CONSOLIDATED	89
WISD WEIMAR	3037
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 STATE BOARD OF	3192
EDUCATION DISTRICT 10	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
8 5 S T A T E	3192
R E P R E S E N T A T I V E	
D I S T R I C T 8 5	
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE	3192
DISTRICT 17	
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL	3192
DISTRICT 10	
WATER	
GLID WATER DISTRICT	6
GLIDDEN	
GCD COLORADO COUNTY	3192
G R O U N D W A T E R	
CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
Precinct=202	631
CNST	
2 CONSTABLE 2	631
COAD	
14 COURT OF APPEALS	631
DISTRICT 14	
1 COURT OF APPEALS	631
DISTRICT 1	
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
2 COMMISSIONER 2	631
CTY	
ALL COUNTYWIDE	3
DISJUD	
25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	631
ESD	
ESD ESD 1	631
HOSP	
RHD RICE HOSPITAL	615
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
2 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	631
2	
SCHOOL	
CISD COLUMBUS	16
RISD RICE CONSOLIDATED	615

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	Total Voters
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 10	631
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
8 5 S T A T E R E P R E S E N T A T I V E D I S T R I C T 8 5	631
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE D I S T R I C T 1 7	631
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL D I S T R I C T 1 0	631
WATER	
GARW WATER DISTRICT GARWOOD	0
GCD COLORADO COUNTY G R O U N D W A T E R C O N S E R V A T I O N D I S T R I C T	631
Precinct=302	1237
CNST	
3 CONSTABLE 3	1237
COAD	
14 COURT OF APPEALS D I S T R I C T 1 4	1237
1 COURT OF APPEALS D I S T R I C T 1	1237
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
3 COMMISSIONER 3	1237
CTY	
ALL COUNTYWIDE	4
DISJUD	
25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	1237
ESD	
ESD ESD 1	1237
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
3 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 3	1237
SCHOOL	
CISD COLUMBUS	1237
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 10	1237
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
8 5 S T A T E R E P R E S E N T A T I V E D I S T R I C T 8 5	1237
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE D I S T R I C T 1 7	1237
SUD	
SUD FALLS UTILITY	80
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL D I S T R I C T 1 0	1237

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	Total Voters
WATER	
GCD COLORADO COUNTY G R O U N D W A T E R CONSERVATION DISTRICT	1237
Precinct=303	636
CNST	
3 CONSTABLE 3	636
COAD	
14 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 14	636
1 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 1	636
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
3 COMMISSIONER 3	636
CTY	
ALL COUNTYWIDE	8
DISJUD	
25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	636
ESD	
ESD ESD 1	636
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
3 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 3	636
SCHOOL	
CISD COLUMBUS	636
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 10	636
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
8 5 S T A T E R E P R E S E N T A T I V E D I S T R I C T 8 5	636
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE DISTRICT 17	636
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10	636
WATER	
GCD COLORADO COUNTY G R O U N D W A T E R CONSERVATION DISTRICT	636
Precinct=304	564
CNST	
3 CONSTABLE 3	564
COAD	
14 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 14	564
1 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 1	564
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
3 COMMISSIONER 3	564
DISJUD	
25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	564

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	Total Voters
ESD	
ESD ESD 1	564
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
3 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	564
3	
SCHOOL	
CISD COLUMBUS	564
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 STATE BOARD OF	564
EDUCATION DISTRICT 10	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
8 5 S T A T E	564
R E P R E S E N T A T I V E	
D I S T R I C T 8 5	
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE	564
D I S T R I C T 17	
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL	564
D I S T R I C T 10	
WATER	
GCD COLORADO COUNTY	564
G R O U N D W A T E R	
C O N S E R V A T I O N D I S T R I C T	
Precinct=305	1756
CETJ	
ETJC AREA LOCATED JUST	122
O U T S I D E C o l u m b u s	
CITY	
COL COL	778
CNST	
3 CONSTABLE 3	1756
COAD	
14 COURT OF APPEALS	1756
D I S T R I C T 14	
1 COURT OF APPEALS	1756
D I S T R I C T 1	
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
3 COMMISSIONER 3	1756
DISJUD	
25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	1756
ESD	
ESD ESD 1	1756
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
3 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	1756
3	
SCHOOL	
CISD COLUMBUS	1756
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 STATE BOARD OF	1756
E D U C A T I O N D I S T R I C T 10	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	

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8 5 S T A T E R E P R E S E N T A T I V E D I S T R I C T 8 5	1756
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE D I S T R I C T 1 7	1756
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL D I S T R I C T 1 0	1756
WATER	
GCD COLORADO COUNTY G R O U N D W A T E R C O N S E R V A T I O N D I S T R I C T	1756
Precinct=401	527
CETJ	
ETJC AREA LOCATED JUST O U T S I D E C o l u m b u s	23
CNST	
4 C O N S T A B L E 4	527
COAD	
14 C O U R T O F A P P E A L S D I S T R I C T 1 4	527
1 C O U R T O F A P P E A L S D I S T R I C T 1	527
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
4 C O M M I S S I O N E R 4	527
DISJUD	
25 D I S T R I C T J U D G E 2 5	527
ESD	
ESD E S D 1	527
HOSP	
RHD R I C E H O S P I T A L	117
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
4 J U S T I C E O F T H E P E A C E 4	527
SCHOOL	
CISD C O L U M B U S	410
RISD R I C E C O N S O L I D A T E D	117
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 S T A T E B O A R D O F E D U C A T I O N D I S T R I C T 1 0	527
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
8 5 S T A T E R E P R E S E N T A T I V E D I S T R I C T 8 5	527
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE D I S T R I C T 1 7	527
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL D I S T R I C T 1 0	527
WATER	
GCD COLORADO COUNTY G R O U N D W A T E R C O N S E R V A T I O N D I S T R I C T	527

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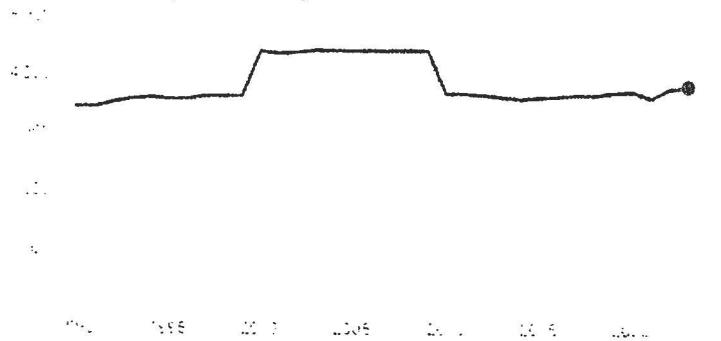
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Precinct=402	2566
CETJ	
ETJEL AREA OUTSIDE EAGLE LAKE	197
CITY	
EL EL	1843
CNST	
4 CONSTABLE 4	2566
COAD	
14 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 14	2566
1 COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 1	2566
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
4 COMMISSIONER 4	2566
CTY	
ALL COUNTYWIDE	5
DISJUD	
25 DISTRICT JUDGE 25	2566
ESD	
ESD ESD 1	2566
HOSP	
RHD RICE HOSPITAL	2431
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
4 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 4	2566
SCHOOL	
CISD COLUMBUS	135
RISD RICE CONSOLIDATED	2431
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 10	2566
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
8 5 S T A T E R E P R E S E N T A T I V E D I S T R I C T 8 5	2566
STATE SENATE	
17 STATE SENATE DISTRICT 17	2566
US CONGRESS	
10 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10	2566
WATER	
GCD COLORADO COUNTY G R O U N D W A T E R C O N S E R V A T I O N D I S T R I C T	2566

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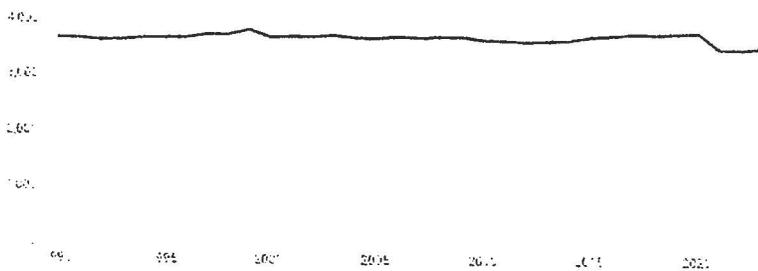
Columbus / Population

3,786 (2023)



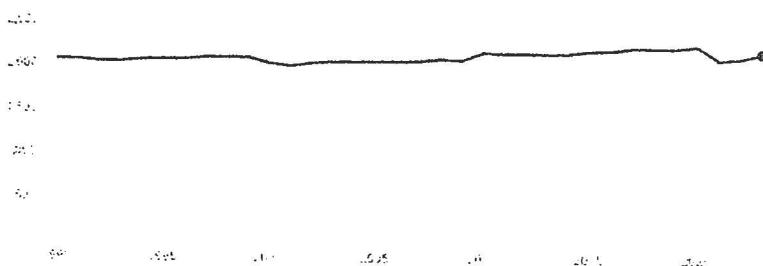
Eagle Lake / Population

3,508 (2023)



Weimar / Population

2,152 (2023)



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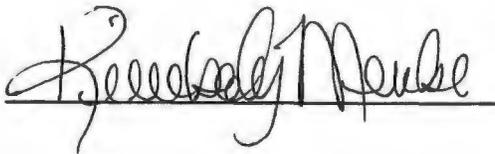
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**Minutes were taken and prepared by Kimberly Menke, County Clerk on the
14th day of April 2025 with Judge Ty Prause presiding.**

**I, KIMBERLY MENKE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT IN AND FOR COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the
Commissioner Court in session on the 14th day of April 2025.**

Given under my hand and official seal of office this date April 14, 2025.





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Vote centers were recommended to the Colorado County Commissioner's Court by the election advisory committee .

Considerations for suitable countywide polling places that would comply with polling place regulations:

- Recommended to use 5 polling locations (1 additional location than if it was precinct specific and consolidated) .
- Consideration taken for visibility, familiar locations and equipment needs.
- Availability of polling locations.
- The physical location of already existing polling locations for consistency.
- Availability of election workers.
- Smaller outlying communities and minority groups were given consideration.
- Cost savings.
- Improvement of voter participation.
- Ability to use electronic voting systems including MiFi signal, electrical outlets, and space.
- Major roads and highways for commuters.

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Countywide Polling locations (Vote Centers)

Early Voting (No Change):

Election Center (Main)	Weimar City Hall (Branch)	EL Community Center (Branch)
1117 Travis St.	106 E. Main St.	100 N. Walnut
Columbus, TX 78934	Weimar, TX 78962	Eagle Lake, TX 77434

1. Nada Community Center – St. Mary's
7825 Hwy 71
Nada, Texas

2. Weimar City Hall
106 E. Main
Weimar, Texas

3. Frelsburg VFD
1669 FM109
New Ulm, Texas
(Frelsburg Community)

4. Eagle Lake Community Center
100 N. Walnut
Eagle Lake, Texas

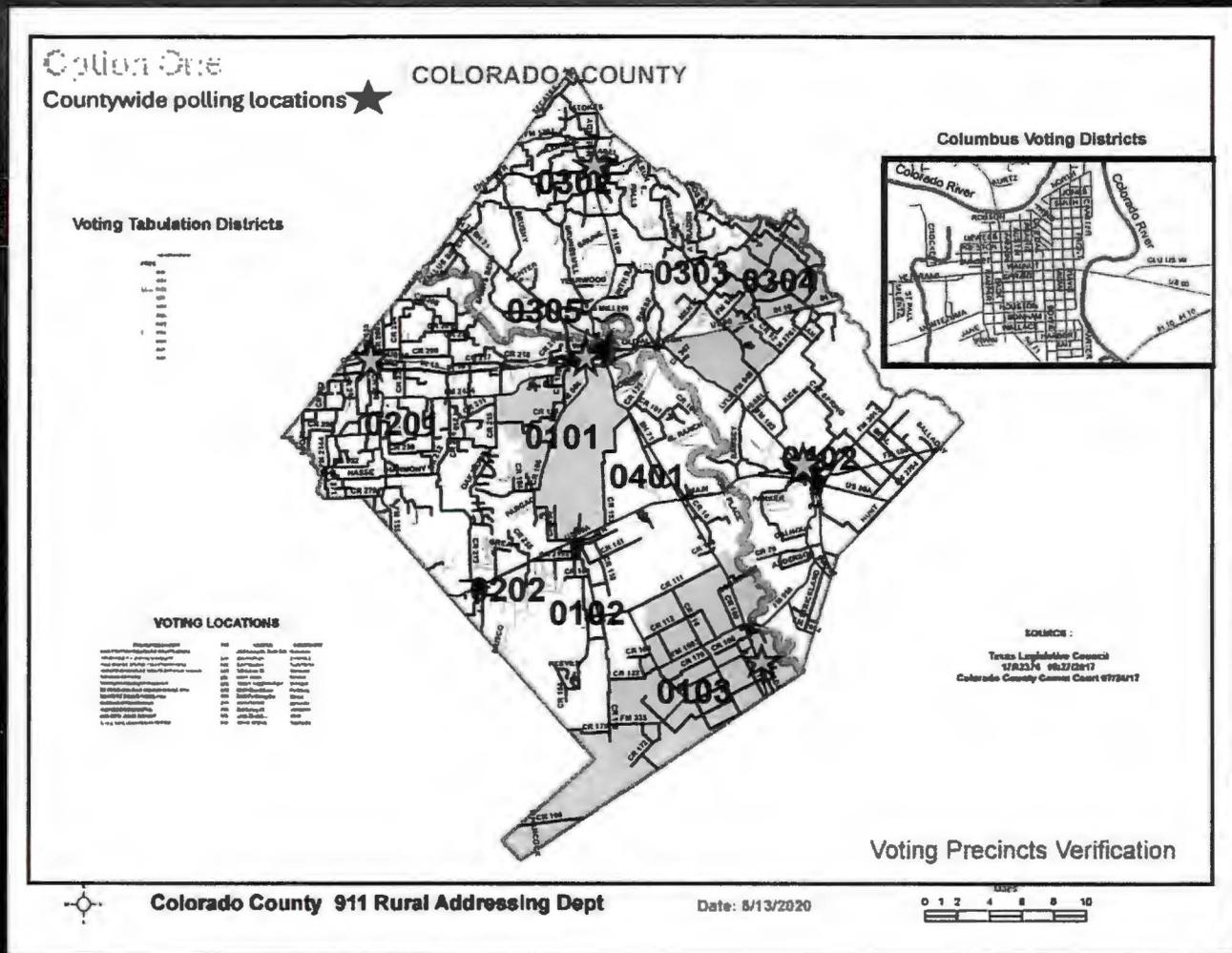
5. Colorado County Election Center
1117 Travis St.
Columbus, Texas

One location in each major town and one on each end of the county.

From location 1 to 2 = 15 miles
From location 1 to 3 = 15 miles
From location 1 to 4 = 12 miles
From location 1 to 5 = 15 miles
From location 2 to 3 = 9 miles
From location 2 to 4 = 15 miles
From location 2 to 5 = 15 miles
From location 3 to 4 = 15 miles
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Precinct and Voter Information

Information regarding the total number of county election precincts within the county and the total number of registered voters within each county election precinct. The total number of registered voters within each county election precinct must include a breakdown of the total number of suspense and non-suspense voters.

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<i>Precinct</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Polling Location</i>	<i>*Estimated Voters</i>	<i>Suspense</i>	<i>Non-Suspense</i>
1	Columbus/Glidden	101	2332	83	2249
1	Rock Island	102	348	11	337
1	Garwood/Nada	103	583	14	569
2	Weimar/Oakland	201	3215	68	3147
2	Sheridan	202	633	12	621
3	Frelsburg/Brushy	302	1234	20	1214
3	Mentz	303	640	12	628
3	Bernardo	304	580	17	563
3	N. Columbus/Shaws Bend	305	1768	41	1727
4	Alleyton/Altair	401	523	24	499
4	Eagle Lake	402	2575	72	2503

<i>Precinct</i>	<i>Voter Registration</i>
One	3263
Two	3848
Three	4222
Four	3098

*May 2025

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Election Judges and Alternate Election Judge Assignments

A statement that Election Judges and Alternate Election Judges will be assigned to countywide polling locations

within a commissioners court precinct in the proportionate amount required by law (see below);

A demonstration that the commissioners court and the county chairs have resolved how polling place officials will be appointed;

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Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge Assignments

The Election Department held a meeting with the Republican Chair and Democratic Chair on November 06, 2025 to discuss Judges, Alternates and Clerks for the March 2026 Election and Countywide Voting. Election judges and alternates appointed from lists submitted by the respective political parties will be utilized within their respective precincts and follow the Texas Election Code. During the committee meeting it was decided workers be staffed according to anticipated voting population. The lists for countywide voting will be approved by Commissioner's Court.

We will continue to use those judges and alternate judges that are already assigned to those locations and in the proportionate amount required by law. Those judges and alternate judges that are recognized at the polling locations that we consolidated, would then be moved to the other locations as clerks to increase staffing or as judges in the proportionate amount required by law.

The parties must be submitted no later than July 31, and the appointments will be made during the commissioners court's August term. [Sec. 32.002(a) & (b)] By default, term-appointed election judges will serve for a one-year term. However, the commissioners court will provide by written order for a two-year term for those term-appointed election judges.

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A statement that all joint election issues have been resolved. Because political subdivisions holding joint elections with the county must have a presence at all countywide polling locations, a county must demonstrate that issues related to joint elections have been or will be resolved;

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Colorado County has a long history of successfully conducting *joint* primary elections for both the Republican and Democratic parties. We are fortunate that both parties consistently work together to provide voters with a positive and efficient election experience. Their cooperation with the County Elections Department ensures that joint elections run smoothly, as reaffirmed during the meeting held on November 6, 2025.

Recommendations from the County Commissioners Court and Party Chairs have always played an important role in selecting polling locations. Party Chairs also help ensure that qualified judges and clerks are available for *every* election day. Strong communication with the County Chairs remains a key factor in maintaining successful elections. The Commissioners Court ultimately approves all polling locations and election workers.

Colorado County has a designated Election Administrator who considers the needs of all jurisdictions when choosing polling sites. Joint Election Agreements are in place between the county and the political subdivisions, and the county has contracted every election for every jurisdiction over the past seven years. If a jurisdiction ever chooses to conduct its own election, adequate space is still available at the established polling locations. The Elections Department maintains strong working relationships with all jurisdictions and has successfully supported their elections for many years.

Our philosophy is simple: when we work together, we achieve more—and the results speak for themselves.

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- __5. Health Services Agreement between Colorado County and Southern Health Partners, Inc. for inmate medical services. (Sheriff/Laake)

Motion by Commissioner Gertson to approve Health Services Agreement between Colorado County and Southern Health Partners, Inc. for inmate medical services; seconded by Commissioner Neuendorff; 5 aye 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.

(See Attachment)

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HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT between Colorado County, Texas (hereinafter referred to as "County"), and Southern Health Partners, Inc., a Delaware corporation, d/b/a SHP Vista Health Management, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "SHP"), is entered into as of the ____ day of _____, 202_. Services under this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2026, and shall continue through December 31, 2026, in accordance with Section No. 6.1.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, County is charged by law with the responsibility for obtaining and providing reasonably necessary medical care for inmates or detainees of the Colorado County Detention Center (hereinafter called "Jail") and,

WHEREAS, County and Sheriff desire to provide for health care to inmates in accordance with applicable law; and,

WHEREAS, the County, which provides funding as approved by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court for the Jail, desires to enter into this Agreement with SHP to promote this objective; and,

WHEREAS, SHP is in the business of providing correctional health care services under contract and desires to provide such services for County under the express terms and conditions hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises hereinafter made, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

1.1 General Engagement. County acknowledges its non-delegable duty under applicable federal and state law to obtain and provide for reasonably necessary medical care for inmates or detainees of the Jail, and further that this Agreement does not result in the assumption of a non-delegable duty by SHP. County specifically retains the duty and obligation to obtain and provide for the reasonably necessary medical care for inmates or detainees of the Jail.

County hereby contracts with SHP to provide for the delivery of medical, basic dental and basic mental health services to inmates of Jail to the extent set forth herein. This care is to be delivered to individuals under the custody and control of County at the Jail, and SHP enters into this Agreement according to the terms and provisions hereof. Basic dental services shall mean the starting point of dental services whereby SHP medical staff will triage patients based on signs/symptoms, provide pain relief

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medication if needed, and treat any infection prior to scheduling dental services with an outside provider. Basic mental health services shall mean the starting point of mental health services whereby SHP medical staff will continue, to the extent practicable, any prior mental health treatment plan a now-incarcerated patient had in place, or, upon identification of a mental health service need, may have an on-site provider(s) prescribe a low-level mental health medication until patient can be scheduled and seen by an outside mental health professional, if needed.

1.2 Scope of General Services. The responsibility of SHP for care of an inmate commences no earlier than the booking and physical placement of said inmate into the Jail and notification to a member of the SHP medical staff of the same and to the extent SHP medical staff is on-site. The health care services provided by SHP shall be for all persons committed to the custody of the Jail, except those identified in Section No. 1.6. SHP shall provide and/or arrange for professional medical, dental, mental health and related health care services for the inmates, regularly scheduled sick call, nursing care, regular physician care, medical specialty services, emergency medical care, emergency ambulance services when medically necessary, medical records management, pharmacy services management, administrative support services, and other services, all as more specifically described herein. As more fully explained in Section No. 1.4 herein, none of the services to be provided by SHP as described herein shall alter or eliminate the duty and ability of the County, through its employees, to arrange for emergency medical care at any time.

SHP shall be financially responsible for the costs of SHP physician, mid-level provider and nurse staffing, office supplies, and administrative services. County acknowledges that certain costs associated with providing medical care to inmates are excluded from this Agreement and shall be the financial responsibility of County, including, but not limited to, the costs of over-the-counter medications, medical supplies, medically-generated hazardous waste disposal, oxygen service, prescription medications, biological products used to prevent, diagnose or treat diseases and medical conditions (including, but not limited to the costs of PPD solution for inmate Tuberculosis testing), renal dialysis and other major chronic care, clinical lab procedures, x-ray procedures, dental services (inside and outside the Jail) and all medical and mental health services rendered outside the Jail, and further, that such costs shall not otherwise be the financial responsibility of SHP. The costs of emergency kits and restocking of emergency kit supplies and any necessary license or permit fees are excluded from this Agreement, the charges for which shall be paid by SHP on the County's behalf and thereafter invoiced to County for one-hundred percent (100%) reimbursement to SHP, payable by County within thirty days of the SHP invoice date.

Costs for services, supplies, equipment, or other items not specifically referenced in this Agreement shall be the financial responsibility of the County, or shall not otherwise be the financial responsibility of SHP. Arrangements may be made in agreement with the County for SHP to purchase items or provide services, outside of this Agreement, by mutual agreement between the County and SHP. Any such agreements shall be in writing.

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Should new legislation require substantial or new medical directives to SHP in the provision of services under this Agreement, SHP shall not be financially responsible for changes to its program, rather SHP would have the ability to seek from the County any additional monies to fund such directives.

1.3 Specialty Services. In addition to providing the general services described above, SHP by and through its licensed health care providers shall arrange and/or provide to inmates at the Jail specialty medical services to the extent such are determined to be medically necessary by SHP. In the event non-emergency specialty care is required and cannot be rendered at the Jail, SHP shall make arrangements with County for the transportation of the inmates in accordance with Section No. 1.8 of this Agreement. The County shall be responsible for the transportation and for any and all costs associated with the same.

1.4 Emergency Services. When on-site, SHP staff shall be a resource for providing on-site emergency medical care, as medically necessary, to inmates, or for arranging for emergency ambulance transportation of inmates for off-site care. The costs of emergency ambulance transportation shall be billed directly to County by the provider. County acknowledges that, whether or not an SHP staff member is on-site, in the event of a medical emergency, Jail staff shall retain the right and ability to contact an ambulance provider directly for the transportation of an inmate for emergency medical services outside the Jail or to arrange for the transport of an inmate for emergency medical services, and further that, in no event shall Jail staff be required to contact SHP medical staff prior to initiating life-saving measures, contacting the local 911 service or other third-party calling programs, or otherwise seeking the highest priority emergency medical attention, as reasonable and appropriate, for any inmate Jail staff believes to be in need of immediate medical care.

1.5 Injuries Incurred Prior to Incarceration; Pregnancy. SHP shall not be financially responsible for the cost of any medical treatment or health care services provided to any inmate prior to the inmate's formal booking and commitment into the Jail.

Furthermore, SHP shall not be financially responsible for the cost of medical treatment or health care services provided outside the Jail to medically stabilize any inmate presented at booking with a life-threatening injury or illness or in immediate need of emergency medical care.

Once an inmate has been medically stabilized and committed to the Jail, SHP shall, upon notification by Jail staff to a member of the SHP medical staff of a medical need and to the extent SHP medical staff is on-site, in accordance with the provisions of

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Section No. 1.2, provide or arrange for medical treatment and health care services regardless of the nature of the illness or injury or whether or not the illness or injury occurred prior or subsequent to the individual's incarceration at the Jail. An inmate shall be considered medically stabilized when the patient's medical condition no longer requires immediate emergency medical care or outside hospitalization so that the inmate can reasonably be housed inside the Jail. SHP's financial responsibility for such medical treatment and health care services shall be in accordance with, and as limited by, Section No. 1.2 of this Agreement.

It is expressly understood that SHP shall not be responsible for medical costs associated with the medical care of any infants born to inmates. SHP shall provide and/or arrange for health care services to inmates up to, through, and after the birth process, but health care services provided to an infant following birth, other than those services that may be delivered in the Jail prior to transport to a hospital, shall not be the financial responsibility of SHP. In any event, SHP shall not be responsible for the costs associated with performing or furnishing of abortions of any kind.

1.6 Inmates Outside the Facilities. The health care services contracted in the Agreement are intended only for those inmates in the actual physical custody of the Jail and for inmates held under guard in outside hospitals or other medical facilities who remain in official custody of the Jail. Inmates held under guard in outside hospitals or other medical facilities are to be included in the Jail's daily population count. No other person(s), including those who are in any outside hospital who are not under guard, shall be the financial responsibility of SHP, nor shall such person(s) be included in the daily population count.

Inmates on any sort of temporary release or escape, including, but not limited to inmates temporarily released for the purpose of attending funerals or other family emergencies, inmates on escape status, inmates on pass, parole or supervised custody who do not sleep in the Jail at night, shall not be included in the daily population count, and shall not be the responsibility of SHP with respect to the payment or the furnishing of their health care services.

The costs of medical services rendered to inmates who become ill or who are injured while on such temporary release or work-release shall not then become the financial responsibility of SHP after their return to the Jail. This relates solely to the costs associated with treatment of a particular illness or injury incurred by an inmate while on such temporary release. In all cases, SHP shall be responsible for providing medical care for any inmate who presents to medical staff on-site at the Jail to the extent such care can be reasonably provided on-site, or shall assist with arrangements to obtain outside medical care as necessary. The costs of medical services associated with a particular illness or injury incurred by an inmate while on temporary release or work-release may be the personal responsibility of the inmate, or covered by workers'

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compensation, medical insurance, accident insurance, or any other policy of insurance or source of payment for medical and hospital expenses. In the absence of adequate insurance coverage, or other source of payment for medical care expenses, such costs shall be the financial responsibility of the County, or shall not otherwise be the financial responsibility of SHP.

Persons in the physical custody of other police or other penal jurisdictions at the request of County, by Court order or otherwise, are likewise excluded from the Jail's population count and are not the responsibility of SHP for the furnishing or payment of health care services.

1.7 Elective Medical Care. SHP shall not be responsible for providing elective medical care to inmates, unless expressly contracted for by the County. For purposes of the Agreement, "elective medical care" means medical care which, if not provided, would not, in the opinion of SHP, cause the inmate's health to deteriorate or cause definite harm to the inmate's well-being. Any referral of inmates for elective medical care must be reviewed by County prior to provision of such services.

1.8 Transportation Services. To the extent any inmate requires off-site non-emergency health care treatment including, but not limited to, hospitalization care and specialty services, for which care and services SHP is obligated to arrange under this Agreement, County shall, upon request by SHP, its agents, employees or contractors, provide transportation as reasonably available provided that such transportation is scheduled in advance.

ARTICLE II: PERSONNEL.

2.1 Staffing. County acknowledges that SHP shall provide an on-site staffing plan consisting of forty (40) nursing hours per week (weekday coverage). Staffing hours worked in excess of this contracted staffing plan, not to include SHP training hours, may be billed back to the County on a monthly basis, at the actual wage and benefit rate, for staffing services performed on-site at the facility.

- a. Holidays. County acknowledges that SHP shall not provide medical staff on SHP-designated holidays.
- b. Other Absences. For all other staff absences, including but not limited to, paid time off, vacation, and sick time, SHP shall endeavor to provide replacement coverage, to the extent reasonably possible, or shall endeavor to make up any balance of unfilled time within the scheduled workweek or then-current pay period. In the event SHP is unable to provide replacement coverage or make up the balance of unfilled time, SHP shall negotiate a mutually agreeable remedy with County.

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- c. Medication Passes. SHP staff shall prepare medications for Jail staff to pass to inmates.
- d. Meal breaks. It is understood and agreed that SHP employees are entitled to unpaid meal breaks when working shifts of eight (8) hours or more. SHP employees shall be allowed to leave the facility during this time, or if a break is taken on-site, are to have uninterrupted time unless called to an emergency response. Such meal breaks are to be usual and customary, and not overly excessive.

It is understood the Professional Provider may be filled by a Physician, or Mid-Level Practitioner. Either shall be duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Texas, and shall be available to SHP's nursing staff for resource, consultation and direction twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week. Provider visits shall not be scheduled on holidays.

The scheduling of staff shifts may be flexible and adjusted by SHP in order to maintain stability of the program and consistency with staff. Any adjustments or changes to fixed schedules would be made after discussions with the Jail Administrator and other involved County officials. Professional Provider visit times and dates shall be coordinated with Jail Management, and may include the use of telehealth services. Some of the Professional Provider time may be used for phone consults with medical staff and for other administrative duties.

SHP shall make reasonable efforts to supply the staffing levels contained in this section, however, failure to continuously supply all of the required staffing due to labor market demands or other factors outside the control of SHP, after such reasonable efforts have been made, shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

Should SHP experience increased staffing requirements or an increase of ten percent (10%) or more in total compensation expenses payable to its employees or independent contractors providing services at the Jail, and such increases are beyond the reasonable control of SHP, SHP and County shall negotiate in good faith an updated staffing matrix and/or a corresponding increased amount of compensation for the remainder of the then-current contract period that takes into account the additional personnel and/or additional compensation expenses incurred by SHP. Should SHP and County be unable to agree on a revised staffing matrix and/or an increased amount of compensation within thirty (30) days of SHP notifying County in writing of the need to modify the staffing matrix and/or increase compensation, either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

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Based on actual staffing needs as affected by medical emergencies, riots, increased or decreased inmate population, and other unforeseen circumstances, certain increases or decreases in staffing requirements may be waived as agreed to by County and SHP.

Should medical services fall behind due to situations outside of SHP control, such as those described in Section No. 4.3, below, and additional hours and/or SHP staff are required to bring services current, the County shall be billed and agrees to pay for the additional time incurred by SHP to bring services current.

2.2 Licensure, Certification and Registration of Personnel. All personnel provided or made available by SHP to render services hereunder shall be licensed, certified or registered, as appropriate, in their respective areas of expertise as required by applicable Texas law. SHP shall be responsible for verifying licensure requirements and qualifications, and County shall be responsible for timely background checks and clearance checks upon request by SHP. County acknowledges that SHP compensates its staff based on several factors, including, but not limited to, experience in correctional healthcare, and further that, SHP shall not issue credits for differences in licensure.

2.3 County's Satisfaction with Health Care Personnel. SHP shall have the sole discretion and authority in all personnel hiring decisions. In no event shall the County retain the right to hire and fire SHP personnel. SHP shall retain control over and have the final authority concerning the staffing of its health care personnel. If County becomes dissatisfied with any health care personnel provided by SHP hereunder, or by any independent contractor, subcontractors or assignee, SHP, in recognition of the sensitive nature of correctional services, shall, following receipt of written notice from County of the grounds for such dissatisfaction and in consideration of the reasons therefor, exercise its best efforts to resolve the problem. If the problem is not resolved satisfactorily to County, SHP shall remove or shall cause any independent contractor, subcontractor, or assignee to remove the individual about whom County has expressed dissatisfaction. Should removal of an individual become necessary, SHP shall be allowed reasonable time, prior to removal, to find an acceptable replacement, without penalty or any prejudice to the interests of SHP.

2.4 Use of Inmates in the Provision of Health Care Services. Inmates shall not be employed or otherwise engaged by either SHP or County in the direct rendering of any health care services.

2.5 Subcontracting and Delegation. In performing its obligations under the Agreement, it is understood that SHP is not licensed or otherwise authorized to engage in any activity that may be construed or deemed to constitute the practice of medicine, dentistry, or other professional healthcare service requiring licensure or other authorization under state law. To fulfill its contractual obligations, SHP may engage

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physicians or other clinicians as independent contractors, rather than employees, in order to supply the clinical services required under this Agreement. SHP shall engage contract professionals that meet the applicable professional licensing requirements and SHP shall exercise administrative supervision of such contract professionals as necessary to ensure the fulfillment of the obligations contained in this Agreement. Contract professionals shall provide clinical services under this Agreement in a manner reasonably consistent with the independent clinical judgment that the contract professional is required to exercise. For each agent and subcontractor, including all medical professionals, physicians, dentists and nurses performing duties as agents or independent contractors of SHP under this Agreement, SHP shall provide County proof, if requested, that there is in effect a professional liability or medical malpractice insurance policy.

2.6 Discrimination. During the performance of this Agreement, SHP, its employees, agents, subcontractors, and assignees agree as follows:

- a. None shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex or national origin, except where religion, sex or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.
- b. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees, each shall state that it is an equal opportunity employer.
- c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

2.7 Training of Personnel. The duty to train the Jail staff is and always remains vested in the County. The County is solely responsible for the overall operation of the Jail, including medical care. The County maintains ultimate responsibility for training and supervising its correctional officers, according to the requirements of federal and/or state statute, regulation, and/or law, including but not limited to training and supervision related to intake screening, emergency procedures, ensuring sick calls are passed along to the medical team in a timely manner, and proper distribution of medications (when appropriate).

Upon request of the County, SHP may assist in training for Jail staff on certain topics as determined by the County. Further, SHP shall provide annual training courses in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid, as requested by the County. The cost of certification shall be the responsibility of the County. Such

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training courses shall be scheduled by the County and SHP at a mutually agreed upon time and location. It is hereby acknowledged by the parties that any and all training provided by SHP for Jail staff would be supplemental to any training required by the State or any other governmental body for correctional officers. The County recognizes and acknowledges that the County shall be responsible for training of its own employees and agents.

SHP recognizes that certain training of SHP medical staff may need to be accomplished by the County for the purposes of inmate interaction, and as may be required by federal and/or state statute, regulation and/or law. SHP may require reimbursement of these training period hours if they are over and above the contracted on-site hours as agreed upon within the proposal and this Agreement.

SHP and County acknowledge that information contained in health training materials provided by SHP for reference by its staff or correctional officers is intended for use as guidelines and shall not be intended to establish a standard of medical care, nor shall it be relied upon as final determination in response to a medical service need, recognizing that each medical service need shall be individually evaluated and good prudent medical judgement shall be used.

2.8 Staffing Agency Use and Reimbursement. SHP shall notify the Jail Administrator and/or County designee of the use of staffing agency to fill contracted hours, in lieu of permanent SHP employee coverage for the shift(s). With respect to expenses of staffing agency use, SHP shall cover such costs for the first thirty (30) days of a position opening, but shall then seek reimbursement from the County for the difference in the SHP budgeted costs and the staffing agency position cost. Such reimbursement shall be limited to only the contracted hours of the position(s) and not any overtime. Further, SHP shall provide the County on a monthly basis all recruitment efforts made to attract applicants for the position(s), and discuss with the County any changes which may be needed to attract future applicants. Such changes may consist of but not be limited to shift time changes or higher budgeted payrates. Such reimbursements may be paid through the cost pool structure if the County has elected such option.

ARTICLE III REPORTS AND RECORDS

3.1 Medical Records. County acknowledges that SHP's responsibility for all inmate medical records shall commence on the effective date of this Agreement, and that the responsibility for all inmate medical records prior to the effective date of this Agreement shall rest solely with the County. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to impose responsibility on SHP for inmate medical records prior to the effective date of this Agreement. County does further acknowledge, however, that SHP shall assist County with the fulfillment of requests for production of medical records for those medical services provided prior to the effective date of this Agreement, and by

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doing so does not assume any responsibility for such records. It is mutually understood by both parties that, during the term of this Agreement, SHP shall serve as the Records Custodian in all medical record matters, in accordance with all applicable laws.

Commencing on the effective date of this Agreement, SHP shall cause and require to be maintained a complete and accurate medical record for each inmate who has received health care services. Each medical record shall be maintained in accordance with applicable laws and County's policies and procedures. The medical records shall be kept separate from the inmate's confinement record. A complete legible copy of the applicable medical record shall be available, at all times, to County as custodian of the patient. Medical records shall be kept confidential. Subject to applicable law regarding confidentiality of such records, SHP shall comply with Texas law and County's policy with regard to access by inmates and Jail staff to medical records. No information contained in the medical records shall be released by SHP except as provided by County's policy, by a court order, or otherwise in accordance with the applicable law. SHP shall, at its own cost, provide all medical records, forms, jackets, and other materials necessary to maintain the medical records. At the termination of this Agreement, all medical records shall be delivered to and remain with County. However, County shall provide SHP with reasonable ongoing access to all medical records even after the termination of this Agreement for the purposes of defending litigation.

3.2 Regular Reports by SHP to County. Upon request, SHP shall provide to County, on a date and in a form mutually acceptable to SHP and County, reports relating to services rendered under this Agreement.

3.3 Inmate Information. Subject to the applicable Texas law, in order to assist SHP in providing the best possible health care services to inmates, County shall provide SHP with information pertaining to inmates that SHP and County mutually identify as reasonable and necessary for SHP to adequately perform its obligations hereunder.

3.4 SHP Records Available to County with Limitations on Disclosure. SHP shall make available to County, at County's request, records, documents and other papers relating to the direct delivery of health care services to inmates hereunder. County understands that written operating policies and procedures employed by SHP in the performance of its obligations hereunder are proprietary in nature and shall remain the property of SHP and shall not be disclosed without written consent. Information concerning such may not, at any time, be used, distributed, copied or otherwise utilized by County, except in connection with the delivery of health care services hereunder, or as permitted or required by law, unless such disclosure is approved in advance writing by SHP. SHP policies and procedures are for use by SHP employees only, and are not intended to establish a standard of medical care, and such information should not be

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used as final determination of medical service, knowing each situation is individually evaluated, and good prudent medical judgement is to be used. Proprietary information developed by SHP shall remain the property of SHP.

3.5 County Records Available to SHP with Limitations on Disclosure. During the term of this Agreement and for a reasonable time thereafter, County shall provide SHP, at SHP's request, County's records relating to the provision of health care services to inmates as may be reasonably requested by SHP or as are pertinent to the investigation or defense of any claim related to SHP's conduct. Consistent with applicable law, County shall make available to SHP such inmate medical records as are maintained by County, hospitals and other outside health care providers involved in the care or treatment of inmates (to the extent County has any control over those records) as SHP may reasonably request. Any such information provided by County to SHP that County considers confidential shall be kept confidential by SHP and shall not, except as may be required by law, be distributed to any third party without the prior written approval of County.

ARTICLE IV: SECURITY

4.1 General. SHP and County understand that adequate security services are essential and necessary for the safety of the agents, employees and subcontractors of SHP as well as for the security of inmates and County's staff, consistent with the correctional setting.

The non-delegable duty to protect inmates is, and always will be, vested in the County. This Agreement does not result in the assumption of a non-delegable duty by SHP. This duty extends to the control of inmate movement.

County shall take all reasonable steps to provide sufficient security to enable SHP to safely and adequately provide the health care services described in this Agreement. It is expressly understood by County and SHP that the provision of security and safety for the SHP personnel is a continuing precondition of SHP's obligation to provide its services in a routine, timely, and proper fashion, to the extent that if, in SHP's sole discretion, the safety and security of SHP personnel are compromised, SHP may exercise its right to immediately terminate services, in accordance with the provisions of Section No. 6.2(b) of this Agreement.

4.2 Loss of Equipment, Forms, Manuals and Supplies. SHP shall be liable for loss of or damage to equipment, forms, manuals and supplies, etc., of SHP, its agents, employees or subcontractors only in the event such loss or damage was caused by the negligence of SHP or its employees.

4.3 Officer Staffing Levels. It is understood SHP medical staff are given clearance to work and perform medical functions within the Jail. Should staffing levels

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of the correctional staff fall below an acceptable standard causing the SHP medical staff to be unable to complete such services in a timely manner, the County shall be responsible for the consequences of the same, for any resulting noncompliance with County, State, or Federal entity requirements or regulations, including, but not limited to, any resulting failed inspection and/or audit by County, State or Federal entity. SHP medical staff shall document and report such issues of backlogs created by inadequate officer staffing levels to the Jail Administrator. The County shall, upon notification by SHP, exercise every effort to bring officer staffing levels back up to standard within a reasonable period of time.

ARTICLE V: OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY AND SUPPLIES

5.1 General. County agrees to provide SHP with reasonable and adequate office and medical space, facilities, equipment, local telephone and telephone line and utilities and County shall provide necessary maintenance and housekeeping of the office and medical space and facilities (including incidentals such as tissue and hand towels).

5.2 Delivery of Possession. County shall provide to SHP, beginning on the date of commencement of this Agreement, possession and control of all County medical and office equipment in place at the Jail's health care unit. At the termination of this or any subsequent Agreement, SHP shall return to County's possession and control all medical and office equipment, in working order, reasonable wear and tear excepted, which were in place at the Jail's health care unit prior to the commencement of services under this Agreement.

5.3 Maintenance and Replenishment of Equipment. Except for the equipment and instruments owned by County at the inception of this Agreement, any equipment or instruments required by SHP during the term of this Agreement shall be purchased by SHP at its own cost. At the end of this Agreement, or upon termination, County shall be entitled to purchase SHP's equipment and instruments at an amount determined by SHP.

5.4 Infection Control – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). SHP and County understand that adequate infection control PPE are essential and necessary for the health and safety of the agents, employees and subcontractors of SHP as well as for the health and safety of inmates and County's staff, consistent with the correctional setting. SHP shall be financially responsible for the reasonable costs associated with providing sufficient infection control PPE for its employees and/or subcontractors in compliance with regular County, State or Federal entity requirements or regulations. In the instance of any outbreak, pandemic, jail directive/instruction, or other unusual infection control situation, additional PPE supplies and/or cost increases above SHP's usual practice and procedure shall be assessed back to the County either through a

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contracted cost pool structure or direct billing back to the County for reimbursement to SHP.

ARTICLE VI: TERM AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

6.1 Term. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2026. The initial term of this Agreement shall end on December 31, 2026, and this Agreement shall thereafter be automatically extended for additional periods of twelve months each, beginning on January 1 of each year, subject to County funding availability, unless either party provides written notice to the other of its intent to terminate, or non-renew, in accordance with the provisions of Section No. 6.2 of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event SHP receives notice or communication from the County or Sheriff, by and through its respective staff or personnel, either in writing or otherwise, of the County's intent to solicit bids for inmate health services, this Agreement shall automatically expire at the conclusion of the then-current period, except as may be mutually agreed to and acknowledged by express written agreement between the parties to extend or renew up through and including a specified period. In no event shall this Agreement continue for a period in excess of sixty (60) days following notice or communication by the County or Sheriff to SHP of the County's intent to solicit bids, except as may be mutually agreed to and acknowledged by express written agreement between the parties to continue services under this Agreement up through and including a specified period.

6.2 Termination. This Agreement, or any extension thereof, may be terminated as otherwise provided in this Agreement or as follows:

- (a) Termination by agreement. In the event that each party mutually agrees in writing, this Agreement may be terminated on the terms and date stipulated therein.
- (b) Termination for Cause. SHP shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time for Cause, which may be effected immediately after establishing the facts warranting the termination, and without any further obligation to County, by giving written notice and a statement of reasons to County in the event:
 - (i) the safety and security of SHP personnel is determined by SHP, in its sole discretion, to be compromised, either as a direct, or indirect, result of County's failure to provide adequate security services, the provision of which is a continuing precondition of SHP's obligation to perform work under this Agreement, or
 - (ii) County fails to compensate SHP for charges or fees due, either in whole, or in part, under this Agreement, according to the

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terms and provisions as stated herein.

Cause shall not, however, include any actions or circumstances constituting Cause under (i) or (ii) above if County cures such actions or circumstances within a specified period following delivery of written notice by SHP setting forth the actions or circumstances constituting Cause, during which period SHP may permit County, solely by express agreement, time to provide sufficient remedy to SHP's satisfaction. In all cases, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by SHP, without notice, if, in SHP's sole discretion, such immediate termination of services is necessary to preserve the safety and well-being of SHP personnel.

Upon such a termination for Cause, County acknowledges that, SHP shall be entitled to all compensation fees and charges due for services rendered hereunder, without penalty or liability to SHP, up through and including the last day of services, and further that, County shall be obligated to compensate SHP accordingly for such services rendered up through and including the last day of services, consistent with the terms and provisions of this Agreement. If any costs relating to the period subsequent to such termination date have been paid by County in the case of (i) above, SHP shall promptly refund to County any such prepayment.

- (c) Termination or non-renewal by Cancellation. This Agreement may be canceled or non-renewed without cause by either party upon sixty (60) days prior written notice in accordance with Section No. 9.3 of this Agreement.
- (d) Annual Appropriations and Funding. This Agreement shall be subject to the annual appropriation of funds by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, County shall be entitled to immediately terminate this Agreement, without penalty or liability, except the payment of all contract fees due under this Agreement through and including the last day of service.

6.3 Responsibility for Inmate Health Care. Upon termination of this Agreement, all responsibility for providing health care services to all inmates shall belong to County.

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ARTICLE VII. COMPENSATION.

7.1 **Base Compensation.** County shall compensate SHP based on the twelve-month annualized price of \$160,865.04 during the initial term of this Agreement, payable in monthly installments. Monthly installments during the initial term of this Agreement shall be in the amount of \$13,405.42 each. SHP shall bill County approximately thirty days prior to the month in which services are to be rendered. County agrees to pay SHP prior to the tenth day of the month in which services are rendered. Payment by County to SHP shall be made electronically through the Automated Clearing House, or should the County elect not to make electronic payments to SHP, County agrees to pay an additional two percent (2%) per month charge. In the event this Agreement should commence or terminate on a date other than the first or last day of any calendar month, compensation to SHP shall be prorated accordingly for the shortened month.

7.2 **Increases in Inmate Population.** County and SHP agree that the annual base price is calculated based upon an average daily inmate population of up to 80. If the average daily inmate population exceeds 80 inmates for any given month, the compensation payable to SHP by County shall be increased by a per diem rate of \$1.64 for each inmate over 80. The average daily inmate resident population shall be calculated by adding the population or head count totals taken at a consistent time each day and dividing by the number of counts taken. The excess over an average of 80, if any, shall be multiplied by the per diem rate and by the number of days in the month to arrive at the increase in compensation payable to SHP for that month. In all cases where adjustments become necessary, the invoice adjustment shall be made on the invoice for a subsequent month's services. For example, if there is an average population for any given month of 85 inmates, resulting in an excess of five (5) inmates, then SHP shall receive additional compensation of five (5) times the per diem rate times the number of days in that month. The resulting amount shall be an addition to the regular base fee and shall be billed on a subsequent monthly invoice.

This per diem is intended to cover additional cost in those instances where minor, short-term changes in the inmate population result in the higher utilization of routine supplies and services. However, the per diem is not intended to provide for any additional fixed costs, such as new fixed staffing positions that might prove necessary if the inmate population grows significantly and if the population increase is sustained. In such cases, SHP reserves the right to negotiate for an increase to its staffing complement and its contract price in order to continue to provide services to the increased number of inmates and maintain the quality of care. This would be done with the full knowledge and agreement of the Sheriff and other involved County officials, and following appropriate notification to County.

7.3 **Future Years' Compensation.** The amount of compensation (i.e., annual base price and per diem rate as defined in Section Nos. 7.1 and 7.2, respectively) to

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SHP shall increase at the beginning of each contract year. Annual pricing shall increase by 4% for the second period of the contract, effective January 1, 2027, and by 4% for the third period of the contract, effective January 1, 2028. SHP shall provide written notice to County of the amount of compensation increase requested for subsequent annual periods effective on or after January 1, 2029, or shall otherwise negotiate mutually agreeable terms with County prior to the beginning of each annual contract period.

7.4 Inmates From Other Jurisdictions. Medical care rendered within the Jail to inmates from jurisdictions outside the County, and housed in the Jail pursuant to written contracts between County and such other jurisdictions shall be the responsibility of SHP, but as limited by Section No. 1.6. Medical care that cannot be rendered within the Jail shall be arranged by SHP, but SHP shall have no financial responsibility for such services to those inmates. County shall be financially responsible for the cost of all inmate prescription medications, specialized medical equipment and supplies in the event of a refusal to pay on the part of the jurisdiction with which the County has entered into such contract.

7.5 Responsibility For Work Release Inmates. SHP and County agree that SHP shall be responsible for providing on-site medical services as reasonable and appropriate to County inmates assigned to work release and/or release for community service work for government or nonprofit agencies upon an inmate's presentation to SHP medical staff at the Jail. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, SHP and County agree that County inmates assigned to work release, including work for County agencies, are themselves personally responsible for the costs of any medical services performed by providers other than SHP, when the illness or injury is caused by and results directly or indirectly from the work being performed, or when such illness or injury is treated while the inmate is on work release. The costs of medical services associated with a particular illness or injury incurred by an inmate while on work-release may be covered by workers' compensation, medical insurance, accident insurance, or any other policy of insurance or source of payment for medical and hospital expenses, but such costs shall not otherwise be the financial responsibility of SHP. In all cases, SHP shall be responsible for providing medical care for any inmate who presents to medical staff on-site at the Jail, including any inmate injured or infirmed while on work release or release for community service, to the extent such care can be reasonably provided on-site, or shall assist with arrangements to obtain outside medical care as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII: LIABILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT.

8.1 Insurance. At all times during this Agreement, SHP shall maintain professional liability insurance covering SHP for its work at County, its employees and its officers in the minimum amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the aggregate. SHP shall provide

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County with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing such coverage and shall have County named as an additional insured. In the event of any expiration, termination or modification of coverage, SHP shall notify County in writing.

8.2 Lawsuits Against County. In the event that any lawsuit (whether frivolous or otherwise) is filed against County, its elected officials, employees and agents based on or containing any allegations concerning SHP's medical care of inmates and the performance of SHP's employees, agents, subcontractors or assignees, the parties agree that SHP, its employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees or independent contractors, as the case may be, may be joined as parties defendant in any such lawsuit and shall be responsible for their own defense and any judgments rendered against them in a court of law.

Nothing herein shall prohibit any of the parties to this Agreement from joining the remaining parties hereto as defendants in lawsuits filed by third parties.

8.3 Hold Harmless. SHP agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its agents and employees from and against any and all claims, actions, lawsuits, damages, judgments or liabilities of any kind arising solely out of the aforementioned program of health care services provided by SHP. This duty to indemnify shall include all attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses of any kind whatsoever. County or Sheriff shall promptly notify SHP of any incident, claim, or lawsuit of which County or Sheriff becomes aware and shall fully cooperate in the defense of such claim, but SHP shall retain sole control of the defense while the action is pending, to the extent allowed by law. In no event shall this agreement to indemnify be construed to require SHP to indemnify the County, its agents and/or employees from the County's, its agents' and/or employees' own negligence and/or their own actions or inactions.

SHP shall not be responsible for any claims, actions, lawsuits, damages, judgments or liabilities of any kind arising out of the operation of the facility and the negligence and/or action or inaction of the Sheriff, County or their employees or agents. SHP shall promptly notify the County of any incident, claim, or lawsuit of which SHP becomes aware and shall fully cooperate in the defense of such claim, but the County shall retain sole control of the defense while the action is pending, to the extent allowed by law. In no event shall this agreement be construed to require the County to indemnify SHP, its agents and/or employees from SHP's, its agents' and/or employees' own negligence and/or their own actions or inactions.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS.

9.1 Independent Contractor Status. The parties acknowledge that SHP is an independent contractor engaged to provide for the delivery of health services to inmates at the Jail, as set forth in this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an agency relationship, an employer/employee relationship,

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or a joint venture relationship between the parties.

9.2 Assignment. Neither party may transfer, sell or assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any third party without the other party's express written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; except that SHP may transfer or assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any corporate affiliate of SHP, or in connection with the sale of all or substantially all of the stock assets of the business of SHP, without the express written consent of the other party.

9.3 Notice. Unless otherwise provided herein, all notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand or delivered by certified or registered first-class mail (return receipt requested, postage prepaid) or Federal Express, UPS or other reputable overnight courier service (with signed delivery confirmation), and transmitted by electronic mail transmission, including PDF (with delivery and read receipt confirmation), and addressed to the appropriate party at the following address and regularly-monitored electronic mail address of such party, or to any other person at any other address and regularly-monitored electronic mail address as may be designated in writing by the parties:

- a. County: Colorado County Commissioners' Court
400 Spring Street, Room 107
Columbus, Texas 78934
Email: _____

- b. SHP: Southern Health Partners, Inc.
2030 Hamilton Place Boulevard, Suite 140
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421
Attn: President
Email: jennifer.hairsine@southernhealthpartners.com and
lacey.lafuze@southernhealthpartners.com

Notices shall be effective upon receipt regardless of the form used.

9.4 Governing Law and Disputes. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Texas, except as specifically noted. Disputes between the Parties shall, first, be formally mediated by a third party or entity agreeable to the Parties, in which case the Parties shall engage in good faith attempts to resolve any such dispute with the Mediator before any claim or suit arising out of this Agreement may be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.

9.5 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises,

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representations, negotiations, discussions and agreements that have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. No modifications or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective parties hereto. All prior negotiations, agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement are superseded hereby.

9.6 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or revised only in writing and signed by all parties.

9.7 Waiver of Breach. The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or other provision hereof.

9.8 Other Contracts and Third-Party Beneficiaries. The parties acknowledge that SHP is neither bound by nor aware of any other existing contracts to which County is a party and which relate to the providing of medical care to inmates at the Jail. The parties agree that they have not entered into this Agreement for the benefit of any third person or persons, and it is their express intention that the Agreement is intended to be for their respective benefit only and not for the benefit of others who might otherwise be deemed to constitute third-party beneficiaries hereof.

9.9 Severability. In the event any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement which shall remain in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

9.10 Liaison. The Colorado County Sheriff or his designee shall serve as the liaison with SHP.

9.11 Cooperation. On and after the date of this Agreement, each party shall, at the request of the other, make, execute and deliver or obtain and deliver all instruments and documents and shall do or cause to be done all such other things which either party may reasonably require to effectuate the provisions and intentions of this Agreement.

9.12 Time of Essence. Time is and shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

9.13 Authority. The parties signing this Agreement hereby state that they have the authority to bind the entity on whose behalf they are signing.

9.14 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns.

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9.15 Cumulative Powers. Except as expressly limited by the terms of this Agreement, all rights, powers and privileges conferred hereunder shall be cumulative and not restrictive of those provided at law or in equity.

9.16 Non-solicitation. SHP takes pride in its staff and has a significant investment in the training and professional development of our employees and independent contractors; they are valued members of our business. As such, during the term of this Agreement or within one (1) year after this Agreement's termination, the County and its agents agree not to solicit any employee or independent contractor of SHP on behalf of the County or any other business enterprise, nor to induce any employee or independent contractor associated with SHP to terminate or breach an employment, contractual or other relationship with the SHP. The County hereby acknowledges (1) that SHP will suffer irreparable harm if the obligations under this Agreement are breached; and, (2) the County agrees to pay a professional replacement fee of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) per employee or independent contractor to compensate SHP for the estimated cost of replacing said employee or independent contractor. The foregoing shall not apply to any SHP employee or independent contractor who may have been employed by the County directly prior to this agreement start date.

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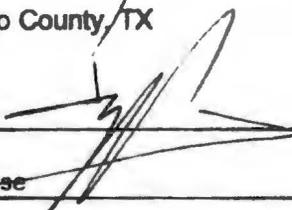
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement in their official capacities with legal authority to do so.



Colorado County, TX
BY:

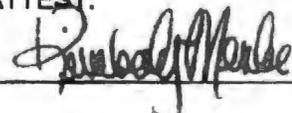


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County Judge

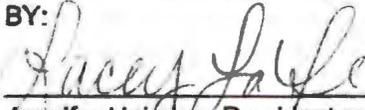
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ATTEST:



Date: January 21, 2026

SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS, INC.
d/b/a SHP VISTA HEALTH MANAGEMENT, INC.
BY:



Jennifer Hairsine, President and Chief Executive Officer
Lacey LaFuze, Vice President and COO
Date: 1/22/26

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- __4. Minutes for Regular Meetings for November 2025.**

Motion by Commissioner Gertson to approve minutes for Regular Meetings for November 2025; seconded by Commissioner Neuendorff; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.

- __5. Renewal of contract services for inmate medical and healthcare services provided to the Colorado County Jail and request to increase medical staffing hours. (Laake/Lindemann)**

Ashley Laake, Jail Administrator, was present to ask to renew the contract with Southern Health Partners. The jail nurse currently works thirty hours per week, but they are hoping to increase to forty hours per week.

Motion by Judge Prause to approve the renewal of contract services for inmate medical and healthcare services provided to the Colorado County Jail and to increase medical staffing hours; seconded by Commissioner Gertson; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.

(See Attachment)

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Justin Lindemann
Sheriff

Kevin Daniel
Chief Deputy



2215 Walnut/P.O. Box 607
Columbus, Texas 78934
979-732-2388
coloradoso.net

**Colorado County
Sheriff's Office**

December 1, 2025

Attn: Commissioner's Court

Ref: Renew medical contract services and Motion to approve the increase in medical staffing hours

To whom it may concern,

The County Jail is currently staffed with 30 medical hours per week under the existing contract with Southern Health Partners. Due to increased inmate population, higher medical acuity levels, expanded responsibilities, and compliance requirements under state jail standards, the current medical staffing levels are no longer sufficient to ensure timely and adequate healthcare services.

Recent issues have included:

- Longer wait times for sick call and evaluations
- Increase in chronic care caseload
- Increase number of mental health and special-needs inmates
- Requirements under Texas Commission on Jail Standards for adequate medical care
- Need for improved intake screening and follow-up care

To address these issues, the Sheriff's Office and Jail Medical Coordinator recommend increasing onsite medical hours from 30 to 40 per week. This adjustment will help ensure compliance, reduce liability exposure, and improve inmate health outcomes.

Our contract with Southern Health Partners is due to expire on December 31, 2025. I have received quotes from Southern Health Partners and one other medical provider with the increase provided. I am currently waiting on one other quote.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Laake".

Captain Ashley Laake

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September 11, 2025

Sheriff Justin Lindemann
Colorado County Sheriff's Office
2215 Walnut Street
Columbus, TX 78934

Re: Health Services Agreement

Dear Sheriff Lindemann:

I hope this letter finds you well and pleased with SHP's program of services at the Jail.

I am writing to acknowledge annual pricing for continuation of the current contract for the 2026 period. We place strong value in working with the Sheriff's Office, and as always, encourage you to reach out with questions or to discuss any aspects of the services we provide.

SHP will need an adjustment of 3.5% on the base fee and per diem rate for the new contract year. We continue to see unprecedented wage inflation and competition for skilled nursing staff. We commonly contend with local hospitals, facilities and agencies offering wage rates far in excess of our site budgets and need to make sure we can account for now-current costs of providing competitive salaries/benefit packages to retain the best staff and maintain contract staffing levels. With correctional staffing being a unique and ongoing challenge, we continue to work vigorously, investing in innovative workforce strategies, to attract, hire and retain staff in order to assure a stable program delivering consistent, quality care.

Labor costs are one very critical area of our operating budget, among many other ever-increasing costs of doing business in the healthcare field. Employee benefits and professional liability insurance are other examples of must-have large cost items with premium rates continuing to increase dramatically industry-wide, outside the control of SHP. Be assured we also take into consideration site-specific circumstances in review of each customer contract individually before formulating renewal pricing. Despite being faced with rising costs, we do absorb as much as we reasonably can in an effort to keep annual adjustments for customers as minimal as possible.

This adjustment will help us ensure our commitment to providing an exceptional program of care, continuing to meet the wide-ranging needs of the incarcerated population and achieving positive outcomes for our patients. A summary based on the 3.5% pricing is provided below.

Contract Period: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026	
Base annualized fee:	\$ 137,527.44 (\$11,460.62 per month)
Per diem rate greater than 80 inmates:	\$1.64

Again, please feel free to call or email me should you have questions about any of the terms of our renewal or contract services. I'll be happy to help. My email is carmen.hamilton@southernhealthpartners.com, and my direct line in the NC/SC Regional Office is 803-802-1492.

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__6. Commissioners Court Members sign all documents and papers acted upon or approved.

Judge Prause announced it is now time to sign all documents and papers.

__7. Adjourn.

**Motion by Judge Prause to adjourn at 8:46 A.M.; seconded by Commissioner Neuendorff;
5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.**

An audio recording of this meeting of January 21, 2026 is available in the County Clerk's Office.

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**Minutes were taken and prepared by Kimberly Menke, County Clerk on the
21st day of January 2026 with Judge Ty Prause presiding.**

**I, KIMBERLY MENKE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT IN AND FOR COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the
Commissioner Court in session on the 21st day of January 2026.**

Given under my hand and official seal of office this date January 21, 2026.

