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HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

9:00, November 24th, 2026, County Board Room 222, Historic Courthouse

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES
-Board Meeting November 17th, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPOINTMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA
(Routine business items enacted by one unanimous motion. Commissioners may request moving items on the consent agenda to the Action Item list (prior to the full agenda being approved) if they desire discussion before taking action.)

Appointment Request:

Consent Agenda Request:

1) Approve the hire of Diana Horman as a Child Support Officer (B24, Step 2), effective December 14th, 2026. This position has been approved for competitive search and is to fill an open position. (Page 10, Parker)
2) Review and approve payments. (Page 8, Lapham)

Action Item Request:

1) Consider accepting a $9,300 grant award from the Arlin Falck Foundation for project Roaring Grounds. The Houston County EDA is a partner in this project. (Parker)

2) Consider terminating Matt Buley's lease agreement for T-Hangar 3N and approve reimbursing him the balance of his lease. (Page 14, Pogodzinski)
3) Consider approving the airport lease agreements for B2W Corporation, George Bolon, for T-Hangar units 3N and 5N. (Page 14, Pogodzinski)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) Discuss Sheriff Swedberg's 2027 Salary
2) Coordinator Updates
3) Board Updates (Board Chairman)
4) Commissioner Reports and Comments

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT

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REMINDERS

The County's Truth and Taxation meeting will take place on December 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Houston County Board Room 222 in the Historic Courthouse.

What Is Truth in Taxation?

Understanding Your Property Taxes

Truth in Taxation is a process required by Minnesota law that gives residents an opportunity to learn about proposed property taxes before local governments make their final decisions.

Why is it important?

Truth in Taxation allows residents to:

- Learn how their property tax dollars are used.
- Understand why property taxes may increase or decrease.
- Hear about the County's proposed budget and spending.
- Ask questions and share concerns with County Commissioners.

Does a County tax levy increase mean my property taxes will increase by the same percentage?

No. For example, a 7.7% County levy increase means the County plans to collect 7.7% more in property taxes overall, not that every property owner pays 7.7% more. Your bill could rise by more or less than 7.7% or even decrease. It depends on your property's value compared with other properties and taxes from your city, school district, and other taxing authorities.

Can the County change the proposed tax levy?

Yes. The County Board can lower the proposed levy before adopting the final budget and levy in December. Generally, it cannot increase the levy above the amount proposed in September.

What Truth in Taxation Is NOT

It is not a vote on the proposed budget or tax levy. The County Board makes the final decision.

It is not a hearing to appeal your property's assessed value. Property value appeals follow a separate process.

It does not mean everyone's property tax bill changes by the same percentage as the County levy. The levy is the total collected; your tax bill is your share.

Why should I attend?

The Truth in Taxation meeting is your opportunity to learn about the County's financial decisions, understand how public services are funded, and provide feedback before the final property tax levy is adopted.

Houston County is seeking individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment, with two positions available on each board. The application deadline is December 11, 2026. Interested individuals can apply online at www.hocomn.gov.

The Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission typically meet on the 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 pm in the County Board Room 222. (Meetings only occur if an applicant requests a hearing and may be moved to another week if the regular meeting date falls on a holiday.) Agendas are posted on the County website one week prior to meetings.