

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commission Chamber, Room 215, Harris County Courthouse
REGULAR SESSION
February 3, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Susan Andrews, Bobby Irions, Rob Grant, Greg Gantt, Scott Lightsey. Staff Present: Clark Harrell, County Manager; Russell Britt, County Attorney; Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk; Brian Williams, Community Development Director.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Andrews called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Pastor Keith Jennings from Roosevelt Memorial Church in Pine Mountain Valley gave the invocation.

Vice-Chairman Irions led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **MINUTES** The motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Gantt, and passed unanimously.
4. **COUNTY MANAGER.**

- A. **County Manager Correspondence.** County Manager Clark Harrell stated that the State Fire Marshal will be conducting an inspection of the Courthouse the afternoon of Friday, February 27, 2026. He advised that the inspection will entail turning the power off at the Courthouse, setting off and testing the fire alarms and that the Courthouse will need to be closed that afternoon.

Additionally, Mr. Harrell stated that he has been working with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government to host a Strategic Navigation Session at Callaway and that it is scheduled to take place on February 26, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining input and the vision and direction for the County from the Board of Commissioners. Discussion included that the room at Callaway will be complimentary and lunch will be provided.

5. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.**
 - A. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** County Attorney Russell Britt stated that he had a need for an executive session for litigation
6. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Commissioner Gantt made the motion to go into Executive Session for litigation at 6:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.
7. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Gantt, and passed unanimously.
8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AT 7:00 P.M.**

- A. **Application of Harris County Board of Commissioners to amend the text of the Unified Development Code, Article 3, Sections 308.03 and 328.02.** Chair Andrews called the Public Hearing to order and introduced the Application of the Harris County Board of Commissioners.

Discussion of the Board included that four hens don't create as much noise as dogs would; and that more people started keeping chickens due to rising egg costs a number of years ago. Community Development Director Brian Williams informed the Board that on a smaller acreage lot that the shape of the rear yard will determine where a coop could be placed with the required setbacks. Commissioner Gantt stated that he was not clear about what his constituents think about the proposed text amendment to Section 308.03 and that the pros and cons have not been vetted.

Chair Andrews asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in favor or in opposition to the application related to Section 308.03. There was no one in attendance from the public that wished to speak. Chair Andrews closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Commissioner Gantt stated that he was not clear about what his constituents think about the proposed text amendment to Section 308.03 and that the pros and cons have not been vetted.

Commissioner Gantt requested that the proposed amendment to the text of the Unified Development Code, Article 3, Section 308.03 be tabled to the February 17, 2026 Regular meeting for a second reading.

Chair Andrews called the Public Hearing to order related to the proposed amendment to Section 328.02. Chair Andrews asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in favor or in opposition to the application related to Section 328.02. There was no one in attendance from the public that wished to speak. Chair Andrews closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

A motion to approve the Application of the Harris County Board of Commissioners to amend the text of the Unified Development Code, Article 3, Section 328.02 as presented was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gantt, seconded by Vice-Chairman Irions, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Susan Andrews, Chairman

Attest:

Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk