

**ORDER OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS  
CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF POINT**

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF RAINS**

*M. Ferguson*

**WHEREAS**, three simultaneous vacancies exist on the governing body of the City of Point, Texas, as a result of the resignations of Councilmembers Donna Jones, Ray Lacy, and Kim Edwards, which resignations were received by the City of Point on December 10, 2025, and became effective on December 19, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the existence of these vacancies prevents the City of Point from conducting municipal business with a functioning governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, taxpaying voters residing in the City of Point have submitted a petition to the Rains County Commissioners Court requesting that a special election be ordered to fill the unexpired terms of Council Place 1, Council Place 2, and Council Place 4; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas law, the County Judge of Rains County is authorized and required to order a special election under these circumstances;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS, as follows:**

1. A special election is hereby ordered for the purpose of filling the following vacant offices on the City Council of the City of Point, Texas:

- Council Place 1 - unexpired term ending November 2026
- Council Place 2 - unexpired term ending November 2027
- Council Place 4 - unexpired term ending November 2027

2. The special election shall be held on May 2, 2026, being a uniform election date authorized by law.

3. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted from April 20, 2026, to April 28, 2026. During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below.

**4. Candidate Applications**

Applications for a place on the ballot for the offices of City Council Place 1, City Council Place 2, and City Council Place 4 for the City of Point, Texas shall be filed with the filing authority as follows:

Filing Authority: Lisa Kneifl, Rains County Elections Administrator Office

Filing Address: 220 W. Quitman St., Ste. E, Emory, Texas 75440

Telephone: 903-473-5009

Email: Lisa.kneifl@co.rains.tx.us

Website: [www.co.rains.tx.us/page/rains.Elections](http://www.co.rains.tx.us/page/rains.Elections)

**Deadline for Candidate Applications**: Applications must be received by the filing authority no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026.

## **5. Early Voting Locations**

<b>Location (Name and Address)</b>	<b>Days and Hours of Operation</b>
Rains County Courthouse Annex	April 20, 2026 – April 28, 2026
220 W, Quitman St., Ste. E Emory, Tx 75440	8:00 am – 5:00 pm

6. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to the Early Voting Clerk at the address listed below:

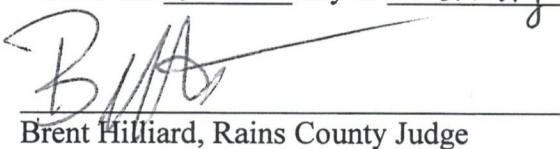
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Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2026.

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2026.

7. The Rains County Elections Administrator is authorized to take all actions necessary to conduct the election in compliance with state law, including designating polling places and early voting locations and publishing and posting required election notices.

Issued this 3rd day of February, 20 26.



Brent Hilliard, Rains County Judge