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Quilts of Valor Foundation Quilt Award Ceremony – August 29, 2026 Quilts of Valor Presented to Four Local Veterans

Four area veterans were honored for their military service during a special Quilts of Valor presentation recognizing Marlin Butler, Glenn Herrmann, Edward Deibert and Alisha Heyen-Craft.

The ceremony began with the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Those gathered then learned about the history and meaning behind the Quilts of Valor program and the significance of the quilts presented to the veterans.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 when "Blue Star" mother Catherine Roberts made a quilt with the hope of bringing healing and comfort to a service member. That November, the first quilt was presented to an Iraq War veteran at Walter Reed Hospital.

From that single quilt grew a mission that continues today: to cover active-duty service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

During the presentation, attendees were reminded that a Quilt of Valor is much more than a blanket. It cannot be purchased and is instead presented as a tangible expression of appreciation for an individual's military service.

Each of the three layers of a quilt carries special meaning. The top, made from many colors, shapes and fabrics, represents the many different individuals who make up the nation. The batting at the center provides warmth and symbolizes the hope that the quilt will bring its recipient comfort, peace and healing.

The backing provides strength and support for the other layers, representing the strength of

the veteran as well as the support provided by family, community and country. Even the stitches have significance, representing the love, gratitude and sometimes tears of those who created the quilt.

The quilts presented to Butler, Herrmann, Deibert and Heyen-Craft carried with them a heartfelt message of gratitude for their willingness to leave behind the people and things they held dear

and stand in harm's way during times of conflict.

Through the presentation, the four veterans were recognized not only for their military service but also for the sacrifices they made on behalf of their country and fellow Americans.

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Edwards County Commissioners Meeting Minutes June 29, 2026

The Edwards County Board of Commissioners met with Bo Nelson, Billy Brokar and Lyle Schuette present. Gina Schuette, County Clerk, was also in attendance.

Chairman Brokar called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Mr. Schuette moved to enter into executive session at 8:30 AM for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and to review payroll re-

ports and to reconvene at 8:45 AM. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 AM with no action being taken.

Mr. Nelson moved to approve the May 18, 2026 minutes as presented. Mr. Schuette seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board approved the following warrants and vouchers:

COUNTY GENERAL	\$60,325.42
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$24,343.57
NOXIOUS WEED	\$5,800.04
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$12,711.39
COUNTY HEALTH	\$8,177.59
COVID-19 GRANT	\$5,189.80
EDWARDS COUNTY 911	\$431.73
TREAS TECH FUND	\$1,760.43
TOTAL VOUCHERS &	

WARRANTS: \$118,739.97

Richard Neilson, County Works Director, joined the meeting.

Mr. Neilson gave a work in progress report which included dragging roads due to the rains last week.

Mr. Neilson reported that the solar farm is working on completing the zoning permit application and advised that it will take 2-3 weeks to return the completed permit.

Regarding the Midway Solar project, Mr. Neilson presented a road agreement for engineering services between Edwards County and Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc. Mr. Neilson added that the solar company will reimburse the County for the engineering expenses.

A discussion followed and Mr. Schuette made a motion to approve the road agreement as pre-

sented. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

A discussion followed regarding updating the power washer at the road department. The current one is over 30 years old. The cost will be between \$10,000.00 to \$13,000.00. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Neilson left the meeting.

Steve Brown, Noxious Weed Director, joined the meeting.

A discussion followed regarding the weed department office flooding when it rains and various

options to remedy the situation.

A discussion followed regarding a township invoice that has been outstanding since October 2025 as they were dissatisfied with the spray job done by the previous noxious weed director. The Commissioners requested Mr. Brown to discuss the situation with the Edwards County Attorney and report back to the Board.

Mr. Brown reported that he has received some complaints about

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

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Word of God

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

~ Psalm 143:10

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