



Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES | January 12, 2026

Contract Renewal for Work Zone Traffic Control Services

The Board approved a contract renewal with Altus Traffic Management, LLC for work zone traffic control services.

Presentation of Non-Competitive Financial Report

Mr. Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Business and Customer Operations, presented the fiscal year to date financial report, highlighting several items illustrating net revenues and operating and capital costs of the City and Rural systems.

Review and discussion of Proposed Structural Changes to the BTU Rate Ordinance

Mr. Lyles presented proposed structural changes to the BTU Rate Ordinance designed to improve transparency for rate payers and better document navigation of terms, rates, and qualifications within the ordinance.

Approval of Contract for BTU Utility Customer Self Service Software Replacement

The Board approved a contract with VertexOne for replacement customer self-service software. The new software will allow residential and commercial electric and water customers to view their usage trends, view and pay bills, and provide a dashboard for quick access.

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HEB	1609 N. Texas Ave.
HEB	725 E. Villa Maria
BTU Drive-Through <i>Open 24 hours</i>	200 E. 29th St.
BTU Drive-Through <i>Open 24 hours</i>	2611 N. Earl Rudder Fwy

Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter.

OVER THE PHONE

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- Billing/Collections/Connects**
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- Electrical Outage/Lines Down**
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- Line Design**
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Social Media

- BryanTexasUtilities
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SPRING BREAK AT THE LAKE!

Looking for fun spring break activities that won't break the bank? Join us at Lake Bryan for an unforgettable getaway! With activities for all ages, there's something here for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're into sports, exploring nature, or simply relaxing, Lake Bryan is the perfect destination for your spring break.

Explore our scenic views at Lake Bryan with more than 20 miles of hiking and biking trails, expertly maintained by the Brazos Valley Mountain Bike Association. Whether you're an experienced adventurer or a casual nature enthusiast, these trails are perfect for everyone. Immerse yourself in the beauty of nature and leave your stress behind. Love flowers? Don't miss the Wildflower Alley Trail—it's a blooming paradise!



If you love the water, bring your boat and enjoy activities like water skiing, tubing, or wake surfing. Don't have a boat? No problem! Paddleboards and kayaks are offered for rent at just \$18 per hour. Each reservation includes personal flotation devices for your safety. Paddleboards are designed for one adult, while kayaks can accommodate two adults or one adult and one child—perfect for a family adventure on the water!



Tent camping and RV spots are available for those who love immersing themselves in the great outdoors. Don't forget to pack your favorite yard games for added family fun on your camping trip! If you're planning a larger gathering, the pavilion is available for rent, providing a perfect spot for group hangouts.



For fishing enthusiasts, bring your gear and enjoy casting a line! The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife keeps our lake well-stocked with a variety of fish, including bass, crappie, catfish, tilapia, and red drum.

If you're looking for a place to unwind and catch the game, The Cadillac Ranch Bar & Grill is the perfect spot to enjoy a drink while taking in stunning views of the lake. Show your receipt to the gate attendant, and your visit to Lake Bryan is on us!



Spring break doesn't have to break the bank—spending quality time with your loved ones creates memories that last a lifetime. Start making unforgettable moments today at Lake Bryan!

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TROUBADOUR Festival 2026



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BLISS BBQ	HELDING BARBECUE	MEAT CHURCH	SMOKEY JOE'S BBQ	TEXAS CHOCOLATE & BBQ
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CITY OF BRYAN **HOGS**

AN EPIC CELEBRATION OF TWO OF THE BEST THINGS THE LONE STAR STATE HAS TO OFFER – COUNTRY MUSIC AND BARBECUE – IS COMING TO BRYAN THIS MONTH.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 AT 7 P.M.
 Troubadour Festival Pre-Party
 Palace Theater
Free

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 AT NOON
 Troubadour Festival
 Travis Bryan Midtown Park
Four ticket levels available for purchase.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AT 11 A.M.
 Troubadour Festival Sunday BBQ Brunch
Limited tickets for purchase.

The Troubadour Festival, a Texas Music and BBQ Experience, is returning to B/CS for the fourth consecutive year, this time bringing eight musical acts and 30 of the best pitmasters in the state to Bryan's Midtown Park on Saturday, March 28. Co-headlining the festival is the legendary Robert Earl Keen and Flatland Cavalry, along with Waylon Wyatt, Jason Boland and the Stragglers, and more. The 'cue collection includes 16 joints featured in the latest Texas Monthly Top 50 list and 11 more that received honorable mention.



BRYAN!

For Troubadour Festival Co-Owner and Promoter Chase Colston, the move to Midtown offers a chance to improve an already popular product as well as benefit from a move to March from the traditional May date.

“The main thing is kind of having a blank slate,” Colston said. “Having more space allows us to spread out a little bit, accommodate more people, and move to earlier in the spring during school. It’s going to be a cool transition.”

The added space will also give Colston and his team the opportunity to bring a new barbecue concept, previously utilized at the Celina Troubadour Festival, to Aggieldand for the first

time. Meat connoisseurs will know exactly what to expect when venturing to different parts of the festival grounds.

“We [will] take our 30 restaurants and divide them up into five different themed activation areas,” Colston said. “Each group will cook to a different theme from beef and pork, to kind of a wild card thing, Tex-Mex barbecue, and our Meat Church and Friends activation.”

While the festival is certainly the main event, Chase and his team have plans for even more. Add in events in Downtown Bryan on Friday and Sunday and you get the recipe for an unforgettable weekend in Aggieldand.

“We’re really proud of putting on an entire weekend experience,” Colston said. “We’re bringing back the free pre-party Downtown at the Palace [on Friday night]. And then Sunday, back at the Palace, we’re doing our first-ever barbecue brunch catered by [Texas Monthly Top 50] Bar-A-BBQ with Jason Boland doing a special acoustic set.”

With two music stages, 30 restaurants, sponsors, food trucks, market vendors, backstage trailers, and dozens of other essential elements of the festival needing electricity, Colston says that power is a valuable commodity. At other iterations of the festival, the Troubadour team has relied on generators, but they present challenges with monitoring usage and fuel consumption.

The move to Midtown Park has helped solve this issue as well, and BTU has stepped in to get power exactly where it is needed most.

“BTU has worked really closely with us to place power drops and work with us on what we will need for a lot of the logistics of the festival,” Colston said. “It’s going to be more reliable than generators and more cost efficient. We’re stoked for that partnership.”

It’s not too late to secure your tickets, and the Troubadour team says this will not be an event to miss for music and meat lovers alike.

“If you’re a fan of Texas barbecue, if you’re a fan of country music, and kind of all things Texas, we feel like this is one of those events that puts it all in one place,” Colston said. “It’s a good experience and we hope everybody comes out.”



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For more information on the Troubadour Festival, including the full music lineup, a list of participating barbecue restaurants, and ticket packages, visit troubadourfestival.com or find them on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, or YouTube.

BTU SPOTLIGHT:

AGGIE CREW

When you picture Aggie sports, images of a jam-packed Kyle Field on a fall Saturday, rocking Reed Arena, or bubbles filling the air at Blue Bell Park or Davis Diamond are probably some of the first that pop into your mind. Perhaps you are even a bit disenchanted with the modern realities of name, image, and likeness (NIL), open transfer portals, and millions of dollars in big business.

But outside of the limelight and drama, there are hundreds of student athletes on campus participating on 40 club sports teams that represent Texas A&M in intercollegiate athletics, including one that calls Lake Bryan their practice home: TAMU Crew.

Crew, also known as rowing, involves a team of rowers racing a boat using oars to propel themselves backward through the water. It requires both upper and lower body strength, as well as precise coordination with other crew members, to be successful.

But more than that, crew, like other club sports, provides a necessary outlet for students wishing to continue, or begin, an athletic journey.

Senior Camille Davis, who serves as president of TAMU Crew and on the executive committee for Texas A&M Sport Clubs, says these teams provide experience that carries weight far outside the confines of competition.

“There’s something for everybody there,” Davis said. “It’s a really good program to not only build you up as an athlete, but as a leader if you decide to pursue a leadership role in your club as well.”

The reasons for joining are many, but for Davis, as well as fellow seniors Anna Klein and Sara D’agostino, being a member of TAMU Crew has allowed a chance to make lifelong friends, find community, and have lasting memories both on and off the water.

According to Klein, who serves as the club’s external relations officer and Open Men’s coach, says rowing, specifically, helps build that connection even further.

“Because we’re student-run, we are all working to build this team and take it as far as we can,” Klein said. “Crew is such an in-sync sport, so you’re in-sync in the boat. But outside of that, we’re all on this mission together to build up our club. And with that you build relationships that it’s hard to find anywhere else.”

D’agostino, a member of the Open Women’s team, says the team has helped her combat homesickness after moving to A&M from Massachusetts.

“I feel like I found a family here, especially being so far away from home,” D’agostino said. “Everyone on the team genuinely cares so much about each other that it makes me feel like I have a family away from my family.”

That camaraderie and chemistry has translated to increasing success in competition. Last spring, the team returned to the SIRA competition, their championship regatta, in Tennessee for the first time in two years. On the previous trip, almost all of the A&M boats placed last in their respective competitions. This time, however, results improved dramatically, highlighted by the Lightweight Men’s 4+ boat earning 2nd place and the Open Women’s 4+ earning 7th.



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According to D’agostino, it is a testament to hard work and dedication over several years.

“I started on the team back in 2021 and you wouldn’t even recognize the team that we are now,” D’agostino said. “Looking back, what I’m most proud of is the incredible growth that this team has and how much everyone cares about it.”

“There were maybe 30 people on the team [when I joined],” Davis added. “But last semester we hit a record of 65 students on the team, which is really incredible to see how much we’ve been able to grow.”

The hard work that has led to improved results starts at practice, and the team conducts their on-water practices at Lake Bryan to prepare for competitions. But the lake and the park around it has turned into something more than just a practice facility with “glass” water.

“It’s definitely become a super special place,” Klein said. “The difference in how you feel when you show up versus how you feel when you leave Lake Bryan is astounding.”

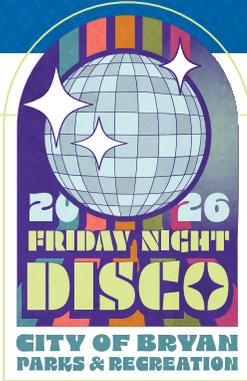
“I feel like it’s a place that I can just leave all my stress and worries at the door,” D’agostino added. “I always leave feeling better than when I went in.”

You can get involved with TAMU Crew by participating in their Family and Friends Learn to Row events, or by sponsoring the team to help them raise funds for necessary expenses.

To learn more, visit tamucrow.club, or find them on Facebook and Instagram.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday Night Disco (ages 55+)

Friday, March 20 / 7-10 p.m. / Brazos Center

Presale tickets are \$10 and \$15 at the door.

Enjoy a groovy night of dancing with a live DJ, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, photo booth, costume contest and door prizes.



Twin Oaks Landfill's Household Hazardous Waste & Computer Collection Event

Saturday, April 18 / 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Texas A&M University Services Building

Free for Brazos County residents.

Safely dispose of a wide range of household hazardous wastes such as batteries, electronics, oils, cleaning agents, paint, light bulbs, fertilizers and etc.



Family Campout

Friday, April 24 / overnight event

Austin's Colony Park

Admission is \$10. Ages 3 and under are free.

Enjoy an evening of family fun with stargazing, campfire storytelling, crafts, s'mores and a showing of the film "RV." Dinner and breakfast are included.



Drive-In Movie Featuring "Shrek" & "Shrek 2"

Friday, May 8 / Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Bryan Regional Athletic Complex

Admission is \$15 per vehicle, cash only.

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. with pre-movie activities including yard games, inflatables, face painting and food trucks. First movie starts at 8 p.m. followed by the second at 9:30 p.m.

View complete details and see more events: bryantx.gov/calendar



BCS Ranked Among the Nation's Best-Performing Metros

Bryan-College Station has been **ranked No. 28 nationally and No. 3 in Texas** on the Milken Institute's annual Best-Performing Cities list for large metropolitan areas. The region's ranking reflects continued economic momentum, improving from No. 45 in 2024 and No. 37 in 2025.



Bobby Gutierrez
Mayor

"We're not surprised to see the Bryan-College Station region recognized for its strong economic performance and quality of life," said Bryan Mayor Bobby Gutierrez. "This is a community that believes in long-term investment, collaboration and creating opportunity. Those of us who live and work in Bryan, College Station and across Aggieland are committed to growing an economy that is welcoming, resilient and built for the future."

Published annually since 1999, the Best-Performing Cities index evaluates how effectively metropolitan areas leverage their resources to support economic growth and provide access to essential services and infrastructure. The index serves as an impartial benchmark for comparing economic performance across U.S. regions.

Rankings are based on a combination of one- and five-year data measuring job creation, wage growth and high-tech industry output. The index also considers access to economic opportunity, including housing affordability, inclusivity and community resilience.

The Milken Institute uses data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics and Bureau of Economic Analysis to evaluate 206 large cities with populations of more than 275,000, along with 205 small cities nationwide. Cities are ranked using three primary performance categories: labor market conditions, high-tech impact and access to economic opportunities.



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