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State of Texas  
County of Panola

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On this 8th day of August, 2016, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting of the Court at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom of said County with the following members of the Court present:

LeeAnn Jones	County Judge
Ronnie LaGrone	Commissioner, Precinct #1
John Gradberg	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Frank R. Langley, Jr	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Dale LaGrone	Commissioner, Precinct #4

And none was absent, constituting a quorum of the Court. Also attending were Bobbie Davis, County Clerk, and Vicki Heinkel, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge. Attached to and made a part of these minutes is a list of other attendees and the office or organization that each represents. The following proceedings were held at this meeting:

**PRAYER:** Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone gave the prayer.

**OPEN MEETING:**

**1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Numerous citizens spoke to the Court concerning the possibility of the Court voting to raise property taxes in order to fund the 2017 county budget. The County Judge and Commissioners answered direct questions posed by citizens in attendance.

**2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

There were no Commissioners' Reports.

**3. COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:**

There was no County Judge's Report.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**PERSONNEL**

a. None

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

a. To accept and record a donation of materials (concrete) and labor to fix the entrance at Louisiana Pacific located on County Road #201 valued at \$40,002.00 for Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2.

b. To approve and record a request by Kinder Morgan (NGPL) Pipeline, Inc. to cross under Panola County Road #160 with a 2" conduit line.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of July, 2016.
- b. To record a copy of Panola County Juvenile Probation Department proposed Budget Amendment #3 for Fiscal Year 2016; to record the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget for the Panola Juvenile Probation Department; and to record written statement containing date, time and place said budget will be finalized and adopted.

REQUESTS FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- a. To approve and record a Request for Attendance at a Conference form(s) for the following Panola County elected official(s)/employee(s): PCSD Deputy Phillip Grimes; PCSD Deputy William Magness; Panola County Justice of the Peace, Precincts #2 and #3 Lora J. Taylor; Panola County Justice of the Peace, Precincts #2 and #3, Criminal Clerk Maria Hernandez; PCSD Jail Administrator Tina McMullen; PCSD Assistant Jail Administrator Tabitha Martinez; Panola County Constable, Precincts #2 and #3, Mitch Norton; Panola County Deputy Constable, Precincts #2 and #3, Charlie Blue; Panola County Judge-Emergency Management Director LeeAnn Jones; Panola County Emergency Management Coordinator James G. Young; and Panola County Auditor Sidney Burns.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. seconded the motion to approve all the Consent Items. The motion passed unanimously.

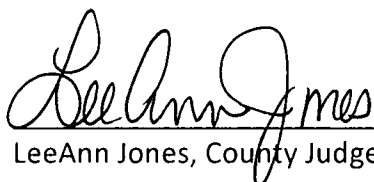
A COPY OF EACH LETTER, AMENDMENT, REQUEST, AND/OR BOND IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF MINUTES.

5. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve payment of current Panola County bills as prepared and submitted by the County Auditor. The motion passed unanimously. SEE COPY OF BILLS ATTACHED.
6. A presentation by David Cleveland, representing the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG), was heard by the Court. Mr. Cleveland provided the Court with a report of benefits provided to citizens in Panola County and the surrounding cities during FY 2015. SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED.
7. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner John Gradberg seconded the motion to act upon the recommendations of the selection committee and award the contract for administration to Amazing Grants, Inc. and engineering services to Hayes Engineering, Inc. for the county's TxCDBG project on behalf of Fairplay Water Supply Corporation. The motion passed unanimously. SEE LETTER ATTACHED.
8. Following a short discussion, Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. moved and Commissioner John Gradberg seconded the motion to table until the August 22, 2016 meeting of the Commissioners' Court the vote on adopting an order for an optional county fee for child safety on registered vehicles in Panola County. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Commissioner John Gradberg moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to table until the August 22, 2016 meeting of the Commissioners' Court the vote on imposing extra fees on vehicle registrations in Panola County. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to reappoint County Auditor Sidney Burns to another two-year term on the Community Healthcore Board of Trustees with said term commencing September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2018. The motion passed unanimously. SEE APPOINTMENT ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. moved and Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a contract for service between Fidelity Communications and the Panola County Road and Bridge Department. The motion passed unanimously. SEE CONTRACT ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner John Gradberg seconded the motion to approve the form for bids solicited for the purchase of food items for the Panola County Detention Center. The motion passed unanimously. SEE FORMS ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner John Gradberg seconded the motion to approve the 2017 Texas County and District Retirement System Proposed Plan and authorize the County Judge to sign and submit the appropriate authorizations. The motion passed unanimously. SEE PLAN ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. seconded the motion to approve an engagement letter from Robinson & Payne, PLLC for the Panola County Sheriff's Department and Panola County Constables' Offices Proceeds of Criminal Asset Forfeiture Reports for the year ended December 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. SEE LETTER ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner John Gradberg seconded the motion to approve an engagement letter from Robinson & Payne, PLLC for the Criminal District Attorney's Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report for the period ending September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. SEE LETTER ATTACHED.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2016.



LeeAnn Jones, County Judge, Panola County, Texas



Bobbie Davis, County Clerk, Panola County, Texas

