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On this 26th day of September, 2016, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas met in a Special Meeting of the Court at 9:00 AM in the District 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
Dale LaGrone Commissioner, Precinct #4

And Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. 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:

There were no citizen comments.

#### 2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone reported that the runway lights at Panola County Airport-Sharpe Field have been repaired. He also noted that the county airport continues to have a lot of traffic due to the low price of fuel.

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

Judge LeeAnn Jones asked that those in attendance be in prayer for Philip Grimes and his family in the loss of his mother, and the Jimmy Evans family.

### 4. CONSENT ITEMS:

# **PERSONNEL**

- a. To record the employment of Amber Gage as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective September 19, 2016 at the rate of \$13.91 per hour.
- b. To record the employment of Gina Goldman as a Deputy Clerk in the Panola County Clerk's Office effective October 3, 2016 (pending results of drug screen and pre-employment physical) at the rate of \$14.57 per hour.
- c. To record the termination of Shenease Brooks as a Deputy Clerk in the County Clerk's Office effective September 21, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE**

a. To authorize the County Auditor to advertise for sealed bids for: road oil (cracked fuel oil); corrugated steel pipe culverts; polyethylene corrugated culverts; gravel; used railroad tank cars/flat cars; concrete iron ore; and crushed limestone. Bids to be opened at a Special Session of the Commissioners' Court scheduled for October 24, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Specifications will be available in the County Judge's Office, 110 S. Sycamore, Room 216-A, Carthage, Texas and at the County Warehouse, 1121 E. Sabine, Carthage, Texas.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. To approve and record the Panola County Treasurer's Second Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2016.
- b. To record 2015 Certificate of Completion from the County & District Clerks' Association of Texas for completing 20 hours of continuing education for Panola County District Clerk Debra Johnson.

# **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): Panola County Constable Precincts #2 & #3, Mitch Norton; Panola County Deputy Constable Precincts #2 & #3, Charles Blue; Panola County Justice of the Peace Precincts #2 & #3, Lora J. Taylor; Panola County Clerk Bobbie Davis; Criminal District Attorney Danny Buck Davidson; Panola County District Clerk Debra Johnson; and Panola County Veterans Service Officer James G. Young.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone seconded the motion to approve all the Consent Items. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. absent.

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 John Gradberg seconded the motion to approve payment of current Panola County bills as prepared and submitted by the County Auditor. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. absent. SEE COPY OF BILLS ATTACHED.
- 6. Tom Stamper, Director of Government and Community Affairs for Good Shepherd Health System explained to the Court the benefits to the community of a proposed affiliation with Duke LifePoint Healthcare.
- 7. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner John Gradberg seconded the motion to proclaim October, 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Panola County. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. absent. SEE PROCLAMATION ATTACHED.
- 8. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to accept a donation of six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars from the Murphy-Payne Charitable Trust No. 3 for use by the Panola County Sheriff's Department. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. absent. SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED.

- 9. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner John Gradberg seconded the motion to proclaim October 2-8, 2016 as National 4-H Week in Panola County. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. absent. SEE PROCLAMATION ATTACHED.
- 10. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve an ACH Originator Agreement for online banking between Panola County and First State Bank and Trust Company for Panola County. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. absent. SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
- 11. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner John Gradberg seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to negotiate a voluntary amendment to the contracts with CISD, GISD and the City of Carthage for the assessor/collector services provided by the Panola County Tax Assessor/Collector. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. absent.
- 12. Commissioner John Gradberg moved and Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone seconded the motion to remove the cattle guard on County Road 215, in accordance with Transportation Code 251.0096 by request of two land owners on said land. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Frank R. Langley, Jr. absent. SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2016.

LeeAnn Jones, County(Judge, Panola County, Texassum

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk, Panola County