

RESOLUTION #2018-03

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2004, pursuant to Chapter 370 of the Texas Transportation Code and 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.01 *et. seq.*, Gregg and Smith Counties filed a petition with the Texas Transportation Commission (“Commission”) for authorization to form a regional mobility authority; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2004, in Minute Order 109829, the Commission authorized the creation of a regional mobility authority composed of Gregg and Smith Counties known as the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (“NET RMA”); and

WHEREAS, in subsequent Minute Orders, the Commission approved revisions to the NET RMA to include, in addition to Gregg and Smith Counties, the Counties of Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Panola, Titus, Van Zandt, Wood, and Kaufman; and

WHEREAS, since its creation the NET RMA has pursued the development of its initial project, Toll 49, and has also been active in facilitating planning of regional mobility improvements throughout its expanded geographic area; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Cass County has adopted a resolution requesting that Cass County be allowed to join the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Camp County has adopted a resolution requesting that Camp County be allowed to join the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Code § 370.0315 and rules promulgated by the Texas Department of Transportation (set forth 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.21) govern the process for the addition of counties to an existing regional mobility authority; and

WHEREAS, the process requires that each county that is a member of the regional mobility authority submit an adopted resolution from its commissioners court indicating support for the request of the additional counties to join the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Panola County has considered the requests of Cass and Camp Counties to join the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Panola County finds that the addition of Cass and Camp Counties to the NET RMA will be beneficial to residents of Panola County and to residents throughout North East Texas as it will facilitate regional planning and development of critical transportation infrastructure, thereby enhancing economic vitality and promoting a better quality of life for North East Texas residents; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Panola County has determined that the addition of Cass and Camp Counties will benefit the mobility of the region;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Panola County Commissioners Court agrees to and supports the addition of Cass and Camp Counties to the NET RMA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Panola County Commissioners Court acknowledges that the addition of Cass and Camp Counties will allow both Cass County and Camp County to initially appoint one (1) member each to the NET RMA board of directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Panola County Commissioners Court authorizes county staff and the County Judge to take such other actions as are necessary to secure the approval of the Commission to the addition of Cass and Camp Counties to the NET RMA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Panola County Commissioners Court commends the Commissioners Courts of Cass and Camp Counties for their foresight and commitment to regional planning, mobility improvements, and regional cooperation that can be accomplished through participation in the NET RMA.

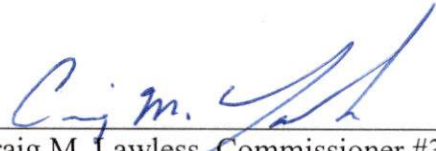
Signed and Approved on this the 12th day of June, 2018



LeeAnn Jones, County Judge



Ronnie LaGrone, Commissioner #1



Craig M. Lawless, Commissioner #3




John Gradberg, Commissioner #2



Dale LaGrone, Commissioner #4

ATTEST:



Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

