

State of Texas  
County of Panola

On this [20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019](#), the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting of the Court at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Courtroom of said County with the following members of the Court present:

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| Ronnie LaGrone   | Commissioner, Precinct #1 |
| David A. Cole    | Commissioner, Precinct #2 |
| Craig M. Lawless | Commissioner, Precinct #3 |
| Dale LaGrone     | Commissioner, Precinct #4 |

County Judge LeeAnn Jones was absent. Also attending were Bobbie Davis, County Clerk, and Vicki Heinkel, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge/County Commissioners' Coordinator. 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, with Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone presiding:

**PRAYER:** Commissioner David A. Cole gave the prayer.

**OPEN MEETING:**

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were no citizen comments.

2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone reported that most of the repair work at the Exposition Building and Courthouse has been completed.

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

There was no County Judge's Report.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

**PERSONNEL**

a. None

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

a. To approve and record a request by Eastex Telephone Co-op to bore and place a 1 ½" inner duct and fiber optic line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #3150.

b. To approve and record a request by Eastex Telephone Co-op to bore and place a 1 ½" inner duct and fiber optic line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #3153.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. To approve and record Panola County Investment Report for Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2019.
- b. To approve and record Panola County Treasurer's Third Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2019.
- c. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Deputy Sheriff Christopher Hansen.
- d. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Emergency Services District No. 1 Board member Palmer Fuselier.
- e. To record Tax Assessor-Collector continuing education hours for reporting period March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.
- f. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Airport-Sharpe Field Advisory Board member Steve Conroy.
- g. To approve and record 2019 Budget Amendment No. 23.

**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 Extension Agent Lee Dudley.

Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with County Judge LeeAnn Jones absent.

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

5. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve payment of current Panola County bills as prepared and submitted by the County Auditor. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with County Judge LeeAnn Jones absent. SEE [PAYMENT REGISTER](#) ATTACHED.
6. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve payment of current Panola County Payroll as prepared and submitted by the County Treasurer. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with County Judge LeeAnn Jones absent. SEE [PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION REGISTER](#) ATTACHED.
7. Following an explanation by Mary Kay Thomas of Grantworks, Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to procure a Grant Administrator and begin the process of applying for the 2020 Transportation Infrastructure Program (TIF) Project funded by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with County Judge LeeAnn Jones absent.
8. Following a presentation by Scott Thomas of Patterson Insurance, Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve and record commercial property, equipment, vehicle and liability insurance coverage offered through the Texas Public Entity Group Interlocal Agreement Self-Insurance League pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, including the CyberFirst Liability Coverage, and excluding the Public Entity Management Liability option. The motion

passed by a vote of 4-0 with County Judge LeeAnn Jones absent. SEE [INFORMATION ATTACHED](#).

9. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to adopt Order #2019-18 closing a portion (463 feet) of Panola County Road #339. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with County Judge LeeAnn Jones absent. SEE [ORDER AND INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve 2019 vacation earned by Jacqueline McDonald, Deputy County Clerk to be taken in 2020. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with County Judge LeeAnn Jones absent. SEE [LETTER](#) ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to appoint Donna Marler as a member of the Panola County Child Welfare Board. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with County Judge LeeAnn Jones absent. SEE [APPOINTMENT](#) ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve an Aviation Support and Maintenance Services Agreement between DBT Transportation Services and Panola County. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with County Judge LeeAnn Jones absent. SEE [AGREEMENT](#) ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

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LeeAnn Jones, County Judge, Panola County, Texas

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Date

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I, Bobbie Davis, County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the [Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for December 20, 2019](#).

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Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

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Date