

SEP 04 2019

State of Texas  
County of Panola

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COUNTY CLERK, PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS  
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On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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:

LeeAnn Jones	County Judge
Ronnie LaGrone	Commissioner, Precinct #1
David A. Cole	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Craig M. Lawless	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Dale LaGrone	Commissioner, Precinct #4

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:

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

**OPEN MEETING:**

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were no citizen comments.

2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

There were no Commissioners' Reports.

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

County Judge LeeAnn Jones reported that she is monitoring rainfall in the County and considering the possibility of a burn ban.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

**PERSONNEL**

- a. To record the employment of Staci Benedetti as a Communications Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective August 10, 2019 at the rate of \$15.29 per hour.
- b. To record the employment of Colton Haymon as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective August 17, 2019 at the rate of \$14.19 per hour.
- c. To record the resignation of Timothy Windham as a Reserve Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective August 19, 2019.
- d. To record the separation of Bryan Krumpelbeck as a Mechanic with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1, effective August 6, 2019 at 5:00 PM.
- e. To record fiscal year 2020 Compensation Orders for County Auditor, Assistant County Auditors and Panola County 123<sup>rd</sup> District Court Reporter.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- a. To approve and record a request by Tanos Energy Holdings III, LLC to place a 3" poly and 6" natural gas line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #3111.
- b. To approve and record a request by MK Pipeline, LLC to place a 12" line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #463.
- c. To approve and record a request by MK Pipeline, LLC to place a 12" line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #467.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. None

**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 Treasurer Joni W. Reed; Panola County Tax Assessor/Collector Holly Gibbs; Panola County Deputy Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 Billy Alexander; and Panola County Extension Agent Lee Dudley.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve 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 Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Ronnie 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 PAYMENT REGISTER ATTACHED.
- 6. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve payment of current Panola County Payroll as prepared and submitted by the County Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously. SEE PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION REGISTER ATTACHED.
- 7. A public hearing was held for the Panola County Clerk's Records Archive, Preservation and Restoration Plan pursuant to Local Government Code 118.025. Following the public hearing, Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt said plan. The motion passed unanimously. SEE NOTICE ATTACHED.
- 8. A public hearing was held for the Panola County District Court Records Technology Fund Plan pursuant to Senate Bill 1685 and Government Code 51.305. Following the public hearing, Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt said plan. The motion passed unanimously. SEE NOTICE ATTACHED.
- 9. A public hearing was held for the Panola County Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 at 1:35 PM pursuant to notice and publication thereof as required by law.

10. County Judge LeeAnn Jones moved and Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt the Panola County Budget for Fiscal Year 2020. The motion passed unanimously. SEE NOTICE AND ADOPTED BUDGET ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt the 2020 elected officials' salaries upon adoption of the Panola County Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 pursuant to notice and publication thereof as required by law (Local Government Code, Section 152.013). The motion passed unanimously. SEE NOTICE ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the approved budget which will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 111.008 (c). The motion passed unanimously.
13. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to adopt Order #2019-10 setting the 2019 tax rate and tax levy and authorizing the Tax Assessor to prepare tax statements with the approved tax rate (Local Government Code, Section 111.010). The motion passed unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone reported that the guidelines governing use of the Exposition Center are outdated and in need of revision. A revised set of guidelines will be presented at the next meeting of Commissioners' Court, on September 3, 2019. SEE EXISTING GUIDELINES ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve the form for bids solicited for the purchase of items of food for the Panola County Detention Center. The motion passed unanimously. SEE FOOD BID SHEET ATTACHED.
16. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve the transfer of Kenworth Dump Truck, Unit #909, VIN 2NKHHN8X2AM265015 from Precinct #1 to Precinct #4; and transfer of F-750 Dump Truck, Unit #804, VIN 3FRXF75S78V048004 from Precinct #4 to Precinct #1. The motion passed unanimously.
17. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a change in status of employment for Todd Ellis from Driver to Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2, effective September 2, 2019 at the rate of \$17.46 per hour. The motion passed unanimously. SEE LETTER AND PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST ATTACHED.
18. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve an increase in salary to \$18.27 per hour for Rodney Kirkland, an Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2, effective September 2, 2019. The motion passed unanimously. SEE PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST ATTACHED.
19. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone seconded the motion to approve the posting of a petition to close 521 feet starting at the east end from US Highway 59 of County Road #234. The motion passed unanimously. SEE NOTICE, MAP AND PETITION ATTACHED.
20. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a change in status of employment for Timothy Tate from Driver to Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4 effective September 2, 2019 at the rate of \$17.46 per hour. The motion passed unanimously. SEE LETTER AND PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST ATTACHED.

21. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to accept the architect's plans for the proposed Panola County Agriculture Extension Office/Voter Registration Office. The motion passed. SEE ARCHITECT BUILDING PLANS ATTACHED.
22. Following a presentation by Maintenance Supervisor Tommy Earle for better energy efficiency for the County's buildings, Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to authorize Mr. Earle to obtain bids for the project. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

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

  
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LeeAnn Jones, County Judge, Panola County, Texas

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Date

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County of Panola

I, Bobbie Davis, Panola County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for August 20, 2019.

  
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Bobbie Davis, County Clerk, Panola County, Texas

 8/31/19  
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Date