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State of Texas  
County of Panola

BOBBIE DAVIS  
COUNTY CLERK, PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS  
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On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020, 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 Rokesia Hicks, Chief Deputy 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 Ronnie LaGrone gave the prayer.

**OPEN MEETING:**

**1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were no citizen comments.

**2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone reported that all repairs and improvements at the Exposition Building are complete and ready for the Panola County Junior Livestock Show.

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

There was no County Judge's Report.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**PERSONNEL**

- a. To record the retirement of John DePresca as Chief Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 7, 2020.
- b. To record the appointment of John DePresca as a Reserve Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 8, 2020.
- c. To record a change in status of employment for Jeff Ivy from Criminal Investigator with the Panola County Sheriff's Department to Chief Deputy effective February 8, 2020 at the budgeted salary.
- d. To record a change in status of employment for Chadd Gray from Patrol Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Department to Criminal Investigator effective February 8, 2020 at the rate of \$22.33 per hour.

- e. To record the employment of Jesus Martinez as a Patrol Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 13, 2020 at the rate of \$21.92 per hour.
- f. To record an increase in salary to \$15.85 per hour for Brynne Tate, Deputy Clerk in the Panola County District Clerk's Office effective February 3, 2020.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- a. To approve and record a request by Rockcliff Energy Operating LLC to place 4.5" lines within the right-of-way of Panola County Roads #3224, #331 and #3311.
- b. To approve and record a request by Elevate TOPS LLC to place a 12" line within the right-of-way of Panola County Roads #328.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of January, 2020.
- b. To approve Tentative Schedule for the 2020 Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2021.
- c. To approve and record 2019 Budget Amendment No. 25.
- d. To approve and record 2020 Budget Amendment No. 4.
- e. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County District Clerk Deputy Brynne Tate.
- f. To record a copy of Panola County Community Supervision and Corrections Department Minutes of Meeting held August 7, 2019; and to record written statement containing the date, time and place said adjustments, documents and budgets will be considered for approval and recording.
- g. To record a copy of Panola County Juvenile Probation Department Notice of Meeting; and to record written statement containing the date, time and place said adjustments, documents and budgets will be considered for approval and recording.

**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 Criminal Investigator Adam Jones; PCSD Deputy Jake Samford; PCSD Deputy Jeff Martin; Panola County Auditor Jennifer Stacy (2); Panola County Assistant Auditor Christina Chatman; Panola County Assistant Auditor Shelby Abernathy; Panola County Justice of the Peace, Precincts #2 and #3 Toni Hughes; Panola County Justice of the Peace, Precincts #2 and #3 Civil Clerk Mary Sue Kiper; Panola County Justice of the Peace, Precincts #2 and #3 Criminal Clerk Maria Hernandez; Panola County Justice of the Peace, Precincts #1 and #4 David A. Gray (2); and Panola County Justice of the Peace Precincts #1 and #4 Clerk Raven Wallace.

Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone 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 THE MINUTES.

5. Commissioner David A. Cole 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. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to cancel a lease agreement with Rufus L. Langford for dirt and clay for Precinct #3; and to authorize the County Judge to send a 30-day notice to Mr. Langford regarding cancellation. The motion passed unanimously. SEE LETTER AND ORIGINAL LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
8. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve the purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford F-750 trucks from Chastang Ford, BuyBoard Contract #601-19 for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4. The motion passed unanimously. SEE QUOTES ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-750 truck from Chastang Ford, BuyBoard Contract #601-19 for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion passed unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt a resolution approving the financing by the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation of Health Facilities located within Panola County, Texas. The motion passed unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION AND INFORMATION ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Failure to Appear (FTA) Program between Panola County and the Texas Department of Public Safety with regard to implementing the provisions of Transportation Code, Chapter 706. The motion carried unanimously. SEE CONTRACT ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to create six (6) additional Patrol Deputy positions with the Panola County Sheriff's Department at the amount of \$78,810.38 (February 5 – December 31, 2020), or \$88,380.19 per full year, per Deputy, plus an additional \$4,000.00 per new Deputy for vests, mace etc. The motion passed unanimously. SEE LETTER AND INFORMATION ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve enrollment for all county employees with access to computers in the cybersecurity course provided by TAC and mandated by HB 3834. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

LeeAnn Jones  
LeeAnn Jones, County Judge, Panola County, Texas

3-3-20  
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 February 4, 2020.

Bobbie Davis  
Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

