

State of Texas
County of Panola

On this [30th day of December, 2022](#), the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas met in a regular meeting of the Court at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom of said County with the following members of the Court present:

Rodger G. McLane	County Judge
Billy Alexander	Commissioner, Precinct #1
David A. Cole	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Craig M. Lawless	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Dale LaGrone	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also attending were Vicki Heinkel, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge/County Commissioners' Coordinator, and Bobbie Davis, County Clerk. Attached to and made a part of these minutes is a list of other [attendees](#) and the office or organization that each represent. The following proceedings were held at this meeting:

PRAYER: Commissioner Dale LaGrone gave the prayer.

OPEN MEETING:

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioners reported that the County received a lot of rain during the night, but have not had to close any roads as a result.

3. COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

County Judge Rodger G. McLane stated that he appreciates the support he's had during the last few weeks and is looking forward to serving the county over the next four years.

4. [CONSENT ITEMS:](#)

PERSONNEL

- a. To record and approve the Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023.
- b. To record the employment of Jim Holder as Investigator with the Panola County District Attorney's Office effective January 1, 2023 at the starting salary of \$50,000.00 annually.
- c. To withdraw the offer of employment for Dustin Farahnak, First Assistant Criminal District Attorney for the Panola County District Attorney's Office, that was to be effective December 12, 2022.
- d. To record the employment of Joseph D. Fenlaw as First Assistant Criminal District Attorney in the Panola County District Attorney's Office effective January 1, 2023 at the salary of \$90,000.00 annually.
- e. To record a change in status of employment for Travis Curry from Patrol Deputy to Patrol Sergeant with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective January 1, 2023 at the rate of \$24.74 per hour.
- f. To record a change in status of employment for Quade Davis from Patrol Deputy to Patrol Sergeant with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective January 1, 2023 at the rate of \$24.74 per hour.
- g. To record a change in status of employment for Randy Payne from Patrol Corporal to Patrol Sergeant with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective January 1, 2023 at the rate of \$24.74 per hour.
- h. To record a change in status of employment for Calahan Malone from Patrol Corporal to Patrol Sergeant with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective January 1, 2023 at the rate of \$24.74 per hour.
- i. The 911 Rural Addressing Coordinator will earn vacation and sick time at 8 hours per day Monday – Friday.
- j. The Administrative Assistant to the County Judge/County Commissioners' Coordinator will earn vacation and sick time at 8 hours per day Monday – Friday.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by Tanos Exploration II, LLC to place a 3" (temporary) polyline within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #163.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve and record the Panola County Treasurer’s Third Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2022.

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): None

Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- 5. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve payment of current Panola County bills as prepared and submitted by the County Auditor. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [PAYMENT REGISTER](#) ATTACHED.
- 6. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve payment of Panola County payroll as prepared and submitted by the County Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve 2022 vacation earned by Loretta Mason, Elections Administrator; Bryan Murff, Fire Marshal/EMC – Peace Officer; Candace Pinke, Tax Assessor-Collector/Auto Registration Deputy Clerk; Kirstyn Jacks, Tax Assessor-Collector/Auto Registration Deputy Clerk; and Vicki Heinkel, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge/County Commissioners’ Coordinator to be taken in 2023. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [REQUESTS](#) ATTACHED.
- 8. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to declare the following equipment as surplus property: 2021 Hustler Model 939819 Raptor XD 42” cut residential grade lawn mower as trade in for a new commercial mower for use by the SWEAT team. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
- 9. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt Order #2022-28 designating County Auditor Jennifer Stacy as the official

of Panola County to apply for regular plates to be used on exempt vehicles owned by Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.

10. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to accept the responses to the Law Enforcement Non-Consent Towing solicitation. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [RESPONSES](#) ATTACHED.
11. Upon recommendation by County Judge Rodger G. McLane, Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to enter into a contract with KSA Engineers, Inc. for a site study and a building use plan for the Panola County Courthouse, utilizing Task 1, Task 2 and Task 4 listed in the proposal. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [PROPOSAL](#) ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 AM.

Dated this 30th day of December, 2022.

Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

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 30, 2022](#).

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

Date