

State of Texas
County of Panola

On this [11th day of April, 2023](#), 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: Veterans Service Officer Bill Morris gave the prayer.

OPEN MEETING:

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were no citizen comments.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Dale LaGrone reported that he and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless recently met with East Texas Council of Governments to discuss the Texas Broadband Development Plan for Panola County.

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

County Judge Rodger McLane reported that he recently spoke to the Lion's Club about plans to repair the courthouse building, and will speak to the Gas Producers group today.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the employment of Alan Smith as a Truck Driver with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2 effective April 12, 2023 (pending drug test and physical) at the rate of \$19.56 per hour.
- b. To record the employment of Bobby Henley as a temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 effective April 10, 2023 through September 28, 2023 (corrected dates from March 14, 2023 meeting agenda and minutes) at the rate of \$21.22 per hour.
- c. To record the employment of Jaydan Figley as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective March 29, 2023 at the rate of \$18.11 per hour.
- d. To record the employment of Hunter Gray as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective April 8, 2023 at the rate of \$16.81 per hour.
- e. To record the appointment of Brack LaGrone as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff for the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective April 8, 2023.
- f. To record the resignation of Torey McLemore as a Deputy Sheriff with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective April 3, 2023.
- g. To record an increase in salary to \$21.22 per hour for Ryan McKinley, Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1 effective April 24, 2023.
- h. To record the retirement of Rhonda Birdsong as Fiction Coordinator with the Sammy Brown Library effective April 28, 2023.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by City of Gary Gas to place a 1" gas line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #1832.
- b. To approve and record a request by KJECO LLC to place 12" temporary collapsible poly lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #152 and #154.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of March, 2023.

- b. To approve and record 2023 Budget Amendment No. 6.
- c. To approve Tentative Schedule for 2023 Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2024.
- d. To record 123rd Judicial District Court’s renewal forms from Thomson Reuters for West Proflex.
- e. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Reserve Deputy Constable, Precincts #2 and #3 Daniel McMillen.
- f. To record the receipt of equipment returned to AT&T by Panola County Adult Probation.

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 Clerk – Civil Clerk Jackie McDonald; PCSD Detention Officer Chelsi Bullock; PCSD Corporal for Communications Hannah Colle; PCSD Detention Officers Isaiah Daniels, Madison Davis, Ashley Esquivel, Jaydan Figley, Sean Howard, Brenton Humphries, Casey Jones, David Jones and Christina Lyles; PCSD Detention Deputy Jeffrey Martin (3); PCSD Assistant Jail Administrator Tabitha Martinez; PCSD Detention Officer Jeffrey McAndrews; PCSD Jail Administrator Tina McMullen; PCSD Detention Officers Reid Peace, Madison Sandobal, Joyce Wilder, Justin Williams, Matthew Williamson, Lane Wilson; PCSD Deputy Sheriff Colton McNair; and PCSD K-9 Handler/Deputy Richard Mojica..

Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless 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 David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone 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 Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve payment of Panola County payroll as prepared and submitted by the County Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION REGISTER](#) ATTACHED.

7. No bids were received for surplus used miscellaneous items; no action taken.
8. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve TIPS Cooperative Contract #21060301 from A-Lert Roof Systems to manufacture and install an A-Lert standing seam roof system (approximately 24,400 sf) on the Panola County Courthouse Building. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt resolutions regarding replacement of the off system bridges that cross Brushy Creek on CR #127, McFadden Creek on CR #4354, McFadden Creek on CR #430 and Hoggs Bayou on CR #201; and to approve Advance Funding Agreements for Bridge Replacements or Rehabilitation Projects Where the LG Match Contribution is Waived Off the State System. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a one year membership with Combat Shooting and Tactics, LLC (tactical firing range) for Panola County Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 Jeff Ivy, Panola County Deputy Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 Kevin Lake, Panola County Constable, Precincts #2 and #3 Brack LaGrone, Panola County Deputy Constable, Precincts #2 and #3 Jeremy Nagle, and Panola County Reserve Deputy Constables, Precincts #1 and #4 Jeff Scarborough and Bryan Murff from April 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INVOICES](#) ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the building located at 316 W Sabine Street, which is Block 61, Lots 5 and 6A in the City of Carthage, part of the George Goodwin Survey, A-224 from Mike Parker; and to authorize the County Judge to proceed with any paperwork needed for this transaction. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a quote from A-Automatic Gate Services for a dual swing gate, solar USAutomatic patriot swing gate openers, wireless USAutomatic keypad, free exit and safety loops and installation of 38' fence for the Panola County Detention Center. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INVOICE](#) ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve a sales agreement from Holt Cat for the purchase of a 2023 Holt Cat backhoe for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [SALES AGREEMENT](#) ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to transfer unit #704, a 2007 Miller Welding Machine (LGO-14819) from Panola

County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1 to FM and Lateral. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [REQUEST](#) ATTACHED.

15. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to retire Panola County Sheriff's Department K-9, Roxie, due to health reasons effective April 21, 2023 and to allow Deputy Sheriff Richard Mojica to have custody and care for Roxie. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [LETTER](#) ATTACHED.
16. Commissioners' Court entered executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 at 9:13 AM.
17. Commissioners' Court re-convened at 9:34 AM. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2023.

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 April 11, 2023](#).

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

Date