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State of Texas
County of Panola

BOBBIE DAVIS
COUNTY CLERK, PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS
BY B. Davis DEPUTY

On this 28th day of February, 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: Sheriff Cutter Clinton gave the prayer.

OPEN MEETING:

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Keri Vance, Executive Director of Panola County Chamber of Commerce, announced that there are new women-owned local businesses in the County; Clean Up Panola County Day scheduled for March 4, 2023; an upcoming Small Business Roundtable; a fireworks parade scheduled for July 1, 2023; and shared the successful Economic Development Meeting in which she and the County Judge visited with Betty Russo, East Texas Community Relations Specialist from the Texas Governor's Office.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

There were no Commissioners' Reports.

3. COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

County Judge Rodger McLane reported that the Commissioners just returned from conference in College Station, and that the African American Heritage Banquet will be held soon.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the resignation of Brittany Collins as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 21, 2023.
- b. To record the resignation of Michelle Landreneaux as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective March 10, 2023.
- c. To record the employment of John Howard as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 25, 2023.
- d. To record the appointment of Steven Tiller as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 25, 2023.
- e. To record a change in status of employment for Madison Davis from Detention Officer to Detention Corporal with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 25, 2023 at the rate of \$19.77 per hour.
- f. To record a change in status of employment for Matthew Williamson from Detention Officer to Detention Corporal with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 25, 2023 at the rate of \$19.77 per hour.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by Eastex Telephone Co-op to bore a ¾" duct line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #328.
- b. To approve and record a request by TGNR East Texas LLC to place a 10" line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #405.
- c. To approve and record a request by Louisiana Energy Gateway LLC to place a 30" steel line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #466.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve and record the Panola County Investment Report for 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022.
- b. To approve and record the Panola County Investment Report for 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2022.

- c. To approve and record the 2023 Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) Renewal Confirmation Program Agreement between Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool and Panola County.
- d. To accept and record a donation of \$50.00 from Sally Dawson for The Panola County Child Welfare Board.
- e. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Tax Assessor-Collector/Auto Registration Deputy Clerk Vuntara Rose.
- f. To record fiscal year 2023 Compensation Order forms for Panola County 123rd District Court Reporter Carol Mixon.
- g. To approve and record the Federal Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report between the Federal Government, Panola County Sheriff's Department and Panola County for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.
- h. To approve and record the Federal Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report between the Federal Government, Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office and Panola County for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.
- i. To approve and record the Federal Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report between the Federal Government, Panola County Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 and Panola County for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.
- j. To approve and record the Federal Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report between the Federal Government, Panola County Constable, Precincts #2 and #3 and Panola County for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.
- k. To record Panola County Juvenile Probation Department's Financial Statements for fiscal year ending August 31, 2022.
- l. To record Panola County Community Supervision and Correction Department's Financial Statements for fiscal year ending August 31, 2022.
- m. To approve and record 2022 Budget Amendment No. 30.
- n. To approve and record, waive any conflict of interest between Rodger G. McLane, two individual clients and Panola County in his limited capacity pursuant to Attorney General Opinions 540 and 497.

- o. To record Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Law Enforcement Agency for the Panola County Sheriff's Department for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.
- p. To record Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Law Enforcement Agency for the Panola County Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.
- q. To record Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Law Enforcement Agency for the Panola County Constable, Precincts #2 and #3 for fiscal year ending December 31, 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): Panola County Veterans Service Officer William Morris; Panola County Deputy Constable, Precincts #2 and #3 Jeremy Nagle; PCSD Patrol Sergeant Travis Curry; PCSD Sheriff Cutter Clinton; Panola County Justice of the Peace, Precincts #2 and #3 Toni Hughes; Panola County Justice of the Peace Clerk, Precincts #2 and #3 Maria Hernandez; and Panola County Justice of the Peace Clerk, Precincts #2 and #3 Mary Sue Kiper.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone 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 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 Billy Alexander 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. SEE PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION REGISTER ATTACHED.
- 7. A public hearing was held for comments on lowering the speed limit on Panola County Road #312. SEE NOTICE ATTACHED.
- 8. A public hearing was held for comments on posting "No Thru Truck" signs on Panola County Roads. Bruce Johnson spoke about the abundance of oilfield service trucks that travel on County Road #108 and surrounding roads despite "No Thru Truck" signs

previously posted. Commissioners agreed, saying the service trucks have options of other routes, but seem to follow the same routes continually, and even ignore "Road Closed" signs when roads are closed for repairs, and the trucks keep the roads in disrepair. SEE NOTICE ATTACHED.

9. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to adopt Order #2023-01 setting the speed limit on Panola County Road #312 at 30 MPH. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt Order #2023-02 authorizing "No Thru Truck" signs on Panola County roads. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of Rock Hill Water Supply Corporation to award by resolution a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the WSC's 2023-2024 Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG grant and authorizing the execution of a contract. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of Rock Hill Water Supply Corporation's Selection Review Committee to award by resolution engineering services for the WSC's 2023-2024 Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG Grant, sponsored by Panola County, to provide application preparation and engineering services, if awarded. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve two new Verizon cell phone lines for use by the Panola County Sheriff's Department. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
14. County Judge Rodger G. McLane moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a new Verizon cell phone line for use by the part-time Bailiff/Courthouse Security Officer. The motion carried unanimously.
15. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a Cooperative Agreement between Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Service and Panola County beginning January 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2028. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
16. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve authorizing County Judge Rodger G. McLane to enroll the eligible county employees in the 2023 cybersecurity training course provided by Texas Association of Counties. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2023.



Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

3-14-23

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 28, 2023.



Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



3/14/23

Date