

State of Texas
County of Panola

On this [26th day of March 2024](#), 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 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: Mr. Butch Marsalis gave the prayer.

OPEN MEETING:

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Keri Perot-Vance, Executive Director of the Panola County Chamber of Commerce reported on upcoming events and new businesses in the County.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

There were no Commissioner's Reports.

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

Judge McLane welcomed Ms. Sherry Parker's class from Carthage High School.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the employment of Bobby Henley as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 effective April 8, 2024

through October 3, 2024 (pending drug test and physical) at the rate of \$22.29 per hour.

ROAD & BRIDGE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To record Retainer Agreement for professional services between Allison, Bass & Magee LLP and Panola County.
- b. To record Attorney Fee Schedule for Panola County.
- c. To record Rock Hill Water Supply Corporation CDBG Agreement CDV23-0438 Budget.
- d. To record Certificates of Completion from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government for continuing education training for Panola County Commissioner, Precinct #1 Billy Alexander.
- e. To record Certificates of Completion from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government for continuing education training for Panola County Commissioner, Precinct #2 David A. Cole.
- f. To record Certificates of Completion from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government for continuing education training for Panola County Commissioner, Precinct #4 Glen Dale LaGrone.
- g. To record February 2024 Treasurer’s Reports.
- h. To record February 2024 Auditor’s Monthly Report.

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 Commissioner, Precinct #3 Craig Lawless; Panola County Sheriff Cutter Clinton (2); PCSD Lieutenant James Ferris (2); Panola County Clerk Bobbie Davis; Panola County First Assistant Criminal District Attorney Joey Fenlaw; and PCSD Mental Health Deputy Colton McNair.

Commissioner Craig M. Lawless 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 Dale LaGrone 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 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. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to proclaim the month of April 2024 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [PROCLAMATION](#) ATTACHED.
8. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between RaceTrac Inc. and Panola County regarding the property located adjacent to County Road #303. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING](#) ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt a Resolution of Support for County Motor Fuel Tax Exemptions for Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [RESOLUTION](#) ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to declare Precinct #4 equipment as surplus property: 2005 John Deere 310 SG backhoe unit #501 and a 2012 John Deere 310 SJ backhoe unit #1205 (used for trade-in). The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a Sourcewell Contract #011723-JDC from Doggett for the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 320P backhoe for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve invoices submitted by Hollands Quarters Water Supply Corporation to

be paid from ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION ATTACHED](#).

13. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve invoices submitted by DeBerry Water Supply Corporation to be paid from ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION ATTACHED](#).
14. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve invoices submitted by Clayton Water Supply Corporation to be paid from ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION ATTACHED](#).
15. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to appoint Aubrey Hull to the Tri-County Community Action Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Panola County Judge Rodger McLane, who holds a seat representing the elected officials of Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [LETTER ATTACHED](#).
16. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a Bill of Sale between Ronnie and Kayla Whitten and Panola County for Hangar #21 located at the Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [BILL OF SALE ATTACHED](#).

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

1. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt Panola County Sheriff’s Office Resolution #R-PCSO-01-2024 (Grant ID# 2024-PanolaCoSO-CIOT-00015) regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Step Grant Program. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [RESOLUTION ATTACHED](#).
2. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt Panola County Sheriff’s Office Resolution #R-PCSO-02-2024 (Grant ID# 2024-PanolaCoSO-OpSlow-00014) regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Step Grant Program. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [RESOLUTION ATTACHED](#).

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Dated this 26th day of March 2024.

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 [authorized proceedings of Commissioners' Court held on March 26, 2024.](#)

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

Date