

State of Texas
County of Panola

On this [18th day of June 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.

Trey Fleming addressed the Court about SB969.

Elaine Crippen, representing Pine Hill Water Supply, questioned the Court about the ARPA funds allotted to water supply companies supplying services to Panola County residents.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioners reported that the Road and Bridge crews continue to clean up trees and brush from recent storms, as well as work on roads.

3. COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

Judge McLane reported that the drainage project at the Courthouse is nearing completion.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the retirement of Carrie Riddle as a Communications Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective June 30, 2024.
- b. To record the resignation of Bruce Koch as a Reserve Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective June 6, 2024.
- c. To record the employment of Drake Murry as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective June 15, 2024 at the rate of \$19.02 per hour plus uniform allowance.
- d. To record the employment of Joshua Strong as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2 effective June 24, 2024 through December 12, 2024 at the rate of \$22.29 per hour.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by Gemini Carthage Pipeline, LLC to place a 30" steel line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #337.
- b. To approve and record a request by Eastex Telephone Cooperative to place 1 ½" lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #163, #1631, #164, #165 and #169.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To accept and record Analysis of the GASB 75 Liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits for Panola County as of December 31, 2023.
- b. To record May 2024 Auditor's Reports.
- c. To record May 2024 Treasurer's Reports.
- d. To approve and record Panola County Investment Report for Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2023.
- e. To approve and record Panola County Investment Report for Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2023.

- f. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Bailiff/Courthouse Security Officer Jeff Martin.
- g. To record Panola County's Capital Asset Listing Report for December 31, 2023.
- h. To authorize the County Auditor to advertise for sealed bids for debris and timber removal at Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field. Bids will be opened at a regular session of Commissioners' Court scheduled for July 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Specifications available in the County Judge's Office, 110 S. Sycamore, Room 216-A, Carthage, Texas and at Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field, 1305 US 79N, Carthage, Texas.
- i. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Peace Officer Jeff Martin.

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 Communications Officer Marissa Harrison; PCSD Detention Officer Jeffrey McAndrews; PCSD Detention Officer Casey Jones; and PCSD Communications Officer Ashley Esquivel.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved to approve the Consent Items and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion. 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 Billy Alexander 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 Craig M. Lawless 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 Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to receive the County Auditor's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report after presentation of the findings by Mr. Kevin Cashion of Gollob Morgan Peddy PC. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [REPORT](#) ATTACHED.

8. A public hearing was held for consideration of reducing the speed limit on Panola County Road #3224.
9. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt Order #2024-09 setting the speed limit on Panola County Road #3224 at 30 MPH. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [ORDER](#) ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to accept bids from (#1) [Coburns Supply Company](#) and (#2) [Thompson Feed and Farm Supply](#) for polyethylene corrugated culverts for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BIDS ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to award the bid for bridge construction on County Road #175 to Sanders Creek Construction. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [BID](#) ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to table until the July 2, 2024 session of Commissioners' Court a decision on award of a bid for the Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field fuel tank farm. The motion carried unanimously.
13. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a quote from Car-Tex Trailer Company Inc. for a 2024 Top Hat tandem dual gooseneck dump trailer for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [QUOTE](#) ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a quote from Texas Trailers & Buildings for an 83' X 20' tandem dual dump trailer for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [QUOTE](#) ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve a contract between Thomson Reuters and Panola County for the Panola County Law Library. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [QUOTE](#) ATTACHED.

[SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA](#)

1. County Judge Rodger McLane moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve invoices submitted by Deadwood Water Supply Corporation to be paid from ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.

2. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve invoices submitted by Fairplay Water Supply Corporation to be paid from ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Billy Alexander abstaining. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
3. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve invoices submitted by Rockhill Water Supply Corporation to be paid from ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
4. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve invoices submitted by Riderville Water Supply Corporation to be paid from ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Dated this 18th day of June 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 June 18, 2024](#).

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

Date