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State of Texas
County of Panola

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COUNTY CLERK, PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS
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On this 23rd day of April 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 was Vicki Heinkel, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge/County Commissioners' Coordinator. 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: Retired County Judge David L. Anderson 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:**

The Commissioners reported that they and their crews have been busy cleaning up damage and repairing roads caused by recent storms and flooding.

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

Judge McLane expressed appreciation to all emergency personnel and news media for help during recent storms.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the employment of Jeffery Kyle as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1 effective April 29, 2024 through October 17, 2024 (pending drug test and physical) at the rate of \$22.29 per hour.
- b. To record the temporary employment of Karen McClelland as an Early Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective April 22, 2024 and ending May 8, 2024 at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.
- c. To record a change in status of employment for Madison Sandobal from Senior Detention Officer to Detention Corporal with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective April 20, 2024 at the rate of \$20.76 per hour.
- d. To record the employment of Jeremy Wagstaff as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective April 22, 2024 at the rate of \$19.02 per hour plus uniform allowance.

ROAD & BRIDGE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To record The Ohio Casualty Insurance Official Bond and Oath for the Panola County Fire Marshal.
- b. To authorize the County Auditor to advertise for sealed bids for polyethylene corrugated culverts. Bids to be opened at a regular session of Commissioners' Court scheduled for May 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Specifications available in the County Judge's Office, 110 S. Sycamore, Room 216-A, Carthage, Texas and at the County Warehouse, 1121 E. Sabine, Carthage, Texas.
- c. To record Warranty Deed, disclosures, Owner's Policy of Title Insurance and Settlement Statement (HUD-1) on a two acre tract of land, a part of the David Brown Survey, A-104 from Bettie L. Williams.
- d. To authorize the County Auditor to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) 1½ ton cab and chassis single cab truck for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1. Bid specifications are available in the County Judge's Office, 110 S. Sycamore, Room 216-A, Carthage, Texas. Bids will be opened May 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

- e. To record March 2024 Treasurer's Reports.
- f. To record March 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 Deputy Constable, Precinct #2 and #3 Robert Duncan; PCSD Mental Health Deputy Colton McNair; PCSD Patrol Sergeant Quade Davis (2); PCSD Patrol Sergeant Calahan Malone; PCSD Patrol Deputy Matthew Mitchell; PCSD Investigator Chadd Gray; PCSD Patrol Lieutenant/Narcotics Investigator Chris Welk; and PCSD Training Coordinator Travis Curry.

Commissioner Billy Alexander moved to approve the Consent Items, excluding Miscellaneous Item "b". Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

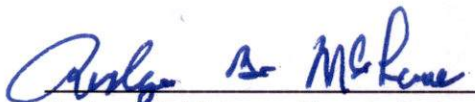
A COPY OF EACH LETTER, AMENDMENT, REQUEST, AND/OR BOND IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES.

- 5. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner 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 Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a variance on property belonging to Karl James in the John McAdams Survey, A-422. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PLAT ATTACHED.
- 8. Jonathan Collander and Tasha Brent, representing Texas Association of Counties, offered a mid-year review of all HEBP Services, including Silver Choice for retirees. County Judge Rodger McLane moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to accept the presentation. The motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to proclaim the month of April 2024 Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROCLAMATION ATTACHED.

10. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to proclaim the week of April 28, 2024 – May 5, 2024 as Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROCLAMATION ATTACHED.
11. County Judge Rodger McLane moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to re-appoint Bryan Murff as Panola County Fire Marshall/EMC for a two-year term commencing May 1, 2024 at his current rate of pay. The motion carried unanimously. SEE APPOINTMENT AND LETTER ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Cross-Border Emergency Alerting to the Public between Rusk County, Texas IPAWS Alerting Authority and Panola County, Texas Non-Alerting Authority. The motion carried unanimously. SEE MOU ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to table until a future session of Commissioners' Court a decision on terminating a contract with Morrison Supply for polyethylene corrugated culverts; and authorization of the County Judge to send a 30-day notice to Morrison Supply regarding termination. The motion carried unanimously.
14. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig Lawless seconded the motion to terminate a contract with KSA Engineers, Inc. for bidding and construction services for renovations and improvements for the Panola County Courthouse; and to authorize the County Judge to send a 7-day notice to KSA Engineers, Inc. regarding termination. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LETTER ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 7. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned.

Dated this 23rd day of April 2024.



Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

May 7, 2024
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 April 23, 2024.

Bobbie Davis

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



6/7/24
Date