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County of Panola

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COUNTY CLERK, PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS
BY P. Davis DEPUTY

On this 4th 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.

Mr. Keith Coleman, a local veteran, extended an invitation to local citizens for Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations in Panola County.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioners reported that the Road and Bridge crews are busy clearing fallen trees from recent storms, and asked that citizens report downed trees and damage to the Commissioners' Coordinator Vicki Heinkel or Melanie Earle at the Road and Bridge Warehouse.

3. COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

Judge McLane reported that Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field suffered damage during the recent storms, and the Tax Assessor-Collector and Auto Registration Offices are closed today until 10:00 AM.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the employment of Takoda Dugger as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective May 24, 2024 at the rate of \$19.02 per hour plus uniform allowance.
- b. To record the withdrawal letter of resignation from Raven McPherson, Part-Time Floating Secretary (resignation letter posted on May 21, 2024 Commissioners' Court Agenda).
- c. To record a change in status of employment for Ashley Esquivel from Detention Corporal to Communications Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective May 22, 2024 at the rate of \$20.06 per hour.
- d. To record a change in status of employment for Lane Wilson from Detention Officer to Detention Corporal with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective May 27, 2024 at the rate of \$20.76 per hour.
- e. To record the appointment of Darrin Peoples as a Reserve Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective June 4, 2024.
- f. To approve and record the creation of a full time Bailiff/Courthouse Security Officer position for Panola County effective June 4, 2024.
- g. To discuss and act upon approving a change in status of employment for Jeff Martin from License and Weight Enforcement Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department to Panola County Bailiff/Courthouse Security with Panola County effective June 4, 2024 at the rate of \$25.70 per hour.

ROAD & BRIDGE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of May 2024.

- b. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Deputy Sheriff Matthew Williamson.
- c. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms form Panola County Deputy Sheriff Justin Williams.
- d. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Reserve Deputy Sheriff Darrin Peeples.
- e. To record Budget Adjustment Register for Panola County Election Services.

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 Treasurer Joni Reed; Panola County Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 Jeff Ivy; Panola County Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Bryan Murff; and Panola County Deputy Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 Kevin Lake.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved to approve the Consent Items and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless 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 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 David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt Order #2024-08 increasing the change fund for the Panola County Auto Registration Office. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
- 8. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to review the County's Tax Abatement Policy, and to renew said Policy for a two-year period commencing June 7, 2024. The motion carried unanimously. SEE POLICY ATTACHED.

9. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve an estimate from Knowink for twenty-four (24) iPads with twenty-four (24) poll pad sleds and four (4) cables for the Panola County Elections Office. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ESTIMATE ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt a Panola County Resolution (Federal or State – TxDOT acting as Agent) regarding design and construction for pavement rehabilitation and electrical improvements for the Panola County Airport-Sharpe Field; and to request financial assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation for these improvements. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve an estimate from Infinity Carports for a 30' X 30' garage style building for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department and Panola County Fire Marshall/Emergency Management; and to approve a deposit required to order. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ESTIMATE ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve Tips Contract #24010401 Proposal from Casey Slone Construction LLC for exterior masonry restoration at the Panola County Courthouse. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve Tips Contract #24010401 Proposal from Casey Slone Construction LLC for a full masonry restoration of the Panola County Historic Jail located at 213 N. Shelby Street, Carthage, Texas. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve Tips Contract #24010401 Proposal from Casey Slone Construction LLC for engineering drainage at the Panola County Road and Bridge Warehouse. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a rental quote from George P. Bane Inc. for rental equipment (Dynapac roller) for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
16. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a rental quote from Holt Cat for rental equipment (Holt Cat RM400 reclaimer) for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED.

17. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to publish notice of public hearing for June 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM to reduce the speed limit on County Road #3224 to 30 MPH pursuant to Section 251.152 of the VTCA Transportation Code. The motion carried unanimously. SEE NOTICE ATTACHED.
18. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to move a right-of-way line on Panola County Road #1844, Murvail Reservoir Shoreline Subdivision A, Section 1-N, Lot 116-A. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PLAT ATTACHED.
19. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve 2024 Budget Amendment No. 9. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.
20. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a quote from Schumacher Construction Services LLC to remodel the new Panola County Justice of the Peace offices. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Dated this 4th day of June 2024.




 Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

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 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 4, 2024.



 Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



7/2/24

 Date