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State of Texas
County of Panola

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

On this 3rd day of December 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 recent and upcoming events in the County.

Mr. Butch Marsalis thanked the Chamber of Commerce for assisting with the early opening of Jucy's Restaurant in Carthage.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

There were no Commissioners' reports.

3. COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

There was no County Judge's report.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the appointment of Scott Peal as Special Prosecutor with the Panola County District Attorney's Office effective October 26, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at the rate of \$85.00 per hour.
- b. To record the retirement of Joni Reed as Panola County Treasurer effective December 31, 2024.

ROAD & BRIDGE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of November 2024.
- b. To accept and record a donation from Sabine Oil & Gas in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Panola County Sheriff's Department for education and equipment.
- c. To record a Change Order to the Proposal Contract between Johnson Controls and Panola County for two additional split system HVAC systems for the Panola County Courthouse.

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 District Clerk Lindsey Smith and Panola County Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Bryan Murff.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone 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 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 Billy Alexander 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 Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to table until the December 17, 2024 session of Commissioners' Court a decision on the purchase of one (1) ¾ ton crew cab truck for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1. The motion carried unanimously.
8. County Judge Rodger McLane moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to award the bid for a used Generac 75K generator previously declared surplus by the Court to Craig Electric. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BID ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to decline approval of an OnStar service subscription for the Panola County Constable's Office, Precincts #2 and #3 at an annual cost of \$200.00 (previously tabled from November 19, 2024 session of Commissioners' Court). The motion carried unanimously.
10. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt a Resolution re-approving the County's Investment Policy. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to adopt Order #2024-14 claiming an exemption from competitive bidding for fiscal year 2025 for medical treatment for various offenders housed in the Panola County Detention Center and for indigent residents who qualify pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(2) and (4). The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt Order #2024-15 claiming an exemption from competitive bidding for fiscal year 2025 for electric power, gas, water and other utility services. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt Order #2024-16 claiming an exemption from competitive bidding and competitive proposal requirements for fiscal year 2025 for food purchases for the Panola County Detention Center. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt Order #2024-17 designating a day of the week for regular meetings of

- the Commissioners' Court each month. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt Order #2024-18 committing fund balances in compliance with GASB-54. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
 16. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a proposal from Tex-Star for fire extinguisher services for a one (1) year period commencing January 1, 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.
 17. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve a proposal from American Filter Service for a one (1) year period commencing January 1, 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
 18. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a proposal from Paladin Pest Management for pest control for the Courthouse, Judicial Center, Sheriff's Department, Probation Offices, Detention Center, 316 W. Sabine Annex, Road and Bridge Warehouse and Airport for a one (1) year period commencing January 1, 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.
 19. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a proposal from Koetter Fire Protection LLC for annual fire sprinkler system maintenance and inspection services for the Panola County Judicial Center and the Detention Center for a one (1) year period commencing January 1, 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.
 20. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a proposal from Koetter Fire Protection LLC for the 2025 annual inspection and testing of fire alarm systems at the Courthouse, Judicial Center, Sheriff's Department and Detention Center. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.
 21. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt a payment schedule for election workers in elections supervised by Panola County including Election Judges, Alternate Election Judges and Election Clerks for fiscal year 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE ATTACHED.
 22. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt a payment schedule for Petit Jurors and Grand Jurors for fiscal year 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE ATTACHED.

23. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt Panola County Resolution Grant/Application #5288401 authorizing the County Judge to apply for County Essential Services Program through the Office of the Governor. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION GRANT/APPLICATION ATTACHED.
24. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to execute the Opioids Settlement Participation and Release Forms for settlement offers from the Kroger Co. (Kroger) in connection with Texas Opioid Multi-District Litigation for the County in the matter of County of Panola vs. Purdue Pharma LP et al. The motion carried unanimously. SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED.
25. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to declare 7 desks, 2 cabinets, 2 tables, 2 filing cabinets, 1 mail slot and 2 chairs as surplus property. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LIST ATTACHED.
26. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to advertise for sealed bids for used office furniture and equipment. Bids will be opened December 17, 2024 at a regular session of the Panola County Commissioners' Court scheduled for 9:00 AM. The motion carried unanimously. SEE NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID ATTACHED.
27. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve 2024 Budget Amendment No. 18. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.
28. County Judge Rodger McLane moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to appoint the County Treasurer's Chief Deputy Abby Booker Panola County Treasurer due to the vacancy created by County Treasurer Joni Reed's retirement effective January 1, 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LETTER ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Dated this 3rd of December, 2024.



Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

1-14-2025

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 December 3, 2024.

Bobbie Davis

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

