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State of Texas  
County of Panola

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

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas met in a regular meeting (postponed due to emergency from February 25, 2025) 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:** Commissioner David A. Cole 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. Mrs. Vance congratulated Panola County Fire Marshal/Emergency Services Coordinator Bryan Murff for being recognized as Panola County Citizen of the Year at the recent Panola County Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Mr. Keith Coleman reported that he has noticed a lot of trash on the State Highways in his area of the County. Judge McLane responded that the County Roads should be cleaned up soon, and Sheriff Cutter Clinton also responded with an explanation of the laws that address the circumstances under which a SWEAT team may work outdoors.

Mr. Gary Kelley addressed the Court on the topic of the 2026 Budget and possible tax increases. Judge McLane and the Court responded with an explanation of the budget process with an emphasis on the services in which a county is required by statute to provide funding, and explained that the decision to increase taxes is taken seriously by the Court. Mr. Chad Maines also addressed the Court on the topic of the 2025 tax increase, asking the County to give him a break. County Auditor Jennifer Stacy responded, citing the tax rates over the past 12-15 years in terms of cents on the dollar, noting the cyclical nature of property taxes. Commissioner Dale

LaGrone responded by noting that inflation has affected every aspect of county government along with individual families in the County.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

There were no Commissioners' reports.

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

County Judge Rodger McLane congratulated Panola County Fire Marshal/Emergency Services Coordinator Bryan Murff for being recognized as Panola County Citizen of the Year at the recent Panola County Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

**PERSONNEL**

- a. To record the employment of Matthew Leigeber as a Deputy Sheriff (rotating shifts) with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 15, 2025 at the rate of \$25.70 per hour plus uniform allowance.
- b. To record a change in status of employment for Travis Wilson from Deputy Sheriff to Detention/Extradition Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective February 12, 2025 at the rate of \$25.70 per hour plus uniform allowance.
- c. To record a change in status of employment for Raven McPherson from Part-Time Floating Secretary with Panola County to Panola County Justice of the Peace Clerk, Precincts #2 and #3 effective February 10, 2025 at the rate of \$18.50 per hour.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- a. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place a power supply pole with aerial drop from existing pole within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #430.
- b. To accept and record a donation of \$38,223.36 from TGNR East Texas for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 on County Road #336 to purchase oil dirt.
- c. To approve and record a request by DTM Louisiana Gathering LLC to place a 12.75" OD line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #320.
- d. To approve and record a request to DTM Louisiana Gathering LLC to place temporary driveways in the right-of-way of Panola County Road #320.

- e. To approve and record a request by Sunoco Pipeline LP to place an 8" line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #464.
- f. To approve and record a request by Select Water Solutions to place a 12" temporary water line within the right-of-way of Panola County Roads #269 and #2691.
- g. To approve and record a request by Gill Water Supply to place a 4" water line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #310.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. To record January 2025 Treasurer's Reports.
- b. To record January 2025 Auditor's Monthly Report.
- c. To approve and record Federal Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report between the Federal Government, Panola County Sheriff's Department and Panola County for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.
- d. To approve and record Federal Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report between the Federal Government, Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office and Panola County for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.
- e. To approve and record Federal Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report between the Federal Government, Office of Panola County Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 and Panola County for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.
- f. To approve and record Federal Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report between the Federal Government, Office of Panola County Constable, Precincts #2 and #3 and Panola County for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.
- g. To record Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Law Enforcement Agency for the Panola County Sheriff's Department for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.
- h. To record Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Law Enforcement Agency for the Panola County Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.
- i. To record Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Law Enforcement Agency for the Panola County Constable Precincts #2 and #3 for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.
- j. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Justice of the Peace, Precincts #2 and #3 Clerk Raven McPherson.

- k. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office forms for Panola County Deputy Sheriff Matthew Leigeber.
- l. To record letter from Election Administrator's Office recommending no changes be made to election precinct boundaries pursuant to Texas Election Codes 42.005, 42.006, 42.007 and 42.031.
- m. To approve and record the Security Pledge/Release Request form for First State Bank and Trust Company.

**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 Auditor Jennifer Stacy, 123<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court Report Carol Mixon, Justice of the Peace, Precincts #2 and #3 Maria Hernandez (2); PCSD Deputy Sheriff Madison Davis, PCSD Lieutenant James Ferris (2), PCSD Sergeant Chris Hansen, PCSD Criminal Investigator Andy Nixon, PCSD Deputy Sheriff Justin Williams, Panola County Child Welfare Board Member Donna A Marler, Panola County Sheriff Cutter Clinton and PCSD Communications Officer Valerie Bailey.

Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole 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 Craig M. Lawless 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 decline a bid for carpet and blinds for the Panola County Courthouse (opened and tabled in the February 11, 2025 session of Commissioners' Court). The motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to cancel a quote for a Top Hat 8' X 20' tandem dual gooseneck dump trailer from Car-Tex Trailer Company, Inc. approved in Commissioners' Court on February 11, 2025; and to approve a revised quote from Car-Tex Trailer Company, Inc. for a Top Hat 8' X 20' tandem dual gooseneck dump

trailer for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.

9. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve Ground Lease Agreement for Hangar #2 at Panola County Airport - Sharpe Field between Panola County and Jerry Hail. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve Ground Lease Agreement for Hangar #7 at Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field between Panola County and Dennis McMillan. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve Ground Lease Agreement for Hangar #20 at Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field between Panola County and Phillip Verhalen. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve Ground Lease Agreement for Hangars #6, #17 and #18 at Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field between Panola County and Shannon Swilley. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve Ground Lease Agreement for Hangar #19 at Panola County Airport - Sharpe Field between Panola County and Jeb James. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve Ground Lease Agreement for Hangar #12 at Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field between Panola County and David Deaton. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve TIPS Pricing Proposal #00133187 from Scott-Merriman for a book preservation project for 2025 for the Panola County Clerk’s Office (pending TIPS contract #230105 approval). The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.
16. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve TIPS Pricing Proposal #TE02-06-2025 from Scott-Merriman for steel fixture roller shelving for the Panola County Clerk’s Office (pending TIPS contract #230105 approval). The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.

17. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the counties of Panola and Shelby concerning the holding of Shelby County prisoners in the Panola County Detention Center. The motion carried unanimously. SEE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
18. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the counties of Panola and Nacogdoches concerning the holding of Nacogdoches County prisoners in the Panola County Detention Center. The motion carried unanimously. SEE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
19. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a plat for the River Estates Subdivision, Lots #1-9 to be located in the Reuben Collins Survey A-134 in Panola County, Texas. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PLAT ATTACHED.
20. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a plat for the Champlin's Crossing, Lots #1-4 to be located in the Adolphus Moorman Survey, A-427 in Panola County, Texas. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PLAT ATTACHED.
21. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve an Engagement Agreement between Panola County and Hause Actuarial Solutions Inc. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
22. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to appoint members to the Panola County Historical Commission for two-year terms commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE APPOINTMENT LIST ATTACHED.
23. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a budget for Title IV-E County Child Welfare Services Contract between Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Panola County; and to approve FFATA certification. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION ATTACHED.
24. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve a 48-month Lease Agreement between Xerox and Panola County for a Xerox C8145 Copier for use by the Panola County Clerk's Office. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
25. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve 2024 Budget Amendment No. 22. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

*Rodger G. McLane*

Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

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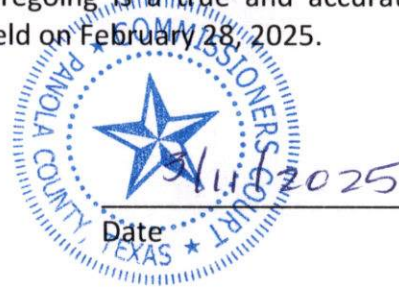
Date

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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 February 28, 2025.

*Bobbie Davis*

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



Date