

State of Texas
County of Panola

On this [3rd day of July 2023](#), 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 G. McLane	County Judge
Billy Alexander	Commissioner, Precinct #1
David A. Cole	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Dale LaGrone	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Commissioner Craig M. Lawless was absent. 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 Vance, Executive Director of the Panola County Chamber of Commerce, reported that the Independence Day celebration at Lake Murvaul was a huge success. Butch Marsalis, a local citizen, expressed gratitude for the first responders, Emergency Management Coordinator Bryan Murff and others that helped during and after recent storms and winds in Panola County.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

There were no Commissioner's Reports.

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

There was no County Judge's Report.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the employment of Abagayle Standard as a part-time Deputy Clerk with the Panola County Tax Office effective June 27, 2023 at the rate of \$16.50 per hour.
- b. To record the employment of Christian Chavez as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective July 1, 2023 at the rate of \$18.11 per hour.
- c. To record the employment of James R. Duncan as Panola County Airport - Sharpe Field Manager effective July 3, 2023 at the budgeted rate of pay plus travel allowance.
- d. To record the employment of Katelyn Burgess as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective July 15, 2023 at the rate of \$16.81 per hour.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To record Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1 2019 Ford F-750 dump truck unit #1908, VIN 1FTDXF7DEOKDF11081 to be used for salvage parts.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of June 2023.
- b. To record a First Amendment of Disaster Declaration Related to Severe Storms and Tornados for Panola County, Texas issued by County Judge pursuant to Chapter 418.018(b), Government Code.
- c. To approve and record 2023 Budget Amendment No. 9.
- d. To approve and record relinquishing eight (8) delinquent Panola General Hospital collection accounts.

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 Detention Corporal

Madison Hudnall; PCSD Captain Adams Jones; PCSD Deputy Sheriff Chris Hansen and PCSD Sergeant Quade Davis.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Craig M. Lawless absent.

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

5. Commissioner Billy Alexander 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, with Commissioner Craig M. Lawless absent. SEE [PAYMENT REGISTER](#) ATTACHED.
6. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve payment of Panola County payroll as prepared and submitted by the County Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Craig M. Lawless absent. SEE [PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION REGISTER](#) ATTACHED.
7. County Judge Rodger McLane moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to table any action on the revised Broadband Study and Action Plan for Panola County until a future meeting of the Court, pending revisions to the plan. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Craig M. Lawless absent.
8. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve an RFQ for architectural/engineering services from KSA Engineers, Inc. opened in the June 20, 2023 session of Commissioners' Court. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Craig M. Lawless absent. SEE [PROPOSAL](#) ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to [appoint](#) Holly Gibbs as Panola County's representative to calculate and publish the No-New-Revenue tax rate and Voter-Approval tax rate schedules for tax roll year 2023 (Property Tax Code 26.04). The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Craig M. Lawless absent.
10. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to declare the following used mowers as surplus property for the Panola County Airport: Yazoo mower, model #YZTK20, S/N 559012357; 2015 Grasshopper mower, model #725DT6, S/N 6519292; and Grasshopper mower, model #928, S/N 5515801. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Craig M. Lawless absent. SEE [REQUEST](#) ATTACHED.

11. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve BuyBoard contract GM-#706-23 from Lowe Tractor and Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of a Kubota ZD1200 series mower for use by the Panola County Airport-Sharpe Field. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Craig M. Lawless absent. SEE [CONTRACT](#) ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Dated this 3rd day of July 2023.

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 [Commissioners' Court's authorized proceedings for July 3, 2023](#).

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

Date