

State of Texas
County of Panola

On this [26th day of September 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 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 Vance, Executive Director of the Panola County Chamber of Commerce, reported on upcoming events in the County.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

There were no Commissioner's Reports.

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

County Judge Rodger McLane expressed appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for organizing and implementing Potlatch.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the separation of employment for Jacob Blackwell as a temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2 effective September 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM.
- b. To record the separation of employment for Bobby Henley as temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 effective September 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To accept and record a donation of \$34,809.20 from Sabine Oil & Gas for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 on County Road #324.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To record August 2023 Auditor's Monthly Report.
- b. To record Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Amendment No. 4 for Title IV-F Child Welfare-Financial 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): PCSD Patrol Sergeant Chris Hansen; Panola County Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 Jeff Ivy; and Panola County Deputy Constable, Precincts #1 and #4 Kevin Lake.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless 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 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. SEE [PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION REGISTER](#) ATTACHED.

7. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to table until the October 10, 2023 session of Commissioners' Court the award of a bid for the purchase of a trailer for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2. The motion carried unanimously.
8. County Judge Rodger McLane moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to nominate Taylor M. Harris to the Panola County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2024-2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve the transfer of a 2015 Chevy Tahoe, VIN 1GNSK2EC9FR577185 from Panola County Constable, Precincts #2 and #3 to the Panola County Airport. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [REQUEST](#) ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to authorize county employees from Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 to demolish the Panola County Airport-Sharpe Field terminal. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt a resolution regarding a 20-year study for the Panola County Airport-Sharpe Field. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [RESOLUTION](#) ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a proposal from KSA Engineers Inc. for renovations and improvements for the Panola County Courthouse design. The motion passed unanimously. SEE [PROPOSAL](#) ATTACHED.
13. County Judge Rodger McLane moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to proclaim October 1-7, 2023 as National 4-H Week. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [PROCLAMATION](#) ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to proclaim October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [PROCLAMATION](#) ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a Health Services Agreement between Southern Health Partners and Panola County for inmate health services from January 1 – December 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [AGREEMENT](#) ATTACHED.

16. County Judge Rodger McLane moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Carthage and Panola County for a new outdoor fire training facility for city and county volunteer fire departments. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [AGREEMENT](#) ATTACHED.
17. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a Lease Agreement between LaBros Holdings LLC and Panola County for dirt for Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [LEASE AGREEMENT](#) ATTACHED.
18. Commissioners' Court entered closed session at 9:17 AM.
19. Commissioners' Court re-convened in open session at 9:51 AM. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM.

Dated this 26th day of September 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 September 26, 2023](#).

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

Date