

State of Texas
County of Panola

On this [6th day of May 2025](#), 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: 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, and she and Clarissa Moon, Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Agent, reported on the recent Mental Health Fair.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

The Commissioners asked that residents call to report road damage due to recent and predicted storms.

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

There was no County Judge's Report.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the retirement of Gregory Almeida as Bailiff and Security Officer for Panola County effective April 30, 2025.
- b. To record the resignation of Travis Curry as a Deputy Sheriff with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective May 8, 2025.
- c. To record the employment of John Collier as a Deputy Sheriff with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective May 1, 2025 at the rate of \$25.70 per hour plus uniform allowance.
- d. To record a change in status of employment for Hollie Mojica from Courthouse Security for Panola County to Deputy Sheriff with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective May 9, 2025 at the rate of \$25.70 per hour plus uniform allowance.
- e. To record a change in status of employment for John Howard III from Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department to Courthouse Security for Panola County effective May 9, 2025 at the rate of \$25.70 per hour plus uniform allowance.
- f. To record the appointment of Gregory Almeida as a Reserve Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective May 9, 2025.
- g. To record the retirement of David Lawless as Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1 effective June 30, 2025 at 5:00 PM.
- h. To record a transfer for Phillip Grimes from Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 to Temporary Operator with Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1 effective May 5, 2025 at the same rate of pay.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an 8' – 10' coax aerial drop to newly placed meter base pole with the meter box for power supply line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #108.
- b. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an 8' – 10' coax aerial drop to newly placed meter base pole with meter box for power supply line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #1230.
- c. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an 8' – 10' coax aerial drop to newly placed meter base pole with meter box for power supply line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #303.

- d. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an 8' – 10' coax aerial drop to newly placed meter base pole with meter box for power supply line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #4053.
- e. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an 8' – 10' coax aerial drop to newly placed meter base pole with meter box for power supply line within the right-of-way of Panola County Roads #414.
- f. To accept and record a donation of materials and labor valued at \$41,183.44 from TGNR for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 on County Road #336.
- g. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an underground conduit 2' HDPE line within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #263 and 284.
- h. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an underground conduit 2' HDPE line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #3062.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of April 2025.
- b. To record Certificate of Completion from the Texas Judicial Academy for completing 46.50 hours of approved study in fiscal year 2024; and to record press release from Texas Association of Counties recognizing County Judge Rodger McLane as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy.
- c. To record SLFRF Compliance Report for American Rescue Act (ARPA) funds for 2025.
- d. To record Liberty Mutual Surety Official Bond and Oath of Office forms for Reserve Deputy Sheriff David Fitts.

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 Extension Agents Clarissa Moon and Lee Dudley; Panola County Sheriff Cutter Clinton; and Panola County Tax Assessor-Collector Chief Deputy Cassandra Brooks.

Commissioner Craig M. Lawless 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 Dale LaGrone 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. SEE [PAYMENT REGISTER](#) ATTACHED.
6. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole 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 Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to award the bid for one (1) half ton crew cab truck for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2 to Excel Ford. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [BID](#) ATTACHED.
8. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to award the bid for one (1) tandem axle dump truck for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 to V & T Truck Center. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [BID](#) ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to submit a request for economic development funds forfeited by Deep East Texas Electric Co-op and other electric cooperatives as unclaimed capital credits. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to appoint Dr. John Ray to the Net RMA Board of Directors effective May 23, 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [LETTER AND APPOINTMENT](#) ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to decline an estimate from ACM Fabrication for 290' of galvanized chain link fence and two walk-through gates for the Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field. The motion carried unanimously.
12. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a Corrections Mobile Cost Proposal from Tyler Technologies for the Panola County Detention Center. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [PROPOSAL](#) ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve Panola County Constables' Offices participation in the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [INFORMATION](#) ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Dated this 6^h day of May 2025.

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 [authorized proceedings of Commissioners' Court held on May 6, 2025.](#)

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

Date