

State of Texas
County of Panola

On the [29th day of July 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: County Judge Rodger McLane gave the prayer.

OPEN MEETING:

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were no citizen comments.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

There were no Commissioner's Reports.

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

County Judge Rodger McLane reminded those present of the retirement reception for Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator Bryan Murff, scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the separation of Steve Morris as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4 effective July 17, 2025.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To accept and record a donation of \$12,000.00 from Williams Companies for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 on County Road #327 to purchase road oil.
- b. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 1-2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #155, 153, 152, 151 and 1531.
- c. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 1-2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #159, 158, 160 and 156.
- d. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 1-2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #187, 1532 and 153.
- e. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 1-2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #286 and 266.
- f. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an underground conduit 1-2' HDPE line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #322.
- g. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an underground conduit 1-2' HDPE line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #412.
- h. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an underground conduit 1-2" HDPE line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #415.
- i. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 1-2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #432, 440 and 4321.
- j. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 1-2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #447, 444, 445, 4463 and 446.
- k. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 1-2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #425, 428, 433, 427, 425, 426, 430, 4281 and 4251.
- l. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 1-2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #470 and 4701.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To record Holly Gibbs, Tax Assessor-Collector's Continuing Education Transcript for reporting period February 29, 2024 through February 28, 2025; and to record Maintenance Transcript for reporting period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- b. To record June 2025 Auditor's Reports.
- c. To record June 2025 Treasurer's Reports.
- d. To record 2025 Budget Jail Commissary for Panola County Jail.
- e. To cancel a subscription order and contract with Easy Ice LLC for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2 (approved in July 15, 2025 Commissioners' Court Meeting).
- f. To approve and record Panola County Investment Report for 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2025.

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 Judge Rodger G. McLane; Panola County District Clerk Lindsey Smith (2); Panola County Courthouse Security John (Sean) Howard; and Panola County Extension Agent Lee Dudley.

Commissioner Craig M. Lawless 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 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 Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve Lease Agreement for Hangar #15 at Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field between

Panola County and Lynn Stanley. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [LEASE AGREEMENT](#) ATTACHED.

8. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve Lease Agreement for Hangars #9, 11 and 16 at Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field between Panola County and Ben and Susan Donald. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [LEASE AGREEMENT](#) ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to appoint all Election Judges and Alternate Election Judges for a one-year period commencing August 1, 2025 (VTCA Election Code, Section 32.002). The motion carried unanimously. SEE [APPOINTMENTS LIST](#) ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a request to allocate funds from the District Clerk Records Management and Preservation Funds to supplement salaries for District Clerk employees. The motion carried with a vote of 4-1-0 with Commissioner David A. Cole voting No. SEE [REQUEST LETTER](#) ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve 2025 Budget Amendment No. 10. The motion carried unanimously. SEE [BUDGET AMENDMENT](#) ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Dated this 29th day of July 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 July 29, 2025](#).

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

Date