State of Texas
County of Panola

On the 7th day of April 2026, 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, Panola County Chamber of Commerce, reported on economic development matters in the County.

   Wes King thanked the Court for the County's interest in meeting with Congressman Nathaniel Moran.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

   There were no Commissioner's reports.

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

   County Judge Rodger McLane reported that Judge McLane recently met with Congressman Nathaniel Moran and that Panola County Airport - Sharpe Field Manager Robert Duncan just returned from conference.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

a. To record the employment of Donnie Shrell as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1 effective April 13, 2026 through October 8, 2026 (pending drug test and physical) at the rate of $23.63 per hour.

ROAD & BRIDGE

a. 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 #132.

b. To approve and record a request by TGNR Panola LLC to place 12" temporary water lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #319, 447, 445, 470 and 469.

MISCELLANEOUS

a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of March 2026.

b. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office for Panola County Sheriff's Department Deputy Sheriff William Luman.

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 Clerk Bobbie Davis; Panola County Veteran Service Officer William Morris; PCSD Investigators Randy Payne and Jesus Martinez; PCSD Jail Administrator Scott Jones; PCSD Deputy J. E. Collier; PCSD Administrative Clerks Valerie Bailey and Karlee Cohorst; PCSD Patrol Deputy Hunter Gray; and Panola County Tax Assessor-Collector Holly Gibbs.

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 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. 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 David A. Cole seconded the motion to proclaim the month of April 2026 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROCLAMATION ATTACHED.

8. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to proclaim the month of April 2026 Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROCLAMATION ATTACHED.

9. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve the Order of Appointment for Presiding and Alternate Judges for the Early Voting Ballot Board for the May 2, 2026 City of Beckville election. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.

10. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve TIPS Contract #230802 from East Texas Mack Sales LLC for the purchase of a 2026 Mack truck for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.

11. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a Purchase Specification for PTO and 2-line hydraulic wet kit for lowboy trailer operation intended for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 Mack truck (60% down payment and balance due upon completion). The motion carried unanimously. SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED.

12. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve Sourcewell Contract #93202 from Doggett Machinery Services for the purchase of a 2026 John Deere skid steer track loader for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE AND INFORMATION ATTACHED.

13. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to declare the following vehicles surplus property for the Sheriff's Department: 2012 Ford F-150 crew cab 4 X 4; 2014 Chevrolet Equinox; and 2015 Chevrolet Polic Package Tahoe 4WD. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.

14. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt Panola County's Competitive Procurement Procedures regarding County purchases (LGC 262.0245). The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROCEDURES ATTACHED.

15. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Gary Water Supply Corporation (City of Gary) and Panola County regarding water system improvements. The motion carried unanimously. SEE MEMORANDUM ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM.

Dated the 7th day of April 2026.

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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 April 7, 2026.

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Bobbie Davis, County Clerk Date