State of Texas
County of Panola

On the 25th day of August 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:**

   Mrs. Keri Perot-Vance, Executive Director, Panola County Chamber of Commerce, reported on recent and upcoming events in the County.

   Mr. Kit Brogdon addressed the Court on his concerns about Flock Safety Cameras in Panola County. Sheriff Cutter Clinton responded to Mr. Brogdon's comments and asked that he provide the information in writing so that the Sheriff's Department may consider his concerns.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

   There were no Commissioners' Reports.

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

   Judge McLane reported that a new school year has started and asked that everyone be aware of school buses and children in the busier traffic.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

None

ROAD & BRIDGE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

a. To set fees to be charged for services performed by the Offices of Sheriff and Constables beginning January 1, 2027 in compliance with Section 118.131 of the Local Government Code and to authorize posting of notice of such fees as required by Section 81.007 of the Local Government Code.

b. To record AIA Document A101 – 2007 Standard Form of Agreement between Panola County and Centurion Industries Inc. for the Panola County Detention Center roof project.

c. To record fiscal year 2027 Compensation Orders for County Auditor, Assistant County Auditors and Panola County 123rd District Court Reporter.

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 Tax Assessor-Collector Holly Gibbs; Panola County Tax Assessor-Collector Chief Deputy Cassandra Brooks; Panola County Auditor Jennifer Stacy; Panola County Assistant Auditor Janet Barnett; and Panola County Extension Agents Lee Dudley and Clarissa Moon.

Commissioner Billy Alexander 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 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 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. A public hearing was held on the Panola County Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget pursuant to notice and publication thereof as required by law. There were no comments or questions from those present. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to close the hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt the Panola County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 at the conclusion of the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET ATTACHED.

9. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt 2027 Elected Officials Salaries upon adoption of the Panola County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 pursuant to notice and publication thereof as required by law (Local Government Code, Section 152.013). The motion carried unanimously. SEE SALARY SCHEDULE ATTACHED.

10. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt Order #2026-09 setting the 2026 Tax Rate and Tax Levy and authorizing the Tax Assessor to prepare tax statements and approved tax rate (Local Government Code 111.010). The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.

11. At the request of Panola County Elections Administrator/Voter Registrar Kelsey Gates, Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to decline an Election Agreement between Elysian Fields ISD and Panola County. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a Notice of General Election for November 3, 2026. The motion carried unanimously. SEE NOTICE ATTACHED.

13. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to declare NEC phones used with old phone system surplus property for Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.

14. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve a Bill of Sale from Scott Anderson for a Road Runner Skid Steer attachment for Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0-1 with Commissioner Dale LaGrone abstaining. SEE BILL OF SALE ATTACHED.

15. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a quote from Energy Systems for three (3) 26 KW generators and one (1) 200A service

rated transfer switch for the Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.

16. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve 2026 Budget Amendment No. 11. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 AM.

Dated the 25th day of August 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 August 25, 2026.

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Bobbie Davis, County Clerk Date