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State of Texas
County of Panola

BOBBIE DAVIS
COUNTY CLERK, PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS
BY B. Davis DEPUTY

On the 13th day of January 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 recent and upcoming events in the County.

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

There were no Commissioner's Reports.

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

There was no County Judge's Report.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the resignation of Aracely Aguero as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective December 31, 2025.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by TGNR East Texas II to place a 12" line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #301.
- b. To approve and record a request by Fair Play Water Supply Corporation to place a 2" casing with ¾" service line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #245.
- 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 #450 and 449.
- 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 #446, 448, 4461 and 4465.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during December 2025.
- b. To record Engagement Letters from GMP Assurance PLLC for the Panola County Juvenile Probation Department, Panola County Supervision and Corrections Department and Panola County.
- c. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office for Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field Advisory Board Member Dr. Ben Donald.
- d. To accept and record a donation from Sabine Oil and Gas for \$3,000.00 for the Panola County Sheriff's Department.

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): None.

Commissioner Billy Alexander 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 Craig M. Lawless 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 Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt the 2026 Mileage Reimbursement Schedule. The motion carried unanimously. SEE SCHEDULE ATTACHED.
8. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve County Judge Rodger G. McLane enrolling eligible county employees in the 2026 Cybersecurity Training Course hosted by the Texas Association of Counties. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a quote from Universal ComOne for a phone for Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve an Order of Appointment for Presiding and Alternate Judges for the Early Voting Ballot Board and the Central Counting Station for the March 3, 2026 Joint Primary Election. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDERS OF APPOINTMENT ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve an Election Agreement between Carthage Independent School District (CISD) and Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve an Election Agreement between Panola College and Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve an Election Agreement between Gary Independent School District and Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to declare 200+ used/worn out tires as surplus property for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.

15. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve 2025 Budget Amendment No. 18. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 AM.

Dated the 13th day of January 2026.



Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

February 10, 2026
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 January 13, 2026.



Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

2/10/26
Date

