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State of Texas
County of Panola

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

On the 27th 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 was 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:**

Commissioners asked for patience as they clean up trees and debris left in the wake of the recent winter storm.

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

There was no County Judge's Report.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the temporary employment of Karen McClelland as an Early Primary Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective February 17, 2026 and ending March 6, 2026 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

- b. To record the temporary employment of Tammy Light as an Early Primary Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective February 17, 2026 and ending March 6, 2026 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- c. To record the temporary employment of Harriet Lowery as an Early Primary Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective February 17, 2026 and ending March 6, 2026 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- d. To record the temporary employment of Erin Cranford as an Early Primary Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective February 17, 2026 and ending March 6, 2026 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- e. To record the temporary employment of Lycia Evanoff as an Early Primary Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective February 17, 2026 and ending March 6, 2026 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- f. To record Election Security Officers Tabitha Martinez, Sean Howard, Logan Garrett and Jeff Martin for the Early Primary Election effective February 17, 2026 and ending March 6, 2026 at their normal rate of pay.
- g. To record an increase in salary to \$19.05 per hour for Brandi Howard, Part-Time Deputy Clerk with the Panola County Tax Office effective January 24, 2026.
- h. To record the employment of Parker Dickenson as a Part-Time Library Clerk with the Sammy Brown Library effective January 29, 2026 (pending background check and health screening) at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.
- i. To record the employment of Kevin Waldrop as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective January 26, 2026 at the rate of \$17.82 per hour plus uniform allowance.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by TGNR Panola LLC to place a 12" line within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #321, 322 and 471.
- b. To approve and record a request by Charter-Spectrum to place underground conduit 2" HDPE equipped with fiber optic cable and one (1) pedestal within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #128.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To record a corrected Contract of Agreement for BCR Elevators.
- b. To approve and record Panola County Investment Report for 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2025.
- c. To record December 2025 Treasurer's Report.
- d. To record December 2025 Auditor's Monthly Report.
- e. To record Official Bond and Oath Statements for Panola County Judge Rodger G. McLane.
- f. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office for Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field Advisory Board Member Dr. Glenn Hambrick.
- g. To record Construction Contract #CDV23-0438 Change Order #1 for Panola County (Rock Hill Water Supply).

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 Sheriff Cutter Clinton; PCSD Chief Deputy David Gray; PCSD Captain Adam Jones; PCSD K-9 Officer Richard Mojica; Panola County Constable, Precincts #2 & 3 Brack LaGrone; PCSD Investigator Calahan Malone; and PCSD Operations Chris Welk.

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 Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve two additional Verizon phone lines for use by the Panola County Sheriff's Department. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.

8. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt a resolution supporting legislation to exempt Texas counties from the State Hotel Occupancy Tax for Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to declare the following equipment for Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1 as surplus property to be used for scrap for the Panola County Firefighter Association for training: one (1) Ford F-750 dump truck with an irreparable title, VIN 1FDXF7DE0KDF11081. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to adopt an Order of Replacement Appointment for Election Judges for the Panola County Elections Office. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt Order #2026-02 granting an exemption from competitive purchase requirements (based on Local Government Code, Section 262.024(c)), for the purpose of purchasing a pug mill system from Shelby County for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
12. No action taken. Item will be considered at the next session of Commissioners' Court.
13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve 2026 Budget Amendment No. 1. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

1. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt Panola County Resolution #2026-02 regarding the Violence Against Women Prosecution Grant for the Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office with Panola County being responsible for 30% matching funds. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED.
2. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt Panola County Resolution #2026-03 regarding the District Attorney Forensic Testing Program Grant for 2026 for the Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED.
3. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt Panola County Resolution #2026-04 regarding the General Victim Assistance Grant for

2026 for the Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office. The motion carried unanimously.
SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM.

Dated the 27th day of January 2026.

Rodger G. McLane

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 27, 2026.

Bobbie Davis, by Rebecca Hicks

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

2/10/26

Date

