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State of Texas
County of Panola

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

On the 24th day of March 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:**

There were no citizen comments.

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 employment of William Luman as a Patrol Deputy Sheriff with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective March 20, 2026 at the rate of \$27.25 per hour.

- b. To record the employment of Charles Peters as an Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4 effective May 4, 2026 at the rate of \$22.64 per hour.
- c. To record the employment of James Ebarb as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 effective April 13, 2026 through October 8, 2026 at the rate of \$23.63 per hour.
- d. To record the employment of Frank Ebarb as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 effective April 13, 2026 through October 8, 2026 at the rate of \$23.63 per hour.
- d. To record the employment of Jeff Kyle as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1 effective March 30, 2026 through September 24, 2026 (pending drug test and physical) at the rate of \$23.63 per hour.

ROAD & BRIDGE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To record February 2026 Treasurer's Reports.
- b. To record February 2026 Auditor's Monthly Report.
- c. To canvass the results of the March 3, 2026 Primary Election; and to certify said results to the Secretary of State.
- d. To approve and record Pro Rata Tobacco Settlement Distribution County Expenditure Statement for 2026.
- e. To record an amendment between Flock Group Inc. and Panola County.
- f. To record May 23, 2023 corrected minutes to include Order Authorizing Approval of Proposed Texas Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreements, Letter and Attachment for item #19.

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;

PCSD Lieutenant James Ferris (2); Panola County Sheriff Cutter Clinton; Panola County Airport Manager Robert Duncan; Panola County Court at Law Judge Rick McPherson; Panola County Court at Law Court Coordinator Gina Goldman; Panola County Tax Assessor-Collector Holly Gibbs; and Panola County Tax Assessor-Collector Chief Deputy Cassandra Brooks.

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. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to proclaim the month of March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness 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 award the purchase of items of food for the Panola County Detention Center to Flowers Baking Company of Tyler LLC and Sysco East Texas upon recommendation of Jail Administrator Lt. Scott Jones. The motion carried unanimously. SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve BuyBoard Contract #724-23 from Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep for the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Ram crew cab 4 X 4 truck for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE CONTRACT ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a quote from Bruckner's Truck Sales for a 2020 Mack truck for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to declare the following items surplus property for the Elections Office: 17 iPads; 23 tablets and 19 MiFis. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.

12. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to advertise for sealed bids for 17 iPads, 23 tablets and 19 MiFis. Bid specifications are available in the County Judge's Office, 110 S. Sycamore, Room 216, Carthage TX 75633. Bids will be opened April 21, 2026 at a Regular Session of Panola County Commissioners' Court scheduled for 9:00 AM. The motion carried unanimously. SEE NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve an Election Agreement between the City of Beckville and Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a Planned Maintenance (PM) Agreement for generators between Clifford Power and Panola County for a period of three years commencing April 1, 2026. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve 2026 Budget Amendment No. 3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting was adjourned AT 9:12 AM.

Dated the 24th day of March 2026.


Rodger G. McLane
 Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

4/7/26
 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 March 24, 2026.

Bobbie Davis
 Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



4/7/26
 Date