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State of Texas
County of Panola

On the 21st 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
Billy Alexander
David A. Cole
Craig M. Lawless
Dale LaGrone

County Judge
Commissioner, Precinct #1
Commissioner, Precinct #2
Commissioner, Precinct #3
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:**

Commissioner David A. Cole reminded those present that road building season is starting and asked that everyone drive cautiously around County Road and Bridge crews as they travel in the County.

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

There was no County Judge's Report.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To rescind the offer of employment for Frank Ebarb, Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 that was to be effective April 13, 2026 until October 8, 2026 at the rate of \$23.63 per hour.
- b. To rescind the offer of employment for James Ebarb, Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 that was to be effective April 13, 2026 until October 8, 2026 at the rate of \$23.63 per hour.
- c. To record the employment of Brent Baker as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective April 13, 2026 at the rate of \$17.82 per hour plus uniform allowance.
- d. To record a change in status of employment for Karen England from a temporary employee to a full-time hourly employee with the Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office effective May 4, 2026 at the same rate of pay.
- e. To record the employment of Colton Huron as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 effective April 22, 2026 through October 22, 2026 (pending drug test and physical) at the rate of \$23.63 per hour.
- f. To record the temporary employment of Karen McClelland as a Primary Runoff Election Clerk in the Elections Office effective May 18, 2026 and ending May 29, 2026 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- g. To record the temporary employment of Tammy Light as a Primary Runoff Election Clerk in the Elections Office effective May 18, 2026 and ending May 29, 2026 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- h. To record the temporary employment of Harriet Lowery as a Primary Runoff Election Clerk in the Elections Office effective May 18, 2026 and ending May 29, 2026 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- i. To record the temporary employment of Erin Cranford as a Primary Runoff Election Clerk in the Elections Office effective May 18, 2026 and ending May 29, 2026 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

ROAD & BRIDGE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To record March 2026 Treasurer's Reports.
- b. To record March 2026 Auditor's Monthly Report.
- c. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office for Panola County Airport – Sharpe Field Advisory Board member Steve Conroy.
- d. To accept and record a donation of \$500.00 from Middlesouth Region of Chi Eta Phi Sorority for the Panola County Child Welfare Board.
- e. To record the audit on the Panola County Detention Center's Commissary Accounts for fiscal year 2025.
- f. To approve and record Panola County Investment Report for 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2026.

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 Constable, Precincts #2 and 3 Brack LaGrone; Panola County District Clerk Lindsey Smith; PCSD Patrol Sergeant Christopher Hansen; PCSD Mental Health Deputy Colton McNair; PCSD Deputy Madison Davis; Panola County Judge Rodger McLane; PCSD Patrol Deputy Hunter Gray; PCSD Criminal Investigator Josh Nagle; and PCSD Criminal Investigator Calahan Malone.

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 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 Dale LaGrone 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 Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to award the bid for seventeen (17) iPads; twenty-three (23) tablets and nineteen (19) MiFi units previously declared surplus to Jason Heinkel. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BID ATTACHED.

8. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to proclaim the month of May 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month in Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROCLAMATION ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to proclaim April 26, 2026 to May 3, 2026 as Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROCLAMATION ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve a quote from Axon Enterprise Inc. for the purchase of Taser 7 equipment for five years for use by the Panola County Sheriff's Department. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to declare the following vehicles surplus property for the Panola County Sheriff's Department: one (1) 2019 Chevrolet Police Package Tahoe RWD, VIN 1GNLCDEC8KR293943, Unit #2019-2. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to declare the following vehicle as surplus property for the Panola County Sheriff's Department: one (1) 2013 Ford F-150 XLT Crew Cab 4 X 4, VIN 1FTFW1EF8DFA62342, Unit #2013-6. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve quotes from BIS Digital for MAR 2026-Audio Installation for Panola County Court at Law Courtroom – Quote #Q-8031089 and 123rd Judicial District Courtroom – Quote #Q-8031090. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTES ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to declare the following vehicle as surplus property for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1: one (1) 2012 Kenworth T370 dump truck, VIN 2NKHHN8X7CM323414, Unit #1114. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to declare the following equipment surplus property for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1: one (1) Benford Double Drum Roller, S/N SLBTOPSOEY02LA004, Unit #5777. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
16. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a rental quote from Powerscreen for rental equipment (Warrior 800 shaker and mobile radial stockpiling conveyor belt) for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion passed unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.

17. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve Exhibit G-Six (6) Remnant Defendants' Combined Subdivision Participation and Release regarding opioid settlements. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RELEASE FORM ATTACHED.
18. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve an estimate from Skypine Roofing for the Panola County Probation building roof and repairs. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ESTIMATE ATTACHED.
19. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve Orders of Appointment for Presiding and Alternate Judges for the Early Voting Ballot Board and the Central Counting Station for the May 26, 2026 joint primary election.
20. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to decline a Mutual Termination and Conveyance Agreement between the City of Carthage and Panola County. The motion carried unanimously.
21. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve 2026 Budget Amendment No. 4. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.
22. Regular Session of Commissioners' Court adjourned for Closed Session at 9:12 AM pursuant to Texas Government Code 651.074.
23. Regular Session of Commissioners' Court re-convened at 10:01 AM. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Dated the 21st day of April 2026.

Rodger G. McLane

Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

May 5, 2026

Date

State of Texas
County of Panola

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 21, 2026.

Bobbie Davis

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



5/5/26

Date