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BOBBIE DAVIS
COUNTY CLERK, PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS
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On the 5th day of May 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: County Judge Rodger McLane gave the prayer.

OPEN MEETING:

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

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

District Attorney Larry Fields announced a retirement party for Janet Eaton, Administrative Assistant, scheduled for May 28, 2026.

Keith Coleman, representing the 100 Men Association, announced a burger sale to be held on the Carthage City Square on May 15, 2026.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Dale LaGrone reported that Road and Bridge crews have finished removing debris from the recent ice storm.

3. COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

County Judge Rodger McLane reported that he will be attending a conference in Lubbock this week.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the appointment of Austin Wright as a Reserve Deputy with the Panola County Sheriff's Office effective April 22, 2026.
- b. To record the employment of J. D. Twomey as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4 effective May 6, 2026 through November 5, 2026 (pending drug test and physical) at the rate of \$23.63 per hour.
- c. To record the employment of Johnny Jernigan as a Temporary Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 effective May 11, 2026 through November 12, 2026 (pending drug test and physical) at the rate of \$23.63 per hour.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by Socagee Midstream Gas Services LLC to place a 12" line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #471.
- b. To approve and record a request by Socagee Midstream Gas Services LLC to place a 12" line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #321.
- c. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place an underground conduit 2' HDPE line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #203.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of April 2026.
- b. To accept and record a donation of \$700.00 (70 gift cards @ \$10 each) from the Middlesouth Region of Chi Eta Phi Sorority for the Panola County Child Welfare Board.
- c. To accept and record a donation of \$5,000.00 from the Charles Matthews Foundation for the Alamo Letter Monument to be displayed on the Panola County Courthouse lawn.
- d. To record SLFRF Compliance Report regarding American Rescue Act (ARPA) funds for 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 Courthouse Security Deputy John (Sean) Howard; Panola County Extension Agent Lee Dudley (2); and Panola County Extension Agent 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 Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone 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 Billy Alexander 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 Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to declare the following vehicle surplus property for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3: one (1) 2003 Mack haul truck, VIN 1M2AG10Y53M006123, Unit #1106. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
8. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to publish legal notice regarding the auction scheduled for May 28, 2026 at 10:00 AM by Machinery Auctioneers, License No. 11534 for the sale of vehicles and equipment previously declared surplus by the Court. The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEGAL NOTICE ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to submit a request for economic development funds forfeited by Deep East Texas Electric Co-op and other electric co-ops as unclaimed capital credits. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve an amendment between Tyler Technologies and Panola County for the addition of the "Electronic Signatures" package to the services currently used by Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST AND AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

11. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve 48-month Lease Agreements between Xerox and Panola County for one (1) B7130H2 copier for the Panola County Judge's Office; one (1) B7130H2 copier for use by the Panola County Auto Registration Office; one (1) C8255H2 copier for use by the Panola County Voter Registration Office; and one (1) B8245H2 copier for use by the Panola County Detention Center. The motion carried unanimously. SEE INFORMATION AND LEASE AGREEMENTS ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #R-PCSO-01-2026 – SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program authorizing Captain Adam Jones of the Panola County Sheriff's Department to submit an application for grant funds through the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, which will provide funding for activities/projects with criminal justice purposes including law enforcement. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a quote from Optus for a new phone system for the Panola County Courthouse. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve 2026 Budget Amendment No. 5. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Dated the 5th day of May 2026.

Rodger G. McLane

Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

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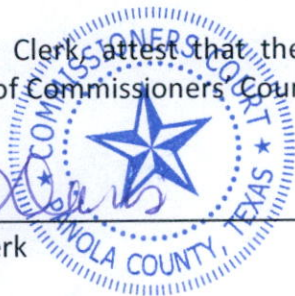
Date

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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 May 5, 2026.

Bobbie Davis

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



6/2/26

Date