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State of Texas
County of Panola

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

On the 2nd day of June 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:**

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

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

There were no Commissioners' Reports.

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

Judge Rodger McLane reported that he, the County Auditor and a Commissioner met last week with elected officials and department heads to discuss 2027 budget requests.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record an increase in salary to \$20.17 per hour plus uniform allowance for Ethan Twomey, Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective May 16, 2026.

- b. To record an increase in salary to \$23.63 per hour for Charles Peters, Operator with the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4 effective June 15, 2026.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #303 and 3031.
- b. To approve and record a request by Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC to place underground conduit 2' HDPE lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #302 and 3041.
- 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 May 2026.
- b. To record Machinery Auctioneers of Texas Guarantee Consignment Contract Reserve Price List for Panola County's surplus vehicles and equipment.
- c. To record an Interlocal Agreement between Harris County Department of Education and Panola County.

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 Tax Assessor – Collector Holly Gibbs (2); Panola County Tax Assessor – Collector Deputies Cassandra Brooks and Kara Holiman; Panola County Extension Agent Lee Dudley; and Panola County Agrilife 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.

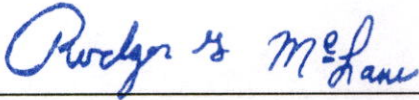
- 5. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve payment of current Panola County bills as prepared and submitted by the County Auditor. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PAYMENT REGISTER ATTACHED.

6. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole 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 the renewal of the County's Tax Abatement Policy for a two-year period commencing June 8, 2026. The motion carried unanimously. SEE POLICY ATTACHED.
8. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve an extension for filing of the Audit Report for Panola County Emergency Services District No. 1. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to declare the following equipment surplus property for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3: one (1) 2004 John Deere 310SG backhoe, S/N T0310SG927721 – Unit #401; and one (1) 2013 John Deere 310SK backhoe, S/N 1T0310SKJDE252817 – Unit 1311. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt Order #2026-04 reopening County Road #4571. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER AND INFORMATION ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve written notice from Thompson Feed & Farm Supply to increase pricing for polyethylene corrugated culverts. (Bid was awarded October 7, 2025 for 2026.) The motion carried unanimously. SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to publish legal notice for the auction scheduled for June 25, 2026 at 9:00 AM by Machinery Auctioneers, License No. 11534 for the sale of equipment previously declared surplus by the Commissioners' Court. The motion carried unanimously. SEE NOTICE ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a payment schedule from Optus, Inc. for the work performed on phone systems for Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE STATEMENT OF WORK ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve expenditures of funds to Revolution Data Systems for civil case file digitization for the Panola County District Clerk's Office. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST AND INFORMATION ATTACHED.

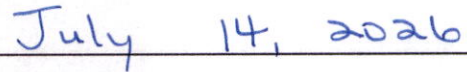
15. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to amend the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Carthage regarding disposal of trash by commercial carriers at the incinerator. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
16. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve 2026 Budget Amendment No. 6. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Dated the 2nd day of June 2026.



Rodger G. McLane, County Judge



Date

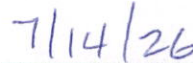
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I, Bobbie Davis, County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the authorized proceedings of Commissioners' Court held on June 2, 2026.



Bobbie Davis, County Clerk





Date