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State of Texas
County of Panola

BOBBIE DAVIS
COUNTY CLERK, PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS
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On the 16th 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.

Cheryl Simmons, Rachel Curry and Deanna Franks addressed the Court on the topic of the present situation with the waste management contract, asking the Court to consider the rural trash carriers and constituents outside the city limits of Carthage.

2. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Billy Alexander responded to the citizen comments, asking that residents be patient while county and city officials attempt to resolve the situation.

3. COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT:

Judge Rodger McLane reported that he has spoken with several of the rural trash carriers, that progress is being made and the county has the best interests of its residents in mind. He stated that he has met with city officials and they are all working toward a resolution.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

PERSONNEL

- a. To record the retirement of Loretta Mason as Elections Administrator effective June 30, 2026.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by Panola Bethany Water to place 2" casing and ¾" water line within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #344 – Jernigan Loop.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To canvass the results of the May 26, 2026 Run-Off Primary Election; and to certify said results to the Secretary of State's Office.
- b. To record May 2026 Treasurer's Reports.
- c. To record May 2026 Auditor's Monthly Report.
- d. To accept and record Analysis of the GASB 75 Liability for Post-Employment Benefits for Panola County as of December 31, 2025.

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): PCSD Lieutenant-Investigator James Ferris (2); Panola County Treasurer Abby Booker; and Panola County Deputy Elections Administrator Kelsey Gates.

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 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 Dale LaGrone 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 Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to accept the County Auditor's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and hear report of financial audit of Panola County by independent auditors for fiscal year 2025. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ATTACHED.
8. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to authorize the County Judge to publish notice of the acceptance of the 2025 Annual Financial and Compliance Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2025 by applicable laws. The motion carried unanimously. SEE NOTICE ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a three-year LexisNexis Subscription Amendment Agreement for State/Local Government for the Panola County District Attorney's Office. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST AND AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between David Colley and Nicole Colley of Colley and Colley Law Firm and the Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office regarding contract legal services. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve a Rental Quote Agreement from Holt Cat for rental equipment (RM400 cab reclaimer) for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a Rental Quote Agreement from Holt Cat for rental equipment (RM500B cab reclaimer) for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #4. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve a Rental Quote Agreement from Iron Smart Machinery LLC for rental equipment (Cat RM400 reclaimer) for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #1. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to declare furniture, desks, chairs and equipment as surplus property for Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.

15. 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) black Chevrolet Silverado 1500 crew cab pickup, VIN 2GCEC130281332035, Unit #2008-4. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.

Dated the 16th day of June 2026.

Rodger G. McLane

Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

July 14, 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 June 16, 2026.

Bobbie Davis

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



7/14/26

Date