

AT 2:00 O'CLOCK P M

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State of Texas
County of Panola

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

On the 28th day of July 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:**

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

2. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Dale LaGrone reported that Road and Bridge crews are busy working on roads.

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

There was no County Judge's Report.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

- a. To record a change in status of employment for Virginia Hawkins from Panola County Criminal District Attorney Secretary to Deputy Elections Administrator/Deputy Voter Registrar with the Panola County Elections Office effective July 25, 2026 at the rate of \$20.16 per hour.

- b. To record the resignation of Nathan Kruger as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective July 20, 2026.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by BTA ETG Gathering LLC to place a 16" natural gas utility pipeline within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #241.
- b. To approve and record a request by BTA ETG Gathering LLC to place a 16" natural gas utility pipeline within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #2502.
- c. To approve and record a request by BTA ETG Gathering LLC to place a 16" natural gas utility pipeline within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #256.
- d. To approve and record a request by BTA ETG Gathering LLC to place a 16" natural gas utility pipeline within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #257.
- e. To approve and record a request by BTA ETG Gathering LLC to place a 16" natural gas utility pipeline within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #258.
- f. To approve and record a request by Comstock Resources to place a 10.75" natural gas utility pipeline within the right-of-way of Panola County Road #3093.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To record Tax Assessor-Collector Holly Gibbs' continuing education transcript for reporting period March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026; and to record Maintenance Transcript for reporting period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
- b. To record Panola County Appraisal District Resolution for the Adoption of the Appraisal Plan and Reappraisal Plan for 2027 and 2028.
- c. To record Panola County Appraisal District Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for December 31, 2025.
- d. To approve and record the Panola County Investment Report for 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2026.
- e. To record the Annual Financial Report for the Panola County Emergency Services District No. 1 for year ending December 31, 2025.

- f. To record Certificate of Completion from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government for continuing education training for Panola County Commissioner, Precinct #1 Billy Alexander.
- g. To record Certificate of Completion from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government for continuing education training for Panola County Commissioner, Precinct #2 David A. Cole.
- h. To record Certificate of Completion from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government for continuing education training for Panola County Commissioner, Precinct #3 Craig M. Lawless.
- i. To record Certificate of Completion from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government for continuing education training for Panola County Commissioner, Precinct #4 Dale LaGrone.
- j. To record Liberty Mutual Surety Official Bond and Oath for Panola County Reserve Deputy Constable, Precincts #2 and 3 James Robert Duncan.
- k. To record a change in status from M & M Roofing for additional work performed on the 316 W. Sabine Annex building roof.
- l. To record the grant application for combating catalytic converter theft in 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 Criminal District Attorney Office Staff Karen England; Panola County Justice of the Peace Clerk, Precincts #2 and 3 Raven McPherson; Panola County Justice of the Peace Clerk, Precincts #2 and 3 Mary Sue Kiper; and Panola County Deputy Elections Administrator/Deputy Voter Registrar Virginia Hawkins.

Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items, with the stipulation that the natural gas pipelines in Road and Bridge Consent Items are to **be bored under** the County Roads. The motion carried unanimously.

A COPY OF EACH LETTER, AMENDMENT, REQUEST AND/OR BOND IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES.

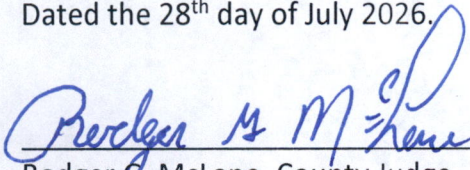
- 5. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve payment of current Panola County bills as prepared and submitted by the County Auditor. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PAYMENT REGISTER ATTACHED.

6. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner 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 David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to appoint all Election Judges and Alternate Election Judges for a one-year period commencing August 1, 2026 (V.T.C.A. Election Code, Section 32.002). The motion carried unanimously. SEE APPOINTMENT LIST ATTACHED.
8. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt a new Mileage Reimbursement Schedule effective July 1, 2026. The motion carried unanimously. SEE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT SCHEDULE ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt an Order Adopting the Panola County Public Information Policy and Establishing Time Limits under Texas Government Code §552.275. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a Sabine River Authority Amendment to Panola County CAP Grant Agreement for the Panola County Airport. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AMENDMENT ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve an estimate from Commercial Electronics Corp for 24-hour remote maintenance and software updates for the Panola County Sheriff's Department. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to appoint Commissioner Dale LaGrone, Precinct #4 to execute a lease on mineral rights on a one-acre tract owned by the County; and to authorize Commissioner Dale LaGrone to publish Notice of Auction for August 18, 2026. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER OF APPOINTMENT AND NOTICE ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to appoint Commissioner Craig Lawless, Precinct #3 to execute a lease on mineral rights on a 0.1634-acre tract owned by the County; and to authorize Commissioner Craig M. Lawless to publish Notice of Auction for August 18, 2026. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER OF APPOINTMENT AND NOTICE ATTACHED.
14. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve the cancellation of a Rental 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 ORIGINAL QUOTE AND AGREEMENT ATTACHED.

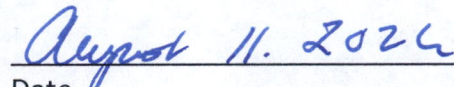
15. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a Rental Quote Agreement from Iron Smart Machinery LLC for rental equipment (CAT RM400 Reclaimer) for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE RENTAL CONTRACT ATTACHED.
16. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve 2026 Budget Amendment No. 9. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Dated the 28th day of July 2026.



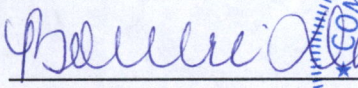
Rodger G. McLane, County Judge



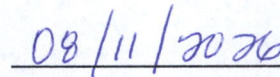
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I, Bobbie Davis, County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the authorized proceedings of Commissioners' Court held on July 28, 2026.



Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



Date

