

SEP 11 2026

State of Texas
County of Panola

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

On the 11th day of August 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.

Mr. Robert Delconte addressed the Court on his concerns about the Emergency Services District, county trash services and the way open records requests are managed 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:**

Judge McLane responded to Mr. Delconte's concerns about trash services in the county and explained the details of the amendment to the interlocal agreement between Panola County and the City of Carthage on the current agenda to be considered by Commissioners' Court.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

None

ROAD & BRIDGE

- a. To approve and record a request by Comstock Resources to place 12" temporary lay flat lines within the rights-of-way of Panola County Roads #3122, 311 and #3101.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of July 2026.
- b. To record July 2026 Treasurer's Monthly Report.
- c. To record July 2026 Auditor's Monthly Report.
- d. To record July 2026 Liberty Mutual Surety Bond and Oath for Panola County Reserve Deputy Constable, Precincts #1 and 4 Bryan Murff.
- e. To record Statement of Officer and Oath of Office for Panola County Deputy Elections Administrator/Deputy Voter Registrar Virginia Hawkins.
- f. To record copy of Panola County Juvenile Probation Department written statement containing the date, time and place adjustments, documents and budgets will be considered for approval and recording.
- g. To record Construction Contract Change Order No. 2 from Stephens Engineering for a Rock Hill Water Supply Corporation project.

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 Patrol Deputy Matthew Williamson; PCSD Investigator Jesus Martinez; PCSD Investigator Randy Payne; and Panola County Court at Law Judge Rick S. McPherson.

Commissioner Dale LaGrone 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 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 David A. Cole 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. A public hearing was held on the Panola County Clerk Records Archive, Preservation and Restoration Plan pursuant to Local Government Code 118.025. Following the hearing, Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to adopt said plan. The motion carried unanimously. SEE NOTICE OF HEARING AND PLAN ATTACHED.
8. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to adopt Order #2026-08 prohibiting outdoor burning in Panola County for ninety (90) days. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER ATTACHED.
9. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to create a Panola County Public Records Officer Assistant position and to approve the job description effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously. SEE JOB DESCRIPTION ATTACHED.
10. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to declare 100+ tires (all sizes) surplus property for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department to be disposed of at a later date. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.
11. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve BuyBoard Contract #806-26 from Bane Machinery for the purchase of a Diamond mower 22" rear cradle boom for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #2. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
12. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve Texas County and District Retirement System Plan Agreement for 2027. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PLAN AGREEMENT ATTACHED.
13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve and record Texas Association of Counties – County Choice Final Plan Selection Form – Choice 700 medical/health insurance benefits and renewal rates for Panola County elected officials and employees for the period December 1, 2026 to November 30, 2027; and to authorize

any surplus distribution deposited to the Retiree Health Trust Fund. The motion carried unanimously. SEE 2026-2027 RENEWAL NOTICE AND BENEFIT CONFIRMATION ATTACHED.

14. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to reappoint Sidney Burns to another two-year term on the Community Healthcore Board of Trustees with said term commencing September 1, 2026 and ending August 31, 2028. The motion carried unanimously. SEE APPOINTMENT ATTACHED.
15. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to receive the No New Revenue Tax Rate, Voters Approved Tax Rate and DeMinimis Tax Rate schedules from Tax Assessor-Collector Holly Gibbs. The motion carried unanimously. SEE TAX RATE SCHEDULES ATTACHED.
16. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to set the Panola County Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2027 on August 25, 2026 at 9:00 AM; to set adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget on August 25, 2026 at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing and to record publication in accordance with the requirements of laws and regulations applicable thereto (Local Government Code, Section 111.007). The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEGAL NOTICE ATTACHED.
17. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to record the published proposed salaries and allowance of Panola County Elected Officials as set out in the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 and to set the adoption of such salaries on August 25, 2026 after adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 in accordance with the requirements of laws and regulations applicable thereto (Local Government Code, Section 152.013). The motion carried unanimously. SEE LEGAL NOTICE ATTACHED.
18. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to not impose extra fees on vehicle registration in Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED.
19. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve a proposal from Centurion Industries Inc. for a new A-Lert standing seam roof system for the Panola County Detention Center. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROPOSAL ATTACHED.
20. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve a quote from Schumacher Construction Services LLC to paint the second-floor hallway, stairwell, records room, County Clerk's Office and District Clerk's Office. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTE ATTACHED.
21. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve the Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for the Management and Operation of

Solid Waste Transfer Station with the City of Carthage. The motion carried unanimously. SEE AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

22. Commissioner David A. Cole moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to approve an Order of General Election for November 3, 2026. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ORDER OF ELECTION ATTACHED.
23. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve 2026 Budget Amendment No. 10. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Dated the 11th day of August 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 August 11, 2026.

Bobbie Davis

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk



9/8/26

Date