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County of Panola

On the 8th day of September 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	County Judge
Billy Alexander	Commissioner, Precinct #1
David A. Cole	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Craig M. Lawless	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Dale LaGrone	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:**

   There were no Commissioners' Reports.

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

   Judge McLane reported that he and Chamber of Commerce representatives had met with Senator Hughes' Office last week.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

PERSONNEL

a. To record a change of employment for Marilyn Beatty from Criminal District Attorney Secretary with the Panola County District Attorney's Office (resignation effective

September 4, 2026) to Panola County Public Records Office Assistant effective September 5, 2026 at the rate of $21.16 per hour.

b. To record the employment of Jennifer Reyes as a Legal Staff Support Secretary with the Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office effective August 31, 2026 at the budgeted rate.

c. To record the employment of Gina Gill as a Legal Staff Support Secretary with the Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office effective September 3, 2026 at the budgeted rate.

d. To record the employment of Charles James Jr. as a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective August 29, 2026 at the rate of $17.82 per hour plus uniform allowance.

e. To record an increase in salary to $20.17 per hour plus uniform allowance for Kevin Waldrop, a Detention Officer with the Panola County Sheriff's Department effective August 29, 2026.

f. To record the temporary employment of Karen McClelland as an Early Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective October 19, 2026 and ending November 13, 2026 at the rate of $15.00 per hour.

g. To record the temporary employment of Tammy Light as an Early Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective October 19, 2026 and ending November 13, 2026 at the rate of $15.00 per hour.

h. To record the temporary employment of Harriet Lowery as an Early Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective October 19, 2026 and ending November 13, 2026 at the rate of $15.00 per hour.

i. To record the temporary employment of Erin Cranford as an Early Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective October 19, 2026 and ending November 13, 2026 at the rate of $15.00 per hour.

j. To record the temporary employment of Lycia Evanoff as an Early Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective October 19, 2026 and ending November 13, 2026 at the rate of $15.00 per hour.

k. To record the temporary employment of Kristina Cumbie as an Early Voting Clerk in the Elections Office effective October 19, 2026 and ending November 13, 2026 at the rate of $15.00 per hour.

l. To record Election Security Officers Tabitha Martinez, Sean Howard, Logan Garrett and Jeff Martin to work during the Early Election effective October 19, 2026 and ending November 3, 2026 at their normal rates of pay.

ROAD & BRIDGE

a. To accept and record a donation of oil dirt valued at $97,285.85 from Comstock for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3 on County Road #336.

MISCELLANEOUS

a. To approve minutes of Commissioners' Court meetings held during the month of August 2026.

b. To record Oath of Office for Panola County Auditor Jennifer Stacy.

c. To record August 2026 Auditor's Reports.

d. To record August 2026 Treasurer's Reports.

e. To record the required annual Cyber Security Training Certification for 2026.

f. To record the Memorandum of Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease between TGNR East Texas II LLC and Panola County.

g. To record Amended Order #2026-09 regarding 2026 Tax Rate and Tax Levy.

h. To record the replacement of retired Alternate Judge Emma Brown (Box 14) with John Foster for the 2026 General Election.

i. To record the TxDOT Project M2719CART Grant for the Routine Airport Maintenance Program between Panola County and the Texas Department of Transportation.

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 IT Administrator Barry Tate; PCSD Telecommunicator Laurna Summers; PCSD Telecommunicator America Cabriales-Strawn; PCSD Operations Lt. Chris Welk; PCSD Narcotics Investigator Calahan Malone; and Panola County Criminal District Attorney Administrative Support Clerk Karen England.

Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander 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 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 Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to proclaim the month of September 2026 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Panola County. The motion carried unanimously. SEE PROCLAMATION ATTACHED.

8. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve a new Verizon phone line for use by the Panola County Sheriff's Department. The motion carried unanimously. SEE REQUEST ATTACHED.

9. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve an estimate from Schumacher Construction Services LLC to remove metal/steel jail bars and plate on the third floor of the courthouse building. The motion carried unanimously. SEE ESTIMATE ATTACHED.

10. Commissioner Dale LaGrone moved and Commissioner Billy Alexander seconded the motion to ratify the 2027 Budget approved on August 25, 2026, which will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner Craig M. Lawless seconded the motion to approve quotes from BIS Digital for courtroom AV reliability and system replacements for Panola County Court at Law Courtroom: Quote #Q-8032054 and 123rd Judicial District Courtroom: Quote #Q-8032059. The motion carried unanimously. SEE QUOTES ATTACHED.

12. Commissioner Craig M. Lawless moved and Commissioner Dale LaGrone seconded the motion to approve Sourcewell Contract #011723-JDC from Doggett Machinery Services for the purchase of a John Deere 333P track loader for use by the Panola County Road and Bridge Department, Precinct #3. The motion carried unanimously. SEE CONTRACT ATTACHED.

13. Commissioner Billy Alexander moved and Commissioner David A. Cole seconded the motion to approve 2026 Budget Amendment No. 12. The motion carried unanimously. SEE BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Dated the 8th day of September 2026.

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 September 8, 2026.

COMMISSIONERS COURT * PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS *

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

10/6/26

Date