MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of December 22, 2021.

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The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Fayette County, Texas, Commissioners Court held in the Commissioners Courtroom (3rd floor - Room 303) at the Fayette County Courthouse located at 151 North Washington Street, La Grange, Texas.

III.

Attendance: County Judge Joe Weber Absent
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 1, Jason McBroom Judge Pro-Tem, Present
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 2, Luke Sternadel Present
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 3, Harvey Berckenhoff Present
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 4, Drew Brossmann Present

IV.

County Officials/County Personnel present during all or any part of the meeting:
Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator;
Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator;
Angela Hahn, Grant Specialist; Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Administrator;
Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Roger Wunderlich, Constable Precinct 2;
Paula Vogel, Human Resources Manager; Brianna Vinklarek, First Assistant County Auditor;
Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1; Dawn Moore, Rural Addressing Coordinator

V.

Persons in attendance during all of any part of the meeting:

See Attached Exhibit A

VI.

Meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Brossmann seconded by Commissioner Sternadel, votes for 4, votes against 0.

VII.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

"Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

INVOCATION

AGENDA ACTION:

1.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the following minutes from previous meetings:
	 i. December 6, 2021 – Special Meeting ii. December 9, 2021 – Regular Meeting iii. December 13, 2021 – Special Meeting
	ACTION: Approved minutes from previous meetings.
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
2.	SUBJECT: Open public comments – petitions, requests or statements by the public. Close.
	ACTION: Opened Public Comments. Accepted Public Comments. Closed Public Comments.
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Jason McBroom, Commr. Precinct 1
	MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

3.	SUBJECT: Appoint Commissioner Jason McBroom as County Judge Pro-Tem for 2022.
	ACTION: Appointed Commissioner Jason McBroom as County Judge Pro-Tem for 2022.
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
4.	SUBJECT: Approve and sign an Order Designating Day of Week and Location of Regular Terms, and Setting Schedule of Fayette County Commissioners Court Regular Meetings for 2022.
	ACTION: Approved and Signed an Order Designating Day of Week and Location of Regular Terms, and Setting Schedule of Fayette County Commissioners Court Regular Meetings for 2022.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator
	MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

5.	SUBJECT: Discussion concerning campaign signs on courthouse lawn.
	ACTION: Accepted all comments concerning campaign signs on courthouse lawn.
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None
	MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
6.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the application from Dolores Grieve requesting a variance to allow the division of real property. ACTION: Approved the application from Dolores Grieve requesting a variance to allow the division of real property.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Administrator; Josh Vandever, EMS Director
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

7. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the application from Bruce Harris requesting a variance to allow the division of real property.

ACTION: Approved the application from Bruce Harris requesting a variance to allow the division of real property.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Administrator

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Be	rckenhoff
Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against	
Commr. Sternadel, vote for X , vote against	
Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X , vote against	
Commr. Brossmann, vote for X , vote against	
Judge Weber, Absent	

8. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the final approval stage for Austin Settlement LTD regarding a platted subdivision in the Swiss Alp area (High Hill Ranch subdivision); BEFCO Engineering, Inc., having issued a letter of substantial completion dated December 13, 2021; Austin Settlement LTD being responsible for the maintenance of High Hill Ranch Road and High Meadow Court East for one year until December 13, 2022, at which time the roads may be accepted for county maintenance into the county road system.

ACTION: Approved the final approval stage for Austin Settlement LTD regarding a platted subdivision in the Swiss Alp area (High Hill Ranch subdivision); BEFCO Engineering, Inc., having issued a letter of substantial completion dated December 13, 2021; Austin Settlement LTD being responsible for the maintenance of High Hill Ranch Road and High Meadow Court East for one year until December 13, 2022, at which time the roads may be accepted for county maintenance into the county road system.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Administrator; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Tim Sanders, BEFCO Engineering

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. S	ternade
Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against	
Commr. Sternadel, vote for X , vote against	
Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X , vote against	
Commr. Brossmann, vote for X , vote against	
Judge Weber, Absent	

9.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in recognizing the following private roads, for mapping purposes only: High Hill Ranch Road and High Meadow Court East (Precinct 4).
	ACTION: Approved the action in recognizing the following private roads, for mapping purposes only: High Hill Ranch Road and High Meadow Court East (Precinct 4).
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Administrator; Tim Sanders, BEFCO Engineering
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
10.	SUBJECT: Approve the final Plat of High Hill Ranch subdivision.
	ACTION: Approved the final Plat of High Hill Ranch subdivision.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Administrator
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

SUBJECT: Approve the final Plat of Cottonwood Cove RV Park.
ACTION: Approved the final Plat of Cottonwood Cove RV Park.
See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 Exhibit"
PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Administrator
MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning amendments to the Routing Agreement and Road Use Bond Agreement.
ACTION: Approved the amendments to the Routing Agreement and Road Use Bond Agreement.
See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 12 Exhibit"
PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Administrator
MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against
Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

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13.	SUBJECT: Hear report from Angela Hahn, Grant Specialist.
	ACTION: Accepted report from Angela Hahn, Grant Specialist.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 13 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Grant Specialist
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
14.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in signing a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to Capital Area Council of Governments for a regional solid waste grant program and authorizing Angela Hahn, Grant Specialist, to act on behalf of Fayette County in all matters related to the application and any subsequent grant contract and grant project that may result.
	ACTION: Signed a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to Capital Area Council of Governments for a regional solid waste grant program; and
	Authorized Angela Hahn, Grant Specialist, to act on behalf of Fayette County in all matters related to the application and any subsequent grant contract and grant project that may result.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 14 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Grant Specialist
	MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

15.	SUBJECT: Hear report from Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator.
	ACTION: Accepted report from Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 15 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
16.	SUBJECT: Approve Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between Fayette County and the Lower Colorado River Authority for use of ground space for communications tower, generator, and equipment shelter for an additional five (5) year period to expire on December 10, 2026.
	ACTION: Approved Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between Fayette County and the Lower Colorado River Authority for use of ground space for communications tower, generator, and equipment shelter for an additional five (5) year period to expire on December 10, 2026.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 16 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

17.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on corrected Interlocal Contract for 9-1-1 Geographic Information System Database Management, between the Capital Area Council of Governments and Fayette County.
	ACTION: Approved the corrected Interlocal Contract for 9-1-1 Geographic Information System Database Management, between the Capital Area Council of Governments and Fayette County.
	Tayette County.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 17 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Dawn Moore, Rural Addressing Coordinator
	MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
18.	SUBJECT: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action in approving payment of medical expenses, at a reduced rate, for the care of an inmate who was incarcerated temporarily at the Fayette County Jail.
	ACTION: Deferred to a future meeting.
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Josh Vandever, EMS Director
	MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

19. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in entering into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Bluebonnet Trails Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (BTCS) and Fayette County, Texas for the purposes of outlining the partnership goals for Primary Care Services of eligible indigent residents of Fayette County.

ACTION: Entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Bluebonnet Trails Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (BTCS) and Fayette County, Texas for the purposes of outlining the partnership goals for Primary Care Services of eligible indigent residents of Fayette County.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 19 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff
Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against
Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against
Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against
Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against
Judge Weber, Absent

20.	SUBJECT: Acknowledge the new service drop plans of Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc (CVTC) to install new buried fiber optic cables and copper cables within the corridors of the following road(s): Jackson Rd (Precinct 1), Lane Pool Rd (Precinct 4).
	ACTION: Approved the new service drop plans of Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CVTC) to install new buried fiber optic cables and copper cables within the corridors of the following road(s): Jackson Rd (Precinct 1), Lane Pool Rd (Precinct 4).
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 20 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
21.	SUBJECT: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding updated security plan for Fayette County Constables for the 2022 year.
	ACTION: Updated security plan for Fayette County Constables for the 2022 year.
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Roger Wunderlich, Constable Precinct 2; Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator
	MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

22.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in signing an Order approving and adopting updates to the Fayette County Personnel Policy Manual/Employee Handbook.
	ACTION: Signed an Order approving and adopting updates to the Fayette County Personnel Policy Manual/Employee Handbook, which will take effect January 1, 2022.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 22 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brianna Vinklarek, First Assistant Auditor; Paula Vogel, Human Resources Manager; Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator
	MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
23.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the contracts with Carmine State Bank for the financing of a 2022 Bearcat Asphalt Distributor Truck/w Tank for all Precincts and for the financing of a 2022 F-250 Truck for the Recycling Center.
	ACTION: Approved the contracts with Carmine State Bank for the financing of a 2022 Bearcat Asphalt Distributor Truck/w Tank for all Precincts and for the financing of a 2022 F-250 Truck for the Recycling Center.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 23 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

24.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving 2019/2020 Budget Amendments as per the auditing firm of Trlicek and Company, P.C. for the Final Year Financials for 2020.
	ACTION: Approved 2019/2020 Budget Amendments as per the auditing firm of Trlicek and Company, P.C. for the Final Year Financials for 2020.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 24 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
25.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action authorizing the County Auditor to advertise for Request for Proposals for an external auditing firm.
	ACTION: Authorized the County Auditor to advertise for Request for Proposals for an external auditing firm.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 25 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor
	MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
	Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X , vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X , vote against

SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving and accepting contracts from Quadient for leasing postage machines for the County Auditor and Justice of Peace Precinct #1 due to Pitney Bowes Lease expiring.
ACTION: Declined contracts from Quadient for leasing postage machines for the County Auditor and Justice of Peace Precinct #1 due to Pitney Bowes Lease expiring.
PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor
MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent
SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning approving the payment of currently due Fayette County bills and expenses.
ACTION: Approved the payment of currently due Fayette County bills and expenses.
See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 27 Exhibit"
PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor
MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem, Recused Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Weber, Absent

VIII.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m., December 22, 2021, on motion by Commissioner Brossmann, seconded by Commissioner Berckenhoff, votes for 4, votes against 0.

APPROVED this 13th day of January, 2021.

Joseph Weber

Fayette County Judge

Jason McProom

Commissioner, Precinct 1

Luke Sternadel

Commissioner, Precinct 2

osent Harvey Berckenhoff

Commissioner, Precinct 3

Drew Brossmann

Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Brenda Fietsam

County Clerk