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## MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

### I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **August 10, 2023**.

### II.

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

### III.

Attendance: County Judge Dan Mueller **Present**  
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 1, Jason McBroom **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; Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Keith Korenek, Sheriff;**  
**Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff; David Beyer, Lt. Deputy Sheriff;**  
**Roger Wunderlich, Constable Precinct 2; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator;**  
**Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Jamie Moreau, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace;**  
**Paula Vogel, Human Resources Manager; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney;**  
**Sylvia Mendoza, Tax Assessor Collector; Terri Hefner, Elections Administrator;**  
**Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;**  
**Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator & Grant Specialist**

### V.

Persons in attendance during all of any part of the meeting:  
**See Attached Exhibit A**

### VI.

#### INVOCATION 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.”

### VII.

Meeting opened at **9:02 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**, seconded by Commissioner **Sternadel**, votes for **5**, votes against **0**.

**AGENDA ACTION:**

1. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the following minutes from previous meetings:**

- i. **July 27, 2023 – Regular Meeting**
- ii. **August 3, 2023 – Special Meeting**

**ACTION: Approved minutes from the July 27, 2023 Regular Meeting and the August 3, 2023 Special Meeting.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

2. **SUBJECT: Open public comments – petitions, requests or statements by the public. Close.**

**ACTION: Opened Public Comments.**

**Accepted all Public Comments.**

**Closed Public Comments.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: William Bernsen**

See attached hereto marked “Exhibit B”

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

3. **SUBJECT: Open and hold public hearing to consider and accept comments regarding the proposed Fayette County Clerk’s Records Archive Plan for 2024, in accordance with Texas Government Code 118.025.**

**ACTION: Opened public hearing to consider the proposed Fayette County Clerk’s Records Archive Plan for 2024, in accordance with Texas Government Code 118.025;**

**Accepted all comments regarding the proposed Fayette County Clerk’s Records Archive Plan for 2024; and**

**Closed public hearing.**

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 3 Exhibit”

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

4. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action and potentially approve the Fayette County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for 2024 for the preservation and restoration of archived records; and authorize the County Clerk to sign the Preservation Project on the Birth Records by KOFILE.**

**ACTION: Approved the Fayette County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for 2024 for the preservation and restoration of archived records; and**

**Authorized the County Clerk to sign the Preservation Project on the Birth Records by KOFILE.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

5. **SUBJECT: Open and hold public hearing to consider and accept comments, both written and oral, from members of the public concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Roads: Creamer Creek Road (Precinct 3).**

**ACTION: Opened public hearing to consider comments, both written and oral, from members of the public concerning an appropriate speed limit for County Road, Creamer Creek Road (Precinct 3);**

**Accepted all comments concerning an appropriate speed limit for Creamer Creek Road (Precinct 3); and**

**Closed public hearing.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Harvey Berckenhoff**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

6. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in making a finding and determination that the prima facie speed limit concerning the following named roads is unreasonable or unsafe, and in making and in signing four orders concerning an appropriate speed limit for each of the following County Roads: Creamer Creek Road (Precinct 3).**

**ACTION: Found and Determined that the prima facie speed limit concerning the Creamer Creek Road (Precinct 3) is unreasonable or unsafe; and**

**Signed an order to set the speed limit at 35 mph.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Harvey Berckenhoff**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY JUDGE Mueller**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

7. **SUBJECT: Review and approve Election Judges and Deputy Early Voting Clerks for an period beginning 9/1/2023 through 8/31/2025.**

**ACTION: Approved Election Judges and Deputy Early Voting Clerks for a period beginning 9/1/2023 through 8/31/2025.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Terri Hefner, Elections Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

8. **SUBJECT: Review and approve the proposed Election Day polling locations for the November 7, 2023 Constitutional Amendment Election and the Fayette County Special Election.**

**ACTION: Approved the proposed Election Day polling locations for the November 7, 2023 Constitutional Amendment Election and the Fayette County Special Election.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Terri Hefner, Elections Administrator**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

9. **SUBJECT: Hear monthly report from Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting.**

**ACTION: Accepted monthly report from Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

10. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in accepting construction bond from Terry Ward for the Heart Field subdivision, bond effective until road is substantially complete and authorizing Terry Ward to sell lots.**

**ACTION: Accepted construction bond from Terry Ward for the Heart Field subdivision, bond effective until road is substantially complete; and  
Authorized Terry Ward to sell lots.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_



11. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in releasing Vyvjala Lane, Wiedemann Road and Scotts School Road (Precinct 3) of the Routing Agreement & Road Use Bond Agreement with ROCC Oil & Gas, LP, approved in Commissioners Court on August 25, 2022 and March 24, 2023.**

**ACTION: Released Vyvjala Lane, Wiedemann Road and Scotts School Road (Precinct 3) of the Routing Agreement & Road Use Bond Agreement, contingent on getting a \$62,000 check for repairs for Scotts School Road, with ROCC Oil & Gas, LP, approved in Commissioners Court on August 25, 2022 and March 24, 2023.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

12. **SUBJECT: Approve the Routing Agreement and Road Use Bond Agreement submitted by Sandalwood Exploration, L.P., for said Company's overweight loads to travel, as indicated on the attached map, on the following road: Old Waelder Road (Precinct 3), a public county road in Fayette County, Texas.**

**ACTION: Approved the Routing Agreement and Road Use Bond Agreement submitted by Sandalwood Exploration, L.P., for said Company's overweight loads to travel, as indicated on the attached map, on the following road: Old Waelder Road (Precinct 3), a public county road in Fayette County, Texas.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 12 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY JUDGE Mueller**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

13. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in designating Richard Moring, Chief Appraiser, as Fayette County's designated officer to figure property tax rates.**

**ACTION: Designated Richard Moring, Chief Appraiser, as Fayette County's designated officer to figure property tax rates.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

14. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning Texas Department of Motor Vehicles' Imposition of Optional Fees for calendar year 2024.**

**ACTION: Selected Option A of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles' Imposition of Optional Fees for calendar year 2024, which is the same as last year.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 14 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Sylvia Mendoza, Tax Assessor Collector**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

15. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning approving Rules and Conditions of Use for Large Meeting Training Room and Small Meeting Conference Room at the Fayette County Agriculture Building; and attached list of organization for use of the training and conference rooms.**

**ACTION: Approved the Rules and Conditions of Use for Large Meeting Training Room and Small Meeting Conference Room at the Fayette County Agriculture Building; and**

**Approved the attached list of organization for use of the training and conference rooms.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 15 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; William Bernsen**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

16. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Salvage and Surplus Property, in accordance with Local Government Code 263.152-158, with said property to be offered for sale at online auction with Rene Bates.**

**ACTION: Approved Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Salvage and Surplus Property, in accordance with Local Government Code 263.152-158, with said property to be offered for sale at online auction with Rene Bates.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 16 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

17. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action by approving and signing the State Agency Memorandum of Understanding for Use of Facility Space, between Fayette County, Texas and the Health and Human Services Commission, for and on behalf of HHSC and the Department of Family and Protective Services, concerning the use a client waiting area, reception area, hard-wall offices, and supply/mail rooms located at 228 North Main Street, La Grange.**

**ACTION: Approved and Signed the State Agency Memorandum of Understanding for Use of Facility Space, between Fayette County, Texas and the Health and Human Services Commission, for and on behalf of HHSC and the Department of Family and Protective Services, concerning the use a client waiting area, reception area, hard-wall offices, and supply/mail rooms located at 228 North Main Street, La Grange.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 17 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

18. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge the lease termination notice from Health and Human Services Commission for and on behalf of the Texas Department of State Health Services for office space located at 275 Ellinger, La Grange Texas, 78945.**

**ACTION: Acknowledged the lease termination notice from Health and Human Services Commission for and on behalf of the Texas Department of State Health Services for office space located at 275 Ellinger, La Grange Texas, 78945.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 18 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

19. **SUBJECT: Accept and approve the written plan of City of La Grange to open cut Von Minden Street (Precinct 1) and place a new 8” water main line to serve Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc Headquarters, and requiring City of La Grange to make repairs of any resultant damage done to the roadway, sides, ditches, and right-of-way of Von Minden Street, and to do paving work, compacting, and restoring the roadway, sides, ditches, and right-of-way, all back to a finished natural grade.**

**ACTION: Accepted and Approved the written plan of City of La Grange to open cut Von Minden Street (Precinct 1) and place a new 8” water main line to serve Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc Headquarters; and**

**Required City of La Grange to make repairs of any resultant damage done to the roadway, sides, ditches, and right-of-way of Von Minden Street, and to do paving work, compacting, and restoring the roadway, sides, ditches, and right-of-way, all back to a finished natural grade.**

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 19 Exhibit”

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY JUDGE Mueller**  
Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

20. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge the fiber service drop plans and upgrades 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): Krause Rd (Precinct 2).**

**ACTION: Approved the fiber service drop plans and upgrades of Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc (CVTC) to install new buried fiber optic cables and copper cables within the corridors of Krause Rd (Precinct 2).**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 20 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

21. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving contracts with Pitney Bowes for leasing Postage machines for the Justice of Peace #2 and a renewal for the County Judge.**

**ACTION: Approved contracts with Pitney Bowes for leasing Postage machines for the Justice of Peace #2 and a renewal for the County Judge.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 21 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Jamie Moreau, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_



**22. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in accepting and/or awarding bids for Fly Ash.**

**ACTION: Accepted all bids for Fly Ash.  
Awarded all bids.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 22 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Luke Sternadel**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff**  
Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

**23. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in accepting all bids and/or awarding bid for Vehicles for the Adult Probation.**

**ACTION: Accepted all bids for Vehicles for the Adult Probation.  
Awarded bid to LaRoche Chevrolet out of Brenham.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 23 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; JoAnn Fishbeck, Fayette County Adult Probation**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

24. **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 24 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk**

**MOVED BY COMMR. **Brossmann**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Berckenhoff****

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

25. **SUBJECT: Conduct a Fayette County Budget Workshop to hear and consider requests for funding from Departments, Offices, and Precincts, and from agencies and organizations, and to discuss all revenues and expenditures for the 2024 County Budget, and take any action the Court deems necessary.**

**ACTION: Conducted a Fayette County Budget Workshop to hear and consider requests for funding from Departments, Offices, and Precincts, and from agencies and organizations, and to discuss all revenues and expenditures for the 2024 County Budget.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 25 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Troy Brenek, Fayette County Commission for Intellectual Disabilities; Cara Bartek, Fayette County Commission for Intellectual Disabilities; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Keith Korenek, Sheriff; William Bernsen; Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Paula Vogel, Human Resources Manager; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator & Grant Specialist; Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Roger Wunderlich, Constable Precinct 2**

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

**Break at 10:53 a.m.**

MOVED BY JUDGE **Mueller**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Brossmann**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

**Reconvened at 11:06 a.m.**

MOVED BY COMMR. **Brossmann**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

- 26. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action to propose salaries, expenses, and allowances of elected county and precinct officers for the year 2024.**

**ACTION: Proposed salaries, expenses, and allowances of elected county and precinct officers for the year 2024, with the Sheriff's Office and Constable allotments contingent on receiving funds from SB22.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 26 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; William Bernsen; David Beyer, Lt. Deputy Sheriff**

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

MOVED BY JUDGE **Mueller**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, vote for \_\_\_\_\_, vote against **X**

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

27. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in authorizing the County auditor to publish proposed salaries, expenses, and allowances of elected county and precinct officers for the year 2024.**

**ACTION: Authorized the County Auditor to publish proposed salaries, expenses, and allowances of elected county and precinct officers for the year 2024.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

28. **SUBJECT: Discuss and propose the 2023 Tax Rate, and if necessary, schedule public hearing(s) and authorize notices to be placed in the newspaper.**

**ACTION: Placed a proposal on an agenda of a future meeting to adopt a specific tax rate for Fayette County, of \$0.41196 per \$100 of taxable value;**

**Set the dates and times of the public hearings on the proposed budget and proposed tax rate as follows: August 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for the budget hearing and September 14, 2023 at 9:00 am for the tax rate hearing; and**

**Authorized the publishing of notice in the newspaper concerning the proposed tax rate and the budget public hearing.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY JUDGE Mueller**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

29. **SUBJECT: Approve the proposed 2024 Fayette County Budget and authorize the County Auditor to file with the County Clerk.**

**ACTION: Approved the proposed 2024 Fayette County Budget, with the following adjustments:**

**Adding the estimated revenue of \$180,000 from the sale of the EMS Building in Schulenburg,**

**Adding the funds of \$350,000 as provided by SB22 to revenue,**

**Removing the 4 Sheriff's vehicles at \$237,500 from the budget (if the vehicles do not come in this year) and using their forfeiture funds,**

**Removing the \$85,000 salary for a Grants Specialist from the budget, and**

**Adjusting a program assistance request from \$16,000 down to \$10,000 for Fayette County Commission for Intellectual Disabilities (FCCID); and**

**Authorized the County Auditor to file with the County Clerk by August 15, 2023.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Paula Vogel, Human Resources Manager; William Bernsen; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Andy Behlen, Fayette County Record**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, vote for \_\_\_\_\_, vote against **X**

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for \_\_\_\_\_, vote against **X**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL ITEM – this item was posted at 11:10am on Monday, August 7, 2023 after the original Agenda had been posted. This item can be heard any time after 11:10am on Thursday, August 10, 2023.**

- 1. SUBJECT: Review and approve the Order of Election for the November 7, 2023 Special Constitutional Amendment Election.**

**ACTION: Approved the Order of Election for the November 7, 2023 Special Constitutional Amendment Election.**

See attached hereto marked “ADDITIONAL ITEM Agenda Action 1A Exhibit”

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; William Bernsen**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. SUBJECT: Authorize Crystal Landry, Deputy County Clerk, to attend the Texas College of Probate Judges Aug. 30 – Sept. 1, 2023 in San Antonio.**

**ACTION: Authorized Crystal Landry, Deputy County Clerk, to attend the Texas College of Probate Judges Aug. 30 – Sept. 1, 2023 in San Antonio.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**

Commr. McBroom, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

VIII.

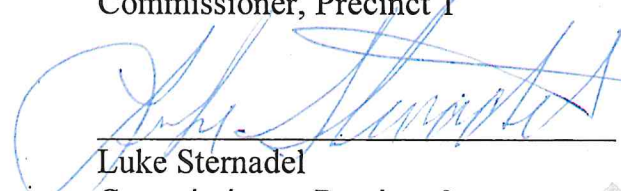
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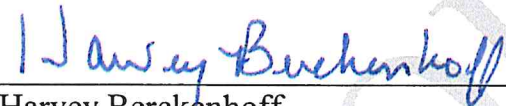
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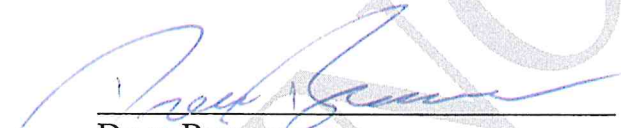


Dan Mueller  
Fayette County Judge

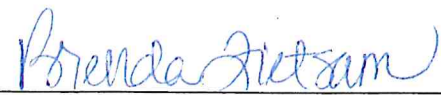
  
Jason McBroom  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

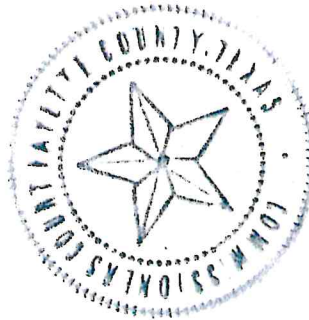
  
Luke Sternadel  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
Harvey Berckenhoff  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
Drew Brossmann  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Fietsam  
County Clerk



Commissioners Court August 10, 2023