
MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **June 3, 2019**.

II.

The minutes of the Special 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 **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, Tom Muras **Present**

IV.

County Officials/County Personnel present during all or any part of the meeting: **Mandy Kasper, Deputy County Clerk; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk; Clint Sternadel, Representative Sewage and Subdivision Regulation Inspection Enforcement; Kathy Kleiber, Auditor; Shelley Redding, Deputy County Auditor; Amber Hielscher, Deputy County Auditor; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Harold Streicher, Assistant County Attorney; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Sharon Muzny, EMS Director; Judy Blaha; EMS Administrative Assistant; Janet Carrigan, Emergency Management Coordinator/Floodplain Administrator;**

V.

Persons in attendance during all of any part of the meeting: **See attached "Exhibit A"**.

VI.

Meeting opened at **9 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Muras**, seconded by Commissioner **Berckenhoff**, votes for **5**, 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 concerning a request from Verlia Mosley, to use the east and south sides of the Courthouse grounds and the Courthouse restrooms, which will be supervised, in conjunction with Main Street's Art Stroll event for the following event: Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm.**

ACTION: Allowed a request from Verlia Mosley, to use the east and south sides of the Courthouse grounds and the Courthouse restrooms, which will be supervised, in conjunction with Main Street's Art Stroll event for the following event: Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Verlia Mosley

MOVED BY COMMR. Muras, 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. Muras, vote for **X**, vote against __

Judge Weber, vote for **X**, vote against _

- 2. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the application from Scott and Debbie Schaffer, requesting a variance to allow the subdivision of their real property.**

ACTION: Motion failed to grant the application from Scott and Debbie Schaffer, requesting a variance to allow the subdivision of their real property. See attachment hereto marked "Agenda Action 2 Exhibit".

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Scott Schaffer, Clint Sternadel, Representative Sewage and Subdivision Regulation Inspection Enforcement; Katy Michalke, Lindemann Real Estate; Sharon Muzny, EMS Director; Harold Streicher; Assistant County Attorney;

MOVED BY COMMR. Muras, SECONDED BY JUDGE Weber.

Commr. McBroom, vote for __, vote against **X**

Commr. Sternadel, vote for __, vote against **X**

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for __, vote against **X**

Commr. Muras, vote for **X**, vote against __

Judge Weber, vote for **X**, vote against __

3. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning approving Fayette County Driveway Standards, and concerning adopting applications, permits, procedures, and fees required to be completed and paid prior to authorizing the placement in County rights-of-way of a driveway entrance to private property.**

ACTION: Approved Fayette County Driveway Standards, and concerning adopting applications, permits, procedures, and fees required to be completed and paid prior to authorizing the placement in County rights-of-way of a driveway entrance to private property with the following EXCEPTIONS: Removing the sentence stating “The driveway must be located twenty-five feet (25’) of the assigned 911 address.”, adding all of the Commissioners’ office and cell numbers, and dropping the \$50 application fee. See attachment hereto marked “Agenda Action 3 Exhibit”.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Harold Streicher, Assistant County Attorney;

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. Muras, vote for **X**, vote against ___

Judge Weber, vote for **X**, vote against _

4. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning scheduling a workshop between the Texas General Land Office, Fayette County Commissioners Court, County Attorneys, County Auditor, Fayette County Emergency Management, and the City of La Grange regarding Community Development Block Funds to be managed by Fayette County for infrastructure repairs caused by hurricane Harvey DR4332.**

ACTION: Approved for a meeting to be scheduled with the following, except Fayette County Commissioners' Court, Texas General Land Office, County Attorneys, County Auditor, Fayette County Emergency Management, and the City of La Grange regarding Community Development Block Funds to be managed by Fayette County for infrastructure repairs caused by hurricane Harvey DR4332.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Commissioners' Court didn't feel they needed to be at the workshop but the findings should be brought to them as recommendations and options. The representative for the City of La Grange assured the court they will follow CFR and are committed to keep the county to have no exposure.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Janet Carrigan, Emergency Management Coordinator/Floodplain Administrator; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney, Shawn Raborn, City Manager;

MOVED BY JUDGE Weber, SECONDED BY COMMR. Muras.

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against __

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against __

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against ____

Commr. Muras, vote for **X**, vote against __

Judge Weber, vote for **X**, vote against _

5. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in referring to and in treating Fayette County Non-Exempt employees as being hourly employees and not as being salaried employees, as per the guidance and recommendation from the Department of Labor.**

ACTION: Approved to make Fayette County Non-Exempt employees as being hourly employees and not as being salaried employees, as per the guidance and recommendation from the Department of Labor.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Kathy Kleiber, Auditor; Shelley Redding, Deputy County Auditor; Michele Arseneau, TAC;

MOVED BY COMMR. Muras, 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. Muras, vote for **X**, vote against __

Judge Weber, vote for **X**, vote against __

6. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action eliminating the advance payment of employee wages.**

ACTION: Approved eliminating the advance payment of employee wages.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Kathy Kleiber, Auditor; Shelley Redding, Deputy County Auditor; Amber Hielscher, Deputy County Auditor; Michele Arseneau, TAC; Harold Streicher, Assistant County Attorney;

MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, 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. Muras, vote for **X**, vote against __

Judge Weber, vote for **X**, vote against _

7. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action possibly revising the employees pay date from the last day of the month to every other Friday of each month.**

ACTION: Revised the employees pay date from the last day of the month to every other Friday of each month and the bi-weekly pay period to begin on July 28th through August 10th, 2019. First bi-weekly pay check will go out on August 16, 2019.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: A request was made to have a letter sent out to employees with an example of new the pay will be affected. Another was to have a rep from the Auditor's Office to attend department meeting held by department head to be available to answer questions.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Kathy Kleiber, Auditor; Shelly Redding, Deputy County Auditor; Amber Hielscher, Deputy County Auditor; Michele Arseneau, TAC; Janet Carrigan, Emergency Management Coordinator/Floodplain Administrator; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk;

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. Muras, vote for **X**, vote against ___
Judge Weber, vote for **X**, vote against _

8. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action possibly approving a revised Employee Time Card.

ACTION: Approved a revised Employee Time Card. See attachment hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit".

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The auditor's office is working on the revised Time Card. It will be the department head's responsibility to come up with an office policy of starting time and all other time related issues and have it signed by all employees in the department.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Kathy Kleiber, Auditor; Shelley Redding, Deputy County Auditor; Amber Hielscher, Deputy County Auditor; Michelle Arseneau, TAC; Sharon Muzny, EMS Director; Harold Streicher, Assistant County Attorney; Janet Carrigan, Emergency Management Coordinator/Floodplain 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. Muras, vote for **X**, vote against ___

Judge Weber, vote for **X**, vote against _

VIII.

Meeting adjourned at **10:59 a.m., June 3, 2019**, on motion by Commissioner **Muras**, seconded by Commissioner **Berckenhoff**, votes for **5**, votes against **0**.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Joseph Weber
Fayette County Judge

Jason McBroom
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Luke Sternadel
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Harvey Berckenhoff
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Tom Muras
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Brenda Fietsam
County Clerk