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## MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

### I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **November 25, 2024.**

### 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 **Absent**  
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 2, Luke Sternadel **Present**  
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 3, Harvey Berkenhoff **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; Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1;**  
**Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor;**  
**Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;**  
**Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Debra Maddox, Airport Manager;**  
**Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator**

### 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 **9:01 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**,  
seconded by Commissioner **Sternadel**, votes for **4**, votes against **0**.

**AGENDA ACTION:**

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

- i. **November 14, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

**ACTION: Approved Minutes from the November 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.**

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

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

**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.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None.**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION: Closed Public Comments.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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: Sign proclamation proclaiming the first day of each month as Community Prayer Gathering.**

**ACTION: Signed Proclamation proclaiming the first day of each month as Community Prayer Gathering.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 3 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Anthony Brom; Jan Dockery; Ed Murphy; Austin Jones**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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 concerning the following applications requesting the division of real property: Clinton Lueders Jr located in Precinct 3.**

**ACTION: Approved Application requesting the division of real property: Clinton Lueders, Jr. located in Precinct 3.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"

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

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY JUDGE Mueller**  
**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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: 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 Buck Up Auction.**

**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 Buck Up Auction.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 5 Exhibit"

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

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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 for Fayette County Precinct One to purchase a 2012 Peterbilt – VIN 1XPWDP9X9CD170828 from Mitchell Truck Sales LLC, 5968 East HWY 67, Alvarado-Texas, and allow County employees to sign all paperwork needed for purchase.**

**ACTION: Approved Fayette County Precinct One to purchase a 2012 Peterbilt – VIN 1XPWDP9X9CD170828 from Mitchell Truck Sales LLC, 5968 East HWY 67, Alvarado-Texas; and**

**Allowed County employees to sign all paperwork needed for purchase.**

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 6 Exhibit”

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

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the request from Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc., to set bore under the right-of-way of Darilek Road (Precinct 3), to extend service to a new customer.**

**ACTION: Approved the Request from Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc., to set bore under the right-of-way of Darilek Road (Precinct 3), to extend service to a new customer.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

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

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

**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: Consider and take appropriate action on request from Texas Department of Agriculture for Fayette County to complete Acknowledgment of CDBG Services form as a procedural requirement from HUD regarding the City of Smithville's grant application for funding under the FAST Fund of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program.**

**ACTION: Approved Request from Texas Department of Agriculture for Fayette County to complete Acknowledgment of CDBG Services form as a procedural requirement from HUD regarding the City of Smithville's grant application for funding under the FAST Fund of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

**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: Consider and take appropriate action in signing a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant program.**

**ACTION: Signed a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant program.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

**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 possibly accepting all bids and awarding a bid for grant administrative services for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant program.**

**ACTION: Accepted all Bids for grant administrative services for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant program.  
Awarded Bid to Langford Community Management Services.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**  
Commr. McBroom, **Absent**  
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 entering into a Contract with Langford Community Management Services for grant administrative services for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant program.**

**ACTION: Deferred to a future meeting.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff**  
Commr. McBroom, **Absent**  
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: Consider and take appropriate action signing a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to FEMA's Assistance for Firefighter grant on behalf of Fayette County EMS.**

**ACTION: Signed a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to FEMA's Assistance for Firefighter grant on behalf of Fayette County EMS.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 12 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

**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: Authorize the following class requests: Steven Svec, Courthouse Maintenance, to attend the Texas Historical Commission Real Places Conference April 23-25, 2025 in Austin; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk, to attend the 2025 County & District Clerks' Association of Texas Winter Conference scheduled for Feb. 3 – 6, 2025 in Denton.**

**ACTION: Authorized the following Class Requests: Steven Svec, Courthouse Maintenance, to attend the Texas Historical Commission Real Places Conference April 23-25, 2025 in Austin; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk, to attend the 2025 County & District Clerks' Association of Texas Winter Conference scheduled for Feb. 3 – 6, 2025 in Denton.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

**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: Acknowledge the 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): Reiss Rd (Precinct 1), Lakeview Rd, Darden Loop Rd, (Precinct 2), Farek Loth Rd (Precinct 3), E. Radhost School Rd and Marty Rd (Precinct 4).**

**ACTION: Acknowledged the 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): Reiss Rd (Precinct 1), Lakeview Rd, Darden Loop Rd, (Precinct 2), Farek Loth Rd (Precinct 3), E. Radhost School Rd and Marty Rd (Precinct 4).**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 14 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

**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 signing resolution giving various Department Heads the authority to execute documents on behalf of the county to claim unclaimed funds from the State.**

**ACTION: Signed Resolution giving various Department Heads the authority to execute documents on behalf of the county to claim unclaimed funds from the State.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 15 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

**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 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 16 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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: Enter into closed (executive) session pursuant to Government Code, Sections 551.071, to consult with attorney and 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, with final action to be taken in open session.**

**ACTION: Entered into Closed Session at 9:27 a.m. to consult with Attorney and to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, with final action to be taken in open session.**

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

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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: Return and reconvene to open meeting.**

**ACTION: Reconvened into open meeting at 9:56 a.m.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action in reconsidering purchase contract with Mary Leuders for airplane hangers identified as #3 and #4 currently located at the Fayette County Regional Airport.**

**ACTION: No Action Taken.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

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

**Commr. McBroom, Absent**

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.

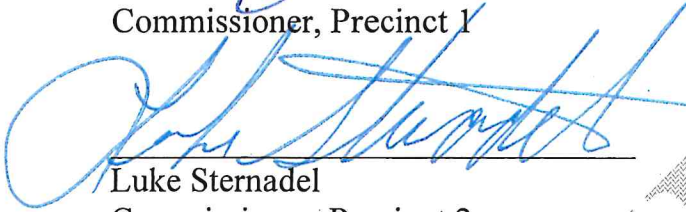
Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m., November 25, 2024, on motion by Commissioner Brossmann, seconded by Commissioner Sternadel, votes for 4, votes against 0.


APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.




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 November 25, 2024