MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of September 26, 2024.

II.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Fayette County, Texas, Commissioners Court held in the District Courtroom (2nd floor) 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; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor;
Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator;
Gary Daniels, Assistant EMS Director; Josh Vandever, EMS Director;
Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;
Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney;
Debra Maddox, Airport Manager; Karley Nagel, EMS; Preston McGrew, EMS;
Conner Zeller, EMS; 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 9:09 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. September 9, 2024 Special Meeting
 - ii. September 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

ACTION: Approved minutes from the September 9, 2024 Special Meeting and the September 12, 2024 Regular Meeting.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: 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. 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. 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 **ACTION: Closed Public Comments.** PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None 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

3.	SUBJECT: Sign proclamation proclaiming the month of October as "Czech Heritage Month".	
	ACTION: Signed Proclamation proclaiming the month of October as "Czech Heritage Month".	
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 3 Exhibit"	
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Betty Danner; Jeff Parker; Kathie Craft; Marilyn Cernoch; Alfred Ermis; Brenda Fietsam	
	See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"	
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		
4.	SUBJECT: Sign proclamation proclaiming October 6, 2024 as "German American Day" in Fayette County.	
	ACTION: Signed Proclamation proclaiming October 6, 2024 as "German American Day" in Fayette County.	
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"	
A.	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Charles Murray; Audrey Huenefeld; Willy Schmidt; Lee Ann Hartmann; Mannie Fritsch-Schmid; Glenn Altwein	
	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	

5. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on request from Chief David Gilbreath of La Grange P.D. to use the Courthouse grounds on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for National Night Out. ACTION: Approved Request from Chief David Gilbreath of La Grange P.D. to use the Courthouse grounds on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for National Night Out. PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None 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 6. Consider and take appropriate action in authorizing Fayette **SUBJECT:** Memorial to use the Fayette County agriculture Building Large Meeting Training Room on March 22, 2025 for a health expo. ACTION: No Action Taken. PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: , SECONDED BY COMMR. MOVED BY COMMR. Commr. McBroom, vote for _____, vote against _____ Commr. Sternadel, vote for ____, vote against _____ Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for _____, vote against _____ Commr. Brossmann, vote for _____, vote against _____ Judge Mueller, vote for _____, vote against _____

7. SUBJECT: Add La Bahia Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas to the list of organizations for use of the Fayette County Agricultural Building Large Meeting Training Room and Small Meeting Conference Room Use Agreement. ACTION: Added La Bahia Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas to the list of organizations for use of the Fayette County Agricultural Building Large Meeting Training Room and Small Meeting Conference Room Use Agreement. See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit" PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None 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 SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the following 8. applications requesting the division of real property: Louie Crapitto located in Precinct 2. ACTION: Approved the Application requesting the division of real property: Louie Crapitto located in Precinct 2, providing that a final survey showing a minimum of a 30' of width per each tract is submitted to the County. See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit" PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting; Louie Crapitto 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 _____

9.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving Fayette County Routing Agreement and Road Use Bond Agreement for commercial development.	
	ACTION: Approved Fayette County Routing Agreement and Road Use Bond Agreement for commercial development.	
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"	
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting	
	See attached hereto marked "Exhibit C"	
	MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann Commr. McBroom, Recused 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: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action concerning Burn Ban.	
	ACTION: Approved the Implementation of the Burn Ban, with the amendment that the County Judge has the authority to rescind the Burn Ban whenever deemed necessary.	
4	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit" PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator 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	

11.	SUBJECT: Hear monthly report from Sheriff's Office.
	ACTION: Accepted Monthly Report from Sheriff's Office.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff
	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 Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against
12.	SUBJECT: Hear report from Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator & Grant Specialist.
	ACTION: Accepted Report from Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator & Grant Specialist.
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 12 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator
	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

13. SUBJECT: Recognize Fayette County EMS being named EMS Agency of the Year by the Texas EMS Alliance. ACTION: Recognized Fayette County EMS being named EMS Agency of the Year by the Texas EMS Alliance. PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Josh Vandever, EMS Director 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 14. SUBJECT: Hear report from Josh Vandever, EMS Director. ACTION: Accepted Report from Josh Vandever, EMS Director. See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 14 Exhibit" PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Josh Vandever, EMS Director 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

15. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning entering into the following Affiliation Agreements: Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service ("TEEX"), Victoria College and Health Shield Educational Services EMS Program (HSES), to allow qualified students to "ride out" with County EMS personnel.

ACTION: Entered into the following Affiliation Agreements: Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service ("TEEX"), Victoria College and Health Shield Educational Services EMS Program (HSES), to allow qualified students to "ride out" with County EMS personnel.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 15 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Gary Daniels, Assistant EMS Director

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

16. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action by signing a Resolution authorizing a Fayette County Grant to Combined Community Action, Inc., for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Feeding Texas: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program. ACTION: Signed a Resolution authorizing a Fayette County Grant to Combined Community Action, Inc., for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Feeding Texas: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program. See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 16 Exhibit" PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator 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 SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in setting a date for a public 17. hearing concerning setting speed limit on the following road: Lloyd Lane (Precinct 4), and for authorization to publish notice of said hearing in the newspaper. ACTION: Set October 10, 2024 for a Public Hearing concerning setting speed limit on the following road: Lloyd Lane (Precinct 4), and for authorization to publish notice of said hearing in the newspaper. PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Drew Brossmann; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator 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

18.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on purchasing a new utility tractor, front-end loader, and shredder for the Fayette County Regional Airport.
	ACTION: Deferred to the October 10, 2024 Regular Meeting.
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom; Debra Maddox, Airport Manager
	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
19.	SUBJECT: Acknowledge the fiber 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): Belota Walla Rd (Precinct 1), Rek Hill Rd, Rocky Creek Rd (Precinct 2), and Seidel Rd (Precinct 4). ACTION: Acknowledged the fiber 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): Belota Walla Rd (Precinct 1), Rek Hill Rd, Rocky Creek Rd (Precinct 2), and Seidel Rd (Precinct 2).
	4). See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 19 Exhibit"
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None
	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 Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against

20. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in accepting and/or awarding bids for Construction of two Fayette County Bridges on Weyand Road over Shaw Creek and Roznov Road at Clear Creek both in Precinct 2. ACTION: Accepted all Bids for Construction of two Fayette County Bridges on Weyand Road over Shaw Creek and Roznov Road at Clear Creek both in Precinct 2. Awarded Bid to Wakefield Bridge, Inc. See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 20 Exhibit" PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Luke Sternadel; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor 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 SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the 2025 Fayette 21. County Sheriff Forfeiture Budget. ACTION: Approved the 2025 Fayette County Sheriff Forfeiture Budget. See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 21 Exhibit" PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor 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

22.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the 2025 Fayette County Attorney's Forfeiture Budget.		
	ACTION: Approved the 2025 Fayette County Attorney's Forfeiture Budget.		
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 22 Exhibit"		
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor		
	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		
23.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action by approving the Grant FY2025 Routine Airport Maintenance Program between Fayette County, Texas,		
	on behalf of the Fayette Regional Air Center, and the Texas Department of Transportation.		
ACTION: Approved the Grant FY2025 Routine Airport Maintenance Probetween Fayette County, Texas, on behalf of the Fayette Regional Air Center the Texas Department of Transportation.			
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 23 Exhibit"		
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Debra Maddox, Airport Manager		
4	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		

SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the renewal of the 2025 County Choice Silver Retiree Medical Program.	
ACTION: Approved the renewal of the 2025 County Choice Silver Retiree Medical Program.	
See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 24 Exhibit"	
PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor	
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	
SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract between the Office of the Attorney General and Fayette County for the State Fiscal Year 2025.	
ACTION: Approved the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract between the Offic of the Attorney General and Fayette County for the State Fiscal Year 2025. See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 25 Exhibit"	
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 Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against	

26.	SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the Fayette County VINE Service Agreement Renewal Notice.			
	ACTION: Approved the Fayette County VINE Service Agreement Renewal Notice; and			
	Authorized the County Judge to sign. See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 26 Exhibit"			
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Audito			
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. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against				
27. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the Worker Compensation Questionnaire from the Texas Association of Counties Ris Management Pool for the coverage period of January 01, 2025 through January 01, 2026.				
	ACTION: Approved the Worker's Compensation Questionnaire from the Texa Association of Counties Risk Management Pool for the coverage period of January 01, 2025 through January 01, 2026.			
	See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 27 Exhibit"			
	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor 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			

28. 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 28 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Bercker	inom
Commr. McBroom, vote for X, vote against	
Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against	Elle.
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 10:15 a.m., September 26, 2024, on motion by Commissioner Brossmann, seconded by Commissioner Sternadel, votes for 5, votes against 0.

APPROVED this 10th day of October, 2024.

Dan	Muella
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 September 26, 2024