

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **December 8, 2025**.

II.

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 Dan Mueller **Present**
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 1, Jason McBroom **Present**
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 2, Clint 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;
Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator;
Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;
Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator;
Candace Koether, Human Resources/Payroll Assistant;
Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Kelly Blackwell, Floodplain Manager;
Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator; Josh Vandever, EMS Director

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 **8:59 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**, seconded by Commissioner **Berkenhoff**, votes for **5**, votes against **0**.

AGENDA ACTION:

1. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the following minutes from previous meetings:
 - i. November 13, 2025 – Regular Meeting
 - ii. November 24, 2025 – Regular Meeting

ACTION: Approved Minutes from the November 13, 2025 Regular Meeting and the November 24, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Noted: Approval for Minutes from the October 9, 2025 Regular Meeting are pending the signing of the Komatsu Architecture Contract.

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. Berkenhoff, 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. **Berkenhoff**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Berkenhoff, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

ACTION: Accepted all Public Comments.

Closed Public Comments.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Rodney Read; Judge Dan Mueller

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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

Commr. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Berkenhoff, 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, both written and oral, from members of the public concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Road: Ross Prairie Church Rd, Brushy Rd, Klatt Rd and Zapalac Rd (Precinct 2). Accept comments and close public hearing.

ACTION: Opened and Held Public Hearing concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Roads: Ross Prairie Church Road, Brushy Road, Klatt Road and Zapalac Road (Precinct 2).

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Tony Brom; David Zapalac**

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

ACTION: Accepted all Comments.

Closed Public Hearing.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Tony Brom; David Zapalac**

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, 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 in making a finding and determination that the **prima facie** speed limit concerning the following named road is unreasonable or unsafe, and in making and in signing an order concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Road: Ross Prairie Church Rd, Brushy Rd, Klatt Rd and Zapalac Rd (Precinct 2).

ACTION: Found and Determined that the **Prima Facie Speed Limit** concerning Ross Prairie Church Road, Brushy Road, Klatt Road and Zapalac Road (Precinct 2) is **unreasonable or unsafe**; and

Signed an Order to set the speed limit at 35 mph for Ross Prairie Church Road; and

Signed Orders to set the speed limit at 40 mph for Brushy Road, Klatt Road and Zapalac Road.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Clint Sternadel

MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, 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 Road: Piney Creek Rd (Precinct 1). Accept comments and close public hearing.

ACTION: Opened and Held Public Hearing concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Road: Piney Creek Road (Precinct 1).

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Commissioner Jason McBroom;**
Anne Perez

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

ACTION: Accepted all Comments.

Closed Public Hearing.

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

Anne Perez

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, 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 road is unreasonable or unsafe, and in making and in signing an order concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Road: Piney Creek Rd (Precinct 1).

ACTION: Found and Determined that the Prima Facie Speed Limit concerning Piney Creek Road (Precinct 1) is unreasonable or unsafe; and

Signed an Order to set the speed limit at 35 mph for entire road.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom

MOVED BY COMM'R. McBROOM, SECONDED BY COMM'R. Sternadel

Comm'r. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

7. **SUBJECT: Hear monthly report from Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting.**

ACTION: Accepted monthly Report from Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting

MOVED BY COMM'R. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMM'R. McBroom

Comm'r. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

8. **SUBJECT:** Approve Application for Pipeline Public Road Bored Crossing Permit, submitted by ET Gathering & Processing LLC, for said pipelines to cross under Baumbach Road (Precinct 2), a public county road located in Fayette County, Texas.

ACTION: Approved Application for Pipeline Public Road Bored Crossing Permit, submitted by ET Gathering & Processing LLC, for said pipelines to cross under Baumbach Road (Precinct 2), a public county road located in Fayette County, Texas.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting**

MOVED BY COMM'R. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMM'R. McBroom

Comm'r. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

9. **SUBJECT:** Accept and approve SART Biannual report and authorize submission to Sexual Assault Survivor's Task Force.

ACTION: Accepted SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) Biannual report; and Authorized Submission to Sexual Assault Survivor's Task Force.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney**

MOVED BY COMM'R. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMM'R. Sternadel

Comm'r. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, vote for X, vote against _____

Comm'r. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

10. SUBJECT: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action concerning implementation of the Statewide Emergency Management Assistance Teams (TEMAT) Program.

ACTION: Accepted the Implementation of the Statewide Emergency Management Assistance Teams (TEMAT) Program.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"

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

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

11. SUBJECT: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action in extending Order Restricting Outdoor Burning set to expire Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

ACTION: Extended Order Restricting Outdoor Burning that was set to expire Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 Exhibit"

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

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, 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 in approving the purchase for Road & Bridge Precinct 1 of a used 2013 Mack Dump Truck, VIN #1M1AN07Y2DM011940, located at Albert's Truck Sales LLC, 2000 McCarty St., Houston, TX 77029, for the purchase price of \$42,550.00, using funds available in the 2025 Precinct 1 Road & Bridge budget, and authorizing Precinct 1 employees to sign all necessary paperwork.

ACTION: Approved the Purchase for Road & Bridge Precinct 1 of a used 2013 Mack Dump Truck, VIN #1M1AN07Y2DM011940, located at Albert's Truck Sales LLC, 2000 McCarty St., Houston, TX 77029, for the purchase price of \$42,550.00, using funds available in the 2025 Precinct 1 Road & Bridge budget; and

Authorized Precinct 1 Employees to sign all necessary paperwork.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 12 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom

MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel

Commr. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Berkenhoff, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

13. SUBJECT: Hear report from Auditor / Human Resources Departments.

ACTION: Accepted all Comments from Auditor & Human Resources.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 13 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator; Kelly Blackwell, Floodplain Manager; Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, 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 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 14 Exhibit"

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

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

VIII.

Meeting adjourned at **9:48 a.m., December 8, 2025**, on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**, seconded by Commissioner **Berkenhoff**, votes for **5**, votes against **0**.

APPROVED this 22nd day of December, 2025.

Dan Mueller

Dan Mueller
Fayette County Judge

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Jason McBroom
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Clint S.

Clint Sternadel
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Harvey Berkenhoff

Harvey Berkenhoff
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Absent

Drew Brossmann
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Brenda Fietsam

Brenda Fietsam
County Clerk



Commissioners Court December 8, 2025