

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **August 14, 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 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;
Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator;
Donna Macik, Elections Administrator; Gary Daniels, Assistant EMS Director;
Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;
Kelly Blackwell, Floodplain Manager; Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff;
Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1; Sylvia Mendoza, Tax Assessor Collector;
Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Debra Maddox, Airport Manager

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 **9:00 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Berckenhoff**,
seconded by Commissioner **Brossmann**, 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 24, 2025 – Regular Meeting**
 - ii. **July 30, 2025 – Special Meeting**

ACTION: Approved Minutes from the July 24, 2025 Regular Meeting and the July 30, 2025 Special 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. ~~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 _____

**ACTION: Accepted all Public Comments.
Closed Public Comments.**

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Patsy Parker; Commissioner Harvey Berckenhoff

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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 _____

3. **SUBJECT: Open and hold public hearing to consider and accept comments regarding the proposed Fayette County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for 2026, in accordance with Texas Government Code 118.025. Accept comments and close public hearing.**

ACTION: Opened and Held Public Hearing regarding the proposed Fayette County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for 2026, in accordance with Texas Government Code 118.025.

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: Accepted all Public Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 3 Exhibit"

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 _____

4. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action and potentially approve the Fayette County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for 2026 for the preservation and restoration of archived records.**

ACTION: Approved the Fayette County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for 2026 for the preservation and restoration of archived records; and

Authorized the County Clerk to sign the Preservation Project as presented by KOFILE.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"

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 _____

5. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge list of Presiding and Alternate Judges, Early Voting Ballot Board & Central Count.**

ACTION: Acknowledged List of Presiding and Alternate Judges, Early Voting Ballot Board & Central Count.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 5 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Donna Macik, Elections Administrator

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 _____

6. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in signing an Order of Appointment for Election Judges and Alternates for a two year term beginning September 1, 2025.**

ACTION: Signed an Order of Appointment for Election Judges and Alternates for a two year term beginning September 1, 2025.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Donna Macik, Elections Administrator

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 _____

7. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in signing an Order of Special Election for Constitutional Amendments held on November 7, 2025.**

ACTION: Signed an Order of Special Election for Constitutional Amendments held on November 4, 2025.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Donna Macik, Elections Administrator

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 _____

8. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on a Lease Agreement between Fayette County, Lessor, owner of the Fayette Regional Air Center Airport, and Jess Lockaby, Lessee, for lease of airport hangar #19.**

ACTION: Approved a Lease Agreement between Fayette County, Lessor, owner of the Fayette Regional Air Center Airport; and Jess Lockaby, Lessee, for lease of Airport Hangar #19.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Debra Maddox, Airport Manager; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney

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 _____

9. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the following applications requesting the division of real property: Ray Smith Family Holdings LLC located in Precinct 4; Justin Krebs located in Precinct 2.**

ACTION: Approved the following Applications requesting the division of real property: Ray Smith Family Holdings LLC located in Precinct 4; Justin Krebs located in Precinct 2.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

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

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 _____

10. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the re-plat of Round Top Springs to Round Top Farms located in Precinct 2.**

ACTION: Deferred to the next scheduled Meeting.

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

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 _____

11. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in recognizing the following private road, for mapping purposes only: Round Top Farms Drive (Precinct 2).**

ACTION: Deferred to the next scheduled Meeting.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None

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 _____

12. **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 12 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, 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 _____

13. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Geographic Information System Database Management, between the Capital Area Council of Governments and Fayette County.**

ACTION: Accepted and Signed Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Geographic Information System Database Management, between the Capital Area Council of Governments and Fayette County.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 13 Exhibit"

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

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: Consider and take appropriate action concerning Texas Department of Motor Vehicles' Imposition of Optional Fees for calendar year 2026.**

ACTION: Selected Option A of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles' Imposition of Optional Fees for calendar year 2026.

OPTION A: No Change. This county will charge the same fees in CY 2026.

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: Authorize County Attorney's office to negotiate terms of lease with USDA for office space located the Fayette County Agriculture Building.**

ACTION: Authorized County Attorney's Office to negotiate terms of lease with USDA for office space located the Fayette County Agriculture Building.

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

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 _____

16. **SUBJECT: Add Texas Health and Human Services -Child Care Regulation Department 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 Texas Health and Human Services -Child Care Regulation Department 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 16 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator

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 _____

17. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving eight Contracts between Colorado Valley Communications and Fayette County, Texas for renewing fiber internet and phone service for Agriculture Building, Recycle Center, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, EMS Stations 2 & 4, Commissioners Precinct 4 Warehouse, Juvenile Probation and Meadows Building.**

ACTION: Approved eight Contracts between Colorado Valley Communications and Fayette County, Texas for renewing fiber internet and phone service for Agriculture Building, Recycle Center, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, EMS Stations 2 & 4, Commissioners Precinct 4 Warehouse, Juvenile Probation and Meadows Building.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 17 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: 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 in setting a date for a public hearing concerning setting speed limit on the following roads: Bruno Rd (Precinct 4), and for authorization to publish notice of said hearing in the newspaper.**

ACTION: Set August 28, 2025 for a Public Hearing concerning setting speed limit on the following roads: Bruno Road (Precinct 4); and

Authorized publishing notice of said hearing in the newspaper.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Drew Brossmann

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 _____

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): Piney Creek Rd (Precinct 1), Seydler Rd, Bryant Rd, Krischke Rd and Mensik 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): Piney Creek Road (Precinct 1), Seydler Road, Bryant Road, Krischke Road and Mensik Road (Precinct 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 _____

20. **SUBJECT:** Accept and approve the written plan of Industry Communications, to install a new buried communications line upon and along the right-of-ways of Minarcik Rd (Precinct 2) with Industry Communications being required to be responsible for repairs, and/or being required to make repairs, of direct or collateral damage, if any, caused by Industry Communications, and/or its contractors, to the preceding road, and to other utilities utilizing the public right-of-ways.

ACTION: Accepted and Approved the written Plan of Industry Communications, to install a new buried communications line upon and along the right-of-ways of Minarcik Road (Precinct 2) with Industry Communications being required to be responsible for repairs, and/or being required to make repairs, of direct or collateral damage, if any, caused by Industry Communications, and/or its contractors, to the preceding road, and to other utilities utilizing the public right-of-ways.

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:** Accept and approve the written plan of Industry Communications, to bore at two locations and install a new buried communications line upon and along the right-of-ways of Havemann Rd (Precinct 2) with Industry Communications being required to be responsible for repairs, and/or being required to make repairs, of direct or collateral damage, if any, caused by Industry Communications, and/or its contractors, to the preceding road, and to other utilities utilizing the public right-of-ways.

ACTION: Accepted and Approved the written Plan of Industry Communications, to bore at two locations and install a new buried communications line upon and along the right-of-ways of Havemann Road (Precinct 2) with Industry Communications being required to be responsible for repairs, and/or being required to make repairs, of direct or collateral damage, if any, caused by Industry Communications, and/or its contractors, to the preceding road, and to other utilities utilizing the public right-of-ways.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 21 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None

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 _____

22. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge letter from TXDOT concerning road closure on FM 2145 from US 77 to FM 2981 for the replacement of a bridge at Jordan Creek, the roadway at these locations will be closed approximately 6 months, the projects are scheduled for a October 2025 letting, typically, construction starts 2-3 months after the letting date.**

ACTION: Acknowledged Letter from TXDOT concerning road closure on FM 2145 from US 77 to FM 2981 for the replacement of a bridge at Jordan Creek, the roadway at these locations will be closed approximately 6 months, the projects are scheduled for a October 2025 letting, typically, construction starts 2-3 months after the letting date.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 22 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. Berckenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

23. **SUBJECT: Discuss and acknowledge salary changes, if any, made in the period of 7/01/2025 through 7/31/2025.**

ACTION: Acknowledged salary changes made in the period of 7/01/2025 through 7/31/2025.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 23 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator

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 in accepting bids and possibly awarding a Lease Purchase bid for the financing of a Road & Bridge Soil Compactor for Road and Bridge Precinct No. 3.**

ACTION: Accepted all Bids for a Lease Purchase on the financing of a Road & Bridge Soil Compactor for Road and Bridge Precinct No. 3.

Awarded Bid to Carmine State Bank.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 24 Exhibit"

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

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 _____

25. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the fines and fees collected for the 2nd quarter of 2025.**

ACTION: Accepted the Fines and Fees collected for the 2nd Quarter of 2025.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 25 Exhibit"

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

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 _____

26. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on amending the Fayette County mass gathering permit application.**

ACTION: Amended the Fayette County Mass Gathering Permit Application.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 26 Exhibit"

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

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 _____

27. **SUBJECT:** Authorize the following class requests: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor to attend the Texas Association of Counties Auditors Fall Conference on October 14 – 17, 2025 held in San Antonio; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk, to attend the 2025 County & District Clerks' Association Fall Conference scheduled for Sept. 17-19, 2025 in College Station; Crystal Landry to attend the Texas College of Probate Judges Aug. 27-29, 2025 in San Antonio; Jail Administrator Holly Smith, Sgt Charles Jakobeit, Jailers Cassandra Richardson, & Anthony Bush to attend the Texas Jail Conference 2025 in Galveston Island Convention Center from September 8-12, 2025; Sgt Ron Naumann, Sgt Ben Wilson, Compliance Officer Candace Koether to attend the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement 2025 Conference in McAllen Texas at the McAllen Conference Center from September 21- 25. 2025; County Judge Dan Mueller and Angela Hahn, EMC to attend the 2025 TAC Legislative Conference, virtually, August 27-29, 2025.

ACTION: Authorized the following class requests: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor to attend the Texas Association of Counties Auditors Fall Conference on October 14 – 17, 2025 held in San Antonio; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk, to attend the 2025 County & District Clerks' Association Fall Conference scheduled for Sept. 17-19, 2025 in College Station; Crystal Landry to attend the Texas College of Probate Judges Aug. 27-29, 2025 in San Antonio; Jail Administrator Holly Smith, Sergeant Charles Jakobeit, Jailers Cassandra Richardson, & Anthony Bush to attend the Texas Jail Conference 2025 in Galveston Island Convention Center from September 8-12, 2025; Sergeant Ron Naumann, Sergeant Ben Wilson, Compliance Officer Candace Koether to attend the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement 2025 Conference in McAllen Texas at the McAllen Conference Center from September 21- 25. 2025; County Judge Dan Mueller and Angela Hahn, EMC to attend the 2025 TAC Legislative Conference, virtually, August 27-29, 2025.

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 _____

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. 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 _____

29. **SUBJECT: Budget Workshop.**

**ACTION: Accepted all Comments of the 2026 Budget Workshop.
Closed Budget Workshop.**

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator; Commissioner Jason McBroom; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff

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 _____

30. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action to propose salaries, expenses, and allowances of elected county and precinct officers for the year 2026.**

ACTION: Approved Proposed Salaries, Expenses, and Allowances of elected county and precinct officers for the year 2026.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 30 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor

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 _____

31. **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 2026.**

ACTION: Authorized the County Auditor to publish Proposed Salaries, Expenses, and Allowances of elected county and precinct officers for the year 2026.

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 _____

32. **SUBJECT: Discuss and propose the 2025 Tax Rate, and if necessary, schedule public hearing(s) and authorize notices to be place in the newspaper.**

ACTION: Placed a Proposal on an agenda of a future meeting to adopt a specific tax rate for Fayette County of \$0.40984 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 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for the Budget Hearing, and September 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. 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

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 _____

33. **SUBJECT: Accept the proposed 2026 Fayette County Budget and authorize the County Auditor to file with the County Clerk.**

ACTION: Accepted the Proposed 2026 Fayette County Budget and Authorized the County Auditor to file with the County Clerk by August 15, 2025.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 33 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: 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 _____

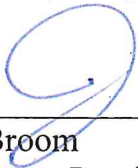
VIII.

Meeting adjourned at **10:18 a.m., August 14, 2025**, on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**, seconded by Commissioner **Sternadel**, votes for **5**, votes against **0**.

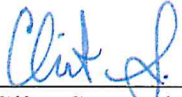
APPROVED this 28th day of August, 2025.



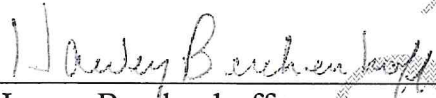
Dan Mueller
Fayette County Judge



Jason McBroom
Commissioner, Precinct 1



Clint Sternadel
Commissioner, Precinct 2



Harvey Berckenhoff
Commissioner, Precinct 3



Drew Brossmann
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:



Brenda Fietsam
County Clerk

Commissioners Court August 14, 2025.

