

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **March 13, 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, Luke Sternadel **Present**

County Commissioner – Precinct No. 3, Harvey Berkenhoff **Absent**

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;

Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Manager;

Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;

Donna Macik, Elections Administrator; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Payroll Coordinator;

Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator;

Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator; Rick Bohlmann, Deputy Sheriff

V.

Persons in attendance during all of any part of the meeting:

See Attached Exhibit A

VI.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCETO THE AMERICAN FLAG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCETO THE TEXAS FLAG

“Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”

VII.

Meeting opened at **9:02 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. February 27, 2025 – Regular Meeting

ACTION: Deferred to a future meeting.

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, **Absent**

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 JUDGE **Mueller**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

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: Louis Sellers; Commissioner Luke Sternadel; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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

Commr. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

3. **SUBJECT:** Consider and take appropriate action concerning (1) approving the final plat of Phase 3 of Compound Lane regarding a platted subdivision named The Compound; and (2) acknowledging BEFCO Engineering Inc., having issued a Certificate of Construction Completion dated February 19, 2025 Mark Massey being responsible for the maintenance of Compound Lane Phase 3 for two years until February 19, 2027, at which time the road may be accepted for county maintenance into the county road system.

ACTION: Approved the final Plat of Phase 3 of Compound Lane regarding a platted subdivision named The Compound; and

Acknowledged BEFCO Engineering Inc., having issued a Certificate of Construction Completion dated February 19, 2025 Mark Massey being responsible for the maintenance of Compound Lane Phase 3 for two years until February 19, 2027, at which time the road may be accepted for county maintenance into the county road system.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 3 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, 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. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

4. **SUBJECT:** Consider and take appropriate action in recognizing the following private road, for mapping purposes only: Compound Lane Phase 3 (Precinct 2).

ACTION: Approved the following private road, for mapping purposes only: Compound Lane Phase 3 (Precinct 2).

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, 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. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

5. **SUBJECT:** Approve Routing Agreement and Road Use Bond Agreement submitted by Baytex Energy USA, Inc., for said Company's overweight loads to travel, as indicated on the attached map, on the following roads: Wehmeyer Rd, E. Old Hallettsville Rd, and S. Knezek Rd (Precinct 3), all public county roads in Fayette County, Texas.

ACTION: Approved Routing Agreement and Road Use Bond Agreement submitted by Baytex Energy USA, Inc., for said Company's overweight loads to travel, as indicated on the attached map, on the following roads: Wehmeyer Rd, E. Old Hallettsville Rd, and S. Knezek Rd (Precinct 3), all public county roads in Fayette County, Texas.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 5 Exhibit"

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

MOVED BY COMMR. McBROOM, SECONDED BY COMMR. STERNADEL

Commr. McBroom, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against _____

Commr. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

6. **SUBJECT: Hear monthly report from Josh Vandever, EMS Director.**

ACTION: Accepted monthly Report from Josh Vandever, EMS Director.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Josh Vandever, EMS Director

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

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

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

7. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in authorizing the purchase for EMS Department of a new 2025 Ford F-150 (VIN 1FTFW1P89SKD00492) located at Bluebonnet Ford, 351 IH 35 South, New Braunfels, TX 78130, for the amount of \$49,659.50, using EMS funds available and in the 2025 budget.**

ACTION: Authorized the purchase for EMS Department of a new 2025 Ford F-150 (VIN 1FTFW1P89SKD00492) located at Bluebonnet Ford, 351 IH 35 South, New Braunfels, TX 78130, for the amount of \$49,659.50, using EMS funds available and in the 2025 budget.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Josh Vandever, EMS Director

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

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

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

Commr. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

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

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

8. **SUBJECT:** Consider and take appropriate action in signing a Resolution in support Rural EMS Funding.

ACTION: Signed a Resolution in support Rural EMS Funding.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Josh Vandever, EMS Director;**
Cassie Austin, Court Administrator

MOVED BY JUDGE **Mueller**, SECONDED BY COMM'R. **Brossmann**

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

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

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

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

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

9. **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): Kirkham Rd (two locations), Zilss Rd, West Point Loop, and Bush Rd (Precinct 1), Gansky Rd, and Abbotts Grove School 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): Kirkham Rd (two locations), Zilss Rd, West Point Loop, and Bush Rd (Precinct 1), Gansky Rd, and Abbotts Grove School Rd (Precinct 4).

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **None**

MOVED BY COMM'R. **Brossmann**, SECONDED BY COMM'R. **Sternadel**

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

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

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

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

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

10. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge and accept donation from Fayette Resale, Inc. / Second Chance Emporium to Fayette County Sheriff's Office for \$12,000.00 to purchase 2 drones.**

ACTION: Acknowledged and Accepted donation from Fayette Resale, Inc. / Second Chance Emporium to Fayette County Sheriff's Office for \$12,000.00 to purchase 2 drones.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor

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

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

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

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

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

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

11. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge and/or approve departmental budgets for SB 22 Grant Funds for the Fayette County Sheriff's Department, Fayette County Attorney's Office and the Fayette County Constables Precinct 1 and 2.**

ACTION: Acknowledged and Approved departmental budgets for SB 22 Grant Funds for the Fayette County Sheriff's Department, Fayette County Attorney's Office and the Fayette County Constables Precinct 1 and 2.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor

MOVED BY COMM'R. BROSSMANN, SECONDED BY COMM'R. STERNADEL

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

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

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

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

Judge Mueller, vote for X, vote against _____

12. **SUBJECT:** Authorize the following class requests: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor, and Jacquelyn Kohleffel, HR to attend the Tyler Training on March 26-27, 2025 held in Seguin and also the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Conference on April 9-11, 2025 held in Round Rock; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor, to attend the Texas Association of Counties V.G. Young County Auditor's Conference April 29 - May 2, 2025 held in College Station.

ACTION: Authorized the following Class Requests: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor, and Jacquelyn Kohleffel, HR to attend the Tyler Training on March 26-27, 2025 held in Seguin and also the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Conference on April 9-11, 2025 held in Round Rock; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor, to attend the Texas Association of Counties V.G. Young County Auditor's Conference April 29 - May 2, 2025 held in College Station.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **None**

MOVED BY JUDGE **Mueller**, SECONDED BY COMM'R. **McBroom**

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

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

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

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

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

13. **SUBJECT:** Consider and take appropriate action in 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 13 Exhibit"

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

MOVED BY COMM'R. **Brossmann**, SECONDED BY COMM'R. **McBroom**

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

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

Comm'r. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

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

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

VIII.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m., March 13, 2025, on motion by Commissioner Brossmann, seconded by Commissioner Sternadel, votes for 4, votes against 0.

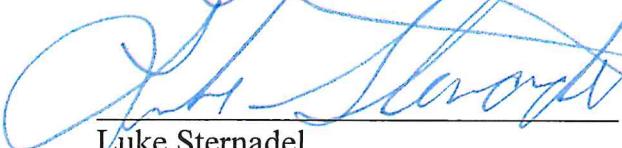
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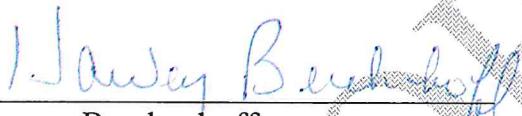
Dan Mueller
Fayette County Judge



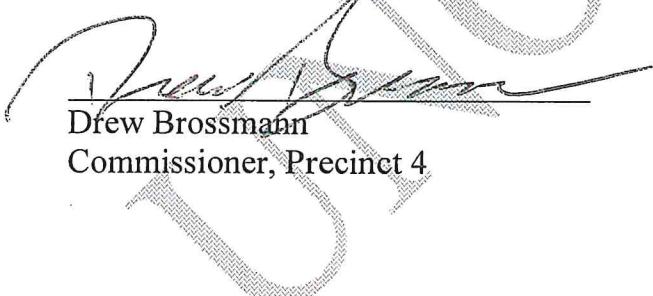
Jason McBroom
Commissioner, Precinct 1



Luke Sternadel
Commissioner, Precinct 2



Harvey Berkenhoff
Commissioner, Precinct 3



Drew Brossmann
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:



Brenda Fietsam
County Clerk