

## MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

### I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **March 12, 2026.**

### 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 **Absent**  
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 1, Jason McBroom **Judge Pro-Tem, Present**  
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 2, Clint Sternadel **Present**  
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 3, Harvey Berckenhoff **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; Steven Svec, Courthouse Maintenance;**  
**Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Roger Wunderlich, Constable Precinct 2;**  
**Donna Macik, Elections Administrator; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator;**  
**Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator;**  
**Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator;**  
**Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Cindy Novak, Assistant County Auditor;**  
**Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney**

### 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 **Brossmann**,  
seconded by Commissioner **Sternadel**, votes for **3**, votes against **0**.

**AGENDA ACTION:**

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

- i. **February 26, 2026 – Regular Meeting**

**ACTION: Approved Minutes from the February 26, 2026 Regular Meeting.**

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

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

**Commr. McBroom, Judge Pro-Tem vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commr. Berckenhoff, Absent**

**Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_**

**Judge Mueller, Absent**

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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. **Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Mueller, **Absent**

**ACTION: Closed Public Comments.**

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **None**

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

Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Mueller, **Absent**

3. **SUBJECT: Sign proclamation proclaiming month of April, 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month in Fayette County.**

**ACTION: Signed Proclamation proclaiming month of April, 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month in Fayette County.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 3 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Destiny Siptak, Turtle Wing Foundation Executive Director**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

4. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on request from Family Crisis Center to use the Courthouse grounds on Thursday, April 2, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and approval to place a banner outside of the Courthouse for the month of April to support sexual assault awareness month.**

**ACTION: Approved Request from Family Crisis Center to use the Courthouse grounds on Thursday, April 2, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm; and**

**Approved placing a Banner outside of the Courthouse for the month of April to support sexual assault awareness month.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Madison Shone, Crisis Team Manager & SART Specialist with Family Crisis Center**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

5. **SUBJECT: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action in approving an application to be submitted requesting a Recorded Texas Historic landmark designation for Round Top Courthouse by DYD Club and authorize County Judge to sign all necessary documentation.**

**ACTION: Approved an Application to be submitted requesting a Recorded Texas Historic landmark designation for Round Top Courthouse by DYD Club; and Authorized County Judge to sign all necessary documentation.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 5 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Deborah Koenig, DYD (Do Your Duty) Club; Cathy Gau, DYD (Do Your Duty) Club; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator; Michael Schlabach, Fayette County Republican Chairman; William Bernsen; David Stall, Town of Round Top; Mark Neeley, Round Top Greater Community**

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

**Break at 9:53 a.m.**

MOVED BY COMMR. **Brossmann**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

**Reconvened at 10:03 a.m.**

MOVED BY COMMR. **Brossmann**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

**6. SUBJECT: Notice and update of official results from Primary Election that was held on March 3, 2026.**

**ACTION: Accepted Official Results from Primary Election that was held on March 3, 2026.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Donna Macik, Elections Administrator; Michael Schlabach, Fayette County Republican Chairman**

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

MOVED BY COMMR. **Brossmann**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

7. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the purchase of eight DS300 for the Elections Office using HAVA grant funds.**

**ACTION: Approved the Purchase of eight DS300 for the Elections Office using HAVA grant funds.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Donna Macik, Elections Administrator; William Bernsen**

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

8. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the following applications requesting the division of real property: Sacks Family Ltd. located in Precinct 2.**

**ACTION: Approved Application requesting the division of real property: Sacks Family Ltd. located in Precinct 2.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

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

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

9. **SUBJECT: Discuss and possibly take action on submitting a letter guaranteeing a 50% match for the Courthouse Preservation grant program.**

**ACTION: Submitted a Letter guaranteeing a 50% match for the Courthouse Preservation grant program.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator; Steven Svec, Courthouse Maintenance; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

10. **SUBJECT: Approve an amended resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of the Governor's Operation Lone Star grant program to designate one authorized official and one financial official.**

**ACTION: Approved an amended Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of the Governor's Operation Lone Star grant program to designate Angela Hahn as the authorized official and Cindy Novak as the financial official.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"

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

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

11. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving Second Amendment to Interlocal agreement between Fayette County and the Lower Colorado River Authority for use of ground space for communications tower, generator and equipment shelter.**

**ACTION: Approved the Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between Fayette County and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for use of ground space for communications tower, generator and equipment shelter; and**

**Requested that the physical address be included on the Agreement.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

12. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge the 2025 Racial Profiling Reports as submitted by the Fayette County Sheriff's Office.**

**ACTION: Acknowledged the 2025 Racial Profiling Reports as submitted by the Fayette County Sheriff's Office.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 12 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

13. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action in approving a renewed lease, included changes to the terms, with USDA for office space located at the Fayette County Agriculture Building.**

**ACTION: Approved a renewed Lease, included changes to the terms, with USDA for office space located at the Fayette County Agriculture Building; and  
Granted a 60 day period for USDA to vacate the storage building.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 13 Exhibit"

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

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

14. **SUBJECT: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action in possibly approving a commitment letter for two or three years with a payback from the Road & Bridge employee if they leave early.**

**ACTION: Approved a commitment Letter for two years with a payback from the Road & Bridge employee if they leave early.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 14 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

15. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving MASA Employer Benefit Agreement renewal including new rate(s) and new plan(s).**

**ACTION: Approved MASA Employer Benefit Agreement renewal including new rate(s) and new plan(s).**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 15 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator; Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Donna Macik, Elections Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

16. **SUBJECT: Approve/certify budget for 287(g)-ICE Program.**

**ACTION: Approved and Certified Budget for 287(g)-ICE Program.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 16 Exhibit"

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

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

17. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action authorizing the County Judge to approve and sign the Texas Department of State Health Services Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program Expenditure Statement for Counties.**

**ACTION: Authorized the County Judge to approve and sign the Texas Department of State Health Services Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program Expenditure Statement for Counties.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 17 Exhibit"

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

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

18. **SUBJECT: Authorize the following class requests: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor, to attend the Texas Association of Counties V.G. Young County Auditor's Conference on April 27 – May 1, 2026 held in College Station.**

**ACTION: Authorized the following Class Requests: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor, to attend the Texas Association of Counties V.G. Young County Auditor's Conference on April 27 – May 1, 2026 held in College Station.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

19. **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 19 Exhibit"

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

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann**  
Commr. McBroom, **Judge Pro-Tem** vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, **Absent**

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VIII.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m., March 12, 2026, on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**, seconded by Commissioner **Sternadel**, votes for **3**, votes against **0**.

**APPROVED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

*Dan Mueller*

Dan Mueller  
Fayette County Judge

*Jason McBroom*

Jason McBroom  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

*Clint Sternadel*

Clint Sternadel  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

*Absent*

Harvey Berckenhoff  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

*Drew Brossmann*

Drew Brossmann  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

*Brenda Fietsam*

Brenda Fietsam  
County Clerk



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