

# County of Lavaca



OFFICE OF THE

COUNTY JUDGE

## REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE LAVACA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT AGENDA

DATE OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING: 3/25/24

This form, along with any related information that needs to be included in the Commissioners Court agenda packet, is to be submitted to the County Judge's office, no later than 2 p.m. on WEDNESDAY prior to the Commissioners Court date. Commissioners Court will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. All contracts should be

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All agenda item requests must be signed by the county judge or by one of the commissioners.

Agenda Item Request:

Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting for March 11, 2024.

Judge/Commissioner Approval for Inclusion on Agenda:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge/Commissioner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Action  Consent

Name of Person Making Request: Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk

Will anyone else be addressing this item?  Yes  No

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Instructions:

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS ]

COUNTY OF LAVACA ]

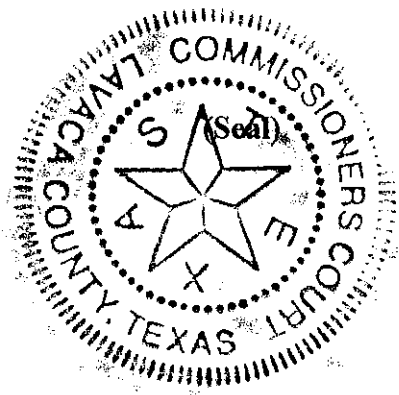
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County, Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Minutes of the Commissioners' Court Meeting dated March 11, 2024 are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, A.D.

Keith Mudd, County Judge  
Keith Mudd

ATTEST:

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek



Regular Meeting Monday, March 11, 2024

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor, in Hallettsville, Texas,

Present:

- Keith Mudd, County Judge
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4
Barbara K. Steffek, Lavaca County Clerk

The attached sheets contain the names of the citizens and officials that were in attendance.

Confirm Quorum with Roll Call

All members of the court were present except for Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1.

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Keith Mudd.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag by Judge Keith Mudd.

Judge stated that we had a successful Primary Election Season and wanted to thank all Election Officials and Poll workers for their time and dedication.

Run-Off Early Election Voting for the County Sheriff and State Representative of District 30, will start May 20th and Election Day is May 28th.

Discussion and/or action agenda:

1. Declare items on Exhibit A as Surplus Property. (Pct.4)

"I make a motion to declare items on Exhibit A as Surplus Property: New Holland Tractor with Boom Shredder, Tractor with Shredder, Welder, Chip Spreader, International Cummins Truck, and a Belly Dump Trailer."

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Response. Rows include County Judge Keith Mudd (YES), Edward Pustka (ABSENT), Wayne Faircloth (YES), Kenny W. Siegel (YES), and Dennis W. Kocian (YES).

Motion Carried
Court Order: 19161

**2. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Andy Chevalier and Clayton Woods. (Pct. 2)**

"I make a motion that we approve Certificate of Exemption, upon examination of the application, it is the determination of the Commissioners Court of Lavaca County that this Certificate of Exemption should be extended to Andy Chevalier and Clayton Woods in the belief that the application adequately demonstrates eligibility for exemption from the Lavaca County Subdivision Regulation under Sections 1.3 (a) and (c) of said regulation."

Moved by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	ABSENT
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19162**

**3. Discuss and/or approve Interlocal Agreement between Lavaca County and Lee County to house certain inmates confined in the Lavaca County Jail. (Sheriff)**

*Chief Deputy, Daniel "JR" Peters spoke on this agenda item.*

*Judge called for a motion to approve this Agreement for \$75 a day.*

"So moved."

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	ABSENT
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19163**

DOCUMENTATION RETURNED TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES

**4. Discuss and/or approve Interlocal Agreement between Lavaca County and Calhoun County to house certain inmates confined in the Lavaca County Jail. (Sheriff)**

*Chief Deputy, Daniel "JR" Peters spoke on this agenda item.*

*Judge called for a motion to approve this Agreement for \$55 a day.*

"So moved."

Moved by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth, seconded by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	ABSENT
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19164**

DOCUMENTATION RETURNED TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES.

**5. Discuss and/or approve Grant Agreement for the Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance program. (Sheriff)**

*Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.*

“So moved.”

Moved by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth.

Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	ABSENT
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19165**

**6. Discuss and approve security plan, system and building upgrades. (Judge)**

*Judge wanted to notify the public that this item will be discussed in Closed Meetings in the next few weeks.*

*Judge called for a motion to table this agenda item.*

“So moved.”

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	ABSENT
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19166**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**7. Discuss and/or approve Lavaca County Road Plan and Paving Agreement. (Judge)**

“Motion to table.”

Moved by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	ABSENT
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19167**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**8. Audit/Review of Lavaca County Jail Commissary for October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 as per LGC 351.0415(d) (Auditor)**

*County Auditor, Shana Opela, spoke on this agenda item.*

*Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.*

“So moved.”

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	ABSENT
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19168**

*County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda*

“So moved.”

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	ABSENT
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19169**

**Consent Agenda:**

- 9. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting February 23, 2024.**
  - 10. Application for Temporary Waterline Permit between Baytex Energy and Precinct 3, to include LCR #353.**
  - 11. Application for Temporary Waterline Permit between Baytex Energy and Precinct 2, to include LCR #290.**
  - 12. Application for Temporary Waterline Permit between Baytex Energy and Precinct 2, to include LCR #265, #266, #264, #262, #261.**
  - 13. Application for Temporary Waterline Permit between Baytex Energy and Precinct 2, to include LCR #260.**
  - 14. Application for Gas line between Texas Gas Service and Precinct 3 to include LCR #327, #328.**
  - 15. Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc request approval for the installation of a new Buried Fiber Optic cable within the corridors of County Road 222, 222A.**
- 1. Monthly Treasurer’s Report.**
  - 2. Monthly Auditor’s Report.**
  - 3. Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per Section 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.**
  - 4. County Officials Report.**

Larry Hlavac, Constable Pct. #3 Process Service Report, February 2024  
Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. #4 Process Service Report, February 2024  
Kyle Denney, County Attorney, Hot Check Collection & Trust Fund Report, December 2023 & January 2024  
Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report, January & February 2024  
Shana R. Opela, County Auditor's Monthly Report, February 2024

**5. Claims and/or Payroll.**

**6. Budget Amendments, if any.**

**Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.**

*County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.*

"So, moved"

Moved by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel, seconded by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	ABSENT
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19170**

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer at: 10:22AM.**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF  
LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS**



# Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting  
March 11, 2024

	Sign Here	Print Name Here
1	<i>Shana Opela</i>	<i>Shana Opela</i>
2	<i>Rebecca Perez</i>	Rebecca Perez
3	<i>Ariana Varnisa</i>	Ariana Varnisa
4	<i>Jean Wheelis</i>	Jean Wheelis
5	<i>Lorena Kanak</i>	Lorena Kanak
6	<i>Deborah A. Sevcik</i>	Deborah A. Sevcik
7	<i>Jimmy Apelt</i>	Jimmy Apelt
8	<i>Tammy Koerth</i>	Tammy Koerth
9	<i>Steve Greenwell</i>	Steven Greenwell
10	<i>Doag Kubick</i>	Doag Kubick
11	<i>JR Peters</i>	JR PETERS
12	<i>Kerry C. Peterson</i>	Kerry C. Peterson
13	<i>Denise Janak</i>	Denise Janak
14	<i>Lori A. Wenske</i>	Lori A. Wenske
15	<i>Jamie Richardson</i>	Jamie Richardson
16	<i>Blair Bladtko</i>	Blair Bladtko
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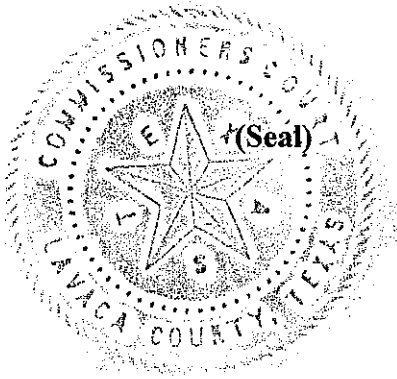


**Minutes of Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, Lavaca County:**

I, Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk of Lavaca County, Texas, do hereby certify that the following Commissioners' Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting on MARCH 11, 2024.

ATTEST

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
& Ex-Officio Clerk of  
Commissioners' Court of  
Lavaca County, Texas



Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek