

# County of Lavaca



OFFICE OF THE

COUNTY JUDGE

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

DATE OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING: April 22, 2024

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Agenda Item Request:

Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting Minutes for April 8, 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

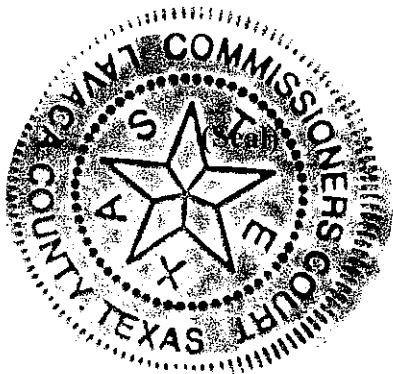
THE STATE OF TEXAS ]

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 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, A.D.

Keith Mudd, County Judge  
Keith Mudd



ATTEST:

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF LAVACA )

**Regular Meeting Monday, April 8, 2024**

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, in Hallettsville, Texas,

**Present:**

- Keith Mudd, County Judge
- Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1
- 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.

**Call to Order and Welcome**

**Invocation lead by Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1.**

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

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**Discussion and/or action agenda:**

**1. 2023 Service Awards.**

Awards were presented by Judge and/or Supervisor.

**No Motion was made.**

**2. Discuss and/or approve Bond for Tammy Koerth Lavaca County Treasurer. (Treasurer)**

*Judge called for a motion to approve 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	YES
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order:19184**

**3. Discuss and/or approve Bond for Hannah Cervenka Deputy Treasurer. (Treasurer)**

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

“So moved.”

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

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

**Motion Carried**  
**Court Order: 19185**

**4. Renewal of Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) with Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool for the 2024 year. (Auditor)**

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

“I make a motion for Renewal of Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) with Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool for the 2024 year.”

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

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

**Motion Carried**  
**Court Order: 19186**

**5. Acknowledge Proclamation declaring the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup> as National Telecommunicators Week Lavaca County. (Sheriff)**

*Judge read the Proclamation.*

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

“Yes.”

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth.

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

**Motion Carried**  
**Court Order: 19187**

**6. Discuss and/or approve Transferring 2013 Dodge 4500 VIN#3C7WRKBLBLXEG127783 from Lavaca County EMS to Lavaca County Pct.3. (Judge)**

*Judge called for a motion to approve 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	YES
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**  
**Court Order: 19188**

**7. Discuss and/or approve Proclamation declaring April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. (Judge)**

*Public Participation Form: Nicole Nguyen, Regional Director of SJRC Tx- Belong and Deane Novosad, Executive Director of Norma’s House, Spoke on this agenda item.*

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

“So moved.”

Moved by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

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

**Motion Carried**  
**Court Order: 19189**

**8. Discuss and/or approve Proclamation declaring April 2024 as Autism Awareness Month. (Judge)**

*Judge read the Proclamation*

*Destiny Siptak, Executive Director for Turtle Wing Foundation spoke on this agenda.*

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve

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

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

**Motion Carried**  
**Court Order: 19190**

**9. Discuss and/or approve Division Order between Baytex Energy and Lavaca County Matocha 1H, 6H Unit.**  
(Judge)

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

“So moved.”

Moved by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19191**

**10. Discuss and/or approve TIDC Grant Budget Adjustment Request FY 2024 Grant Number SG-24-012.** (Judge)

*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	YES
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19192**

**11. Discuss and/or approve amending existing Contract for Services Agreement between Lavaca County and Local Government Solutions, L.P. to 1 (one) additional TB image storage.** (County Attorney)

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

“I move that we approve item number 11 regarding amending existing Contract for Services Agreement between Lavaca County and Local Government Solutions.”

Moved by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19193**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**12. Acknowledge Proclamation from Governor Greg Abbott renewing the Disaster Proclamation Concerning Border Security. (Judge)**

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

“So moved.”

Moved by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19194**

**13. Discuss and/or approve moving May 28<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Court date to an alternate date due to the May 28<sup>th</sup> Republican Primary Runoff Election. (Judge)**

“I make a motion to move the date to the 29<sup>th</sup> of May at 10:00AM.”

Moved by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19195**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**14. Discuss and/or approve title changes to the Lavaca County Elections Department.**

- . Tenia Hudson- Elections Administrator
- . Brandy Stuckey- Chief Deputy Lavaca County Elections

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

“So moved.”

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

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
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**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**15. Discuss and/or approve update with the Telecommunications Committee.**

*Michael Furrh, EMS Director spoke on this agenda item.*

**No Motion was made.**

**16. Discuss and/or approve Tower License Agreement between Baytex Energy USA, Inc. and Lavaca County Emergency Services. (Judge)**

*Michael Furrh, EMS Director spoke on this agenda item.*

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

“So moved.”

Moved by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19197**

**17. Lavaca County EMS Update. (Ems Director)**

*Micael Furrh, EMS Director spoke on this agenda item.*

**No Motion was made.**

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

“So moved.”

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19198**



**Consent Agenda:**

- 18. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting March 11, 2024.
- 19. Application for Temporary Waterline Permit between Baytex Energy and Precinct 2, to include LCR #532J.
- 20. Application for Temporary Waterline Permit between Baytex Energy and Precinct 2, to include LCR #284, #285.
- 21. Application for Pipeline Permit between Baytex Energy and Precinct 3 to include LCR #353.
- 22. Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc request approval for the installation of a new Buried Fiber Optic cable within the corridors of County Road #220, #221, #222, #223, #229, #234B.
- 23. Monthly Treasurer's Report.
- 24. Quarterly Investment report.
- 25. Monthly Auditor's Report.
- 26. Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per Section 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.
- 27. County Officials Report.
  - Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report, March 2024
  - Charles Greive, Constable Pct. #2 Process Service Report, February & March 2024
  - Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. #4 Process Service Report, March 2024
  - Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report, March 2024
  - Shana R. Opela, County Auditor's Monthly Report, March 2024
- 28. Claims and/or Payroll.
- 29. 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	YES
Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19199**

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:16AM.**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF**

**LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS**



### Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting

April 08, 2024

	Sign Here	Print Name Here
1	<i>Shana Opela</i>	Shana Opela
2	<i>Harris Hall</i>	
3	<i>Jason S Pector</i>	<i>Jason S Pector</i>
4	<i>Mark Yerkel</i>	Mark Yerkel
5	<i>Jim Foster</i>	JAMES FOSTER
6	<i>Michelle Harmon</i>	Michelle Harmon
7	<i>Lori A. Wenske</i>	Lori A. Wenske
8	<i>Nicole Nguyen</i>	Nicole Nguyen
9	<i>Tammy Koerth</i>	Tammy Koerth
10	<i>Karen Bludau</i>	Karen Bludau
11	<i>Jimmy Appert</i>	Jimmy Appert
12	<i>Deborah A Sevcik</i>	Deborah A Sevcik
13	<i>Cynthia Ramirez</i>	Cynthia Ramirez (Belong)
14	<i>Mike Buchanek</i>	MIKE BUCHANEK
15	<i>Farry Havas</i>	FARRY HAVAS
16	<i>Kerry L. Peterson</i>	Kerry L. Peterson
17	<i>Steven Greenwell</i>	Steven Greenwell
18	<i>Becky Farris</i>	Becky Farris
19	<i>Krystle Rose</i>	Krystle Rose
20	<i>Ariana Vaurwa</i>	Ariana Vaurwa
21	<i>Doug Kubicek</i>	Doug Kubicek
22	<i>Lisa Lowe</i>	Lisa Lowe
23	<i>Destiny Siptak</i>	Destiny Siptak



Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting

April 08, 2024

24	Jean Wheelis	Jean Wheelis
25	J R Peters	JR PETERS
26	Diana Sneed	Diana Sneed
27	Charlene Morcom	Darla Sanders
28	Amanda Urbano	
29	Linda Duenes CASA	
30	Diana Chavez	CASA
31	Pete Citi	LCAO
32	Deane Novosad	Norma's House
33	Christy Wilson	Christy Wilson
34	Susan Opel	Susan Opela
35	Tenia Hudson	TENIA HUDSON
36	Janis Richardson	Janis Richardson
37	Cheryl Thompson-Drajer	Cheryl Thompson-Drajer
38	Sandra Hoelter	Sandra Hoelter
39	Amanda Orsok	Amanda Orsok
40	Paul Jarant	P-J
41	Troci Daniel	Troci Daniel
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### Lavaca County Commissioners Court Public Participation Form

**Instructions:** This form is to be filled out correctly and in its entirety. If printing, please write legibly. Failure to follow these instructions will prohibit you from speaking.

NAME: Nicole Nguyen  
*(Please use legal name/No Nicknames)*

HOME ADDRESS:

70 CR 310  
Port Lavaca, TX 77979

TELEPHONE:

361-935-0358

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

SJRC Texas - Belong

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE:

361-935-0358

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

SJRC TX - Belong

If you do represent any particular group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization:

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

child abuse | foster care

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

For       Against       Undecided

Signature:

Note: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk before the start of Commissioner's Court. In person forms will be accepted at the Commissioner's Courtroom up to the start of the meeting. Emailed forms to [countyclerk@co.lavaca.tx.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.lavaca.tx.us) will be accepted up to 1 hour before the start of the meeting.

**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 April 8th, 2024.

ATTEST

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



Signed this 10th day of April, 2024

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek