

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

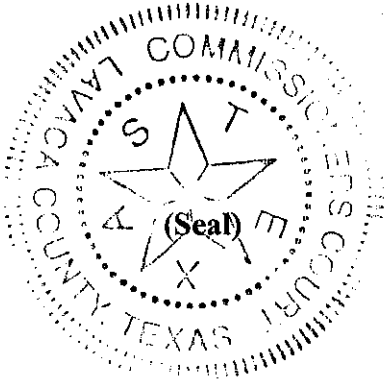
THE STATE OF TEXAS ]

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 August 14, 2023 are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, 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, August 14, 2023**

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023 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** *(please turn off cell phones and sign in)*

All members of the court were present.

**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.**

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*Judge announced that Sr. Citizen's Day will be Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Blaise's Hall.*

**Discussion and/or action agenda:**

**1. Present 2023 Certified Values for Lavaca County/ Farm to Market Road. (Tax Assessor-Collector)**

*Deborah Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector spoke on this agenda item.*

"I make a motion to accept 2023 Certified Values for Lavaca County/ Farm to Market Road."

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: 18936**

**2. Present 2023 No New Revenue Tax Rate and Voter Approval Tax Rate. (Tax Assessor-Collector)**

*Deborah Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector spoke on this agenda item.*

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

“I so move.”

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: 18937**

**3. Discuss and/or propose Tax Rate. (Tax Assessor-Collector)**

*Judge spoke on this agenda item.*

“I am proposing to stick with the Tax Rate of .5132. Moving to a Total Voter-Approval Tax Rate of .4137 and FMR Voter-Approval Tax Rate of .0995 that gives a combined Rate of .5132.”

Moved by County Judge Keith Mudd, seconded by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian.

*Judge called for a vote by show of hands.*

Hands were raised by all 5 members of the Court.

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 18938**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**4. Discuss and/or approve setting a meeting/public hearing date for the Lavaca County 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Rate. (Judge)**

“Motion to approve setting a meeting/public hearing date for the Lavaca County 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Rate to be August 28, 2023 @ 10:00AM.”

Moved by County Judge Keith Mudd, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth.

*Judge called for a vote by show of hands.*

Hands were raised by all 5 members of the Court.

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 18939**

**5. Discuss and/or approve contract with Ricoh USA Inc for lease on a Ricoh IMC3010 copier/printer/scanner for 60 months. (Tax Assessor-Collector)**

*Deborah Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector spoke on this agenda item.*

“Your Honor, I move that we approve contract with Ricoh USA Inc for lease on a Ricoh IMC3010 copier/printer/scanner for 60 months.”

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: 18940**

**6. Discuss and/or approve TXDMV Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2024. (Judge)**

“Your Honor, I move that we approve TXDMV Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2024 Option A – No change.”

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

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: 18941**

**7. Discuss and/or approve Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties. (Judge)**

“I make a motion to approve Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties.”

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: 18942**

**8. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Rhonda G. Wilson. (Pct.1)**

*Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1 spoke on this agenda item.*

“Your Honor, I move that we approve the Exemption of two tracts from Subdivision Requirements for Rhonda G. Wilson.”

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: 18943**

**9. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Gilbert & Evelyn Mozisek. (Pct. 1)**

*Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1 spoke on this agenda item.*

“Your Honor, I move we approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Gilbert & Evelyn Mozisek.”

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: 18944**

**10. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Gerard A. Janak County Road 369, FM 1891. (Pct.3)**

*Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3 spoke on this agenda item.*

“I’d like to make a motion to approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Gerard A. Janak County Road 369, FM 1891.”

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: 18945**

**11. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Gerard A. Janak Highway 90A. (Pct.3)**

*Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3 spoke on this agenda item.*

“I make a motion to approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Gerard A. Janak Highway 90A.”

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: 18946**

**12. Discuss and/or approve the Governor’s Proclamation Renewal for Border Crisis. (Judge)**

“I make a motion to approve the Governor’s Proclamation Renewal for Border Crisis.”

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: 18947**

**13. Discuss and/or award Belly Dump Trailer Bids for Precinct 4. (Pct. 4)**

“I would like to award this bid and I will make that in a motion for Alamo City Trailers Bid #1722 for a Total of 91,280.00.”

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: 18948**

**14. Discuss and/or approve Division Order between ROCC Oil & Gas LP and Lavaca County. Puck A 1H, C 3H**  
(Judge)

“I make a motion we approve the item number 14, Division Order between ROCC Oil & Gas LP and Lavaca County Puck A1H, C 3H.”

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: 18949**

**15. Discuss and/or approve Division Order between ROCC Oil & Gas LP and Lavaca County. Carbonite A 1H, Carbonite B 2H, Carbonite C 3H.** (Judge)

“Your Honor, I recommend that we approve the Division Order between ROCC Oil & Gas LP and Lavaca County. Carbonite A 1H, B 2H, C 3H.”

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: 18950**

**16. Discuss and/or approve supplemental insurances (life, cancer, critical illness, long/short term disability, etc.)**  
(Auditor)

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

“I recommend we adopt the changes that the Auditor provided regarding the benefits package moving to Reliance.”

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: 18951**

**17. Acknowledge Certificate of Compliance to the Lavaca County Jail. (sheriff)**

*Sheriff Micah Harmon spoke on this agenda item.*

“I make a motion to acknowledge Certificate of Compliance to the Lavaca County Jail.”

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: 18952**

**18. Accept monetary donation of \$150.00 from James and Sandra Mullen to the Lavaca County Sheriff's Department as unbudgeted revenue. (Sheriff)**

*Sheriff Micah Harmon spoke on this agenda item.*

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

“Yes.”

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

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: 18953**

**19. Discuss and/or approve increase in Juror pay as per House Bill 3476 for the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District and County Courts for Lavaca County. (District Clerk/County Clerk)**

*Lori Wenske, District Clerk spoke on this agenda item.*

**There was an error in the agenda item. This was corrected in the motion.**

“I'll make a motion to approve increase in Juror pay as per House Bill 3474 for the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and County Courts for Lavaca County to \$20.00 for the first day and \$58.00 for each day after.”

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: 18954**



**20. Discuss and/or approve 6 months temporary contract/ grant with TRLA. (Judge)**

*Judge spoke on this agenda item.*

*Judge called for a motion to approve 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: 18955**

**21. Declare items on Exhibit A from the County Clerk’s Office as surplus property. (County Clerk)**

*Judge called for a motion to approve agenda item provided in Exhibit A.*

“I’ll make a motion.”

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

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: 18956**

**22. Discuss and/or approve contract for secure long-term and short-term residential service of juvenile offenders between Lavaca County Juvenile Probation and Center for success and Independence at Rockdale Youth Academy. (Chief Probation Officer)**

*Judge called for a motion to approve 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: 18957**

**23. Discuss and/or approve contract for secure long-term and short-term residential service of juvenile offenders between Lavaca County Juvenile Probation and Rite of Passage/Gulf Coast Trades Center, and Rite of Passage Residential service facilities including; Lake Granbury Youth Services, Texas Monarch Academy for Girls, and the Oaks-Brownwood. (Chief Probation Officer)**

*Judge called for a motion to approve 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: 18958**

**24. Discuss and/or approve Resolution to Recognize Women’s Equality Day as a National Day of Celebration. (League of Women Voters)**

*Judge read the Resolution.*

“I move that we approve the Resolution to Recognize Women’s Equality Day as a National Day of Celebration.”

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: 18959**

**25. Discuss and/or approve declaring August 25, 2023 as Senior Citizens Day in Lavaca County. (Community Connections Director)**

*Judge called for a motion to approve 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: 18960**

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

“I make a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.”

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: 18961**

**Consent Agenda**

**26. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting July 10, 2023.**

**27. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting July 24, 2023.**

**28. Certificate of Completion for Jason Spector for completing the Security and privacy: Security Role.**

**29. Lavaca County Special Road Use Agreements between ROCC Oil & Gas LP and Precinct 2 to include LCR 261 Umbriel 1H, 2H.**

**30. County Officials Reports.**

Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report, July 2023  
Charles Greive, Constable Pct. #2 Process Service Report, June 2023  
Larry Hlavac, Constable Pct. #3 Process Service Report, July 2023  
Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. #4 Process Service Report, July 2023  
Mark Yackel, JP PCT #3 Money Distribution Report, July 2023  
Hallie Hall, JP PCT #4, Money Distribution Report, July 2023  
Lori Wenske, District Clerk, Money Distribution Report, June 2023  
Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report, July 2023  
Deborah A. Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector Report, June 2023, and Annual Report

**31. Monthly Treasurer’s Report.**

**32. Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per Section 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.**

**33. Claims and/or Payroll**

**34. Budget Amendments, if any**

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

“I make a motion to adjourn.”

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: 18962**

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:35 AM.**



# Signature Roster

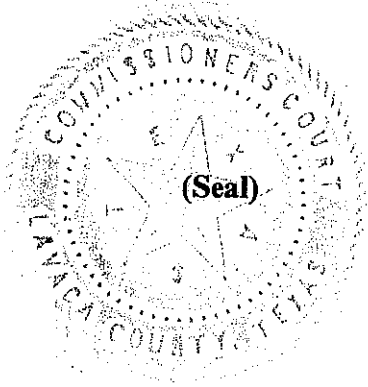
Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting

August 14, 2023

	Sign Here	Print Name Here
1	<i>Shana Opela</i>	Shana Opela
2	<i>Frank Fisher</i>	Frank Fisher
3	<i>Doug Kubicek</i>	Doug Kubicek
4	<i>Jamie Richards</i>	Jamie Richardson
5	<i>Deborah A. Sevcik</i>	Deborah A. Sevcik
6	<i>Lindsay Apple</i>	Lindsay Apple
7	<i>Cheryl T. Draper</i>	Cheryl T. Draper
8	<i>Karen Bludau</i>	Karen Bludau
9	<i>[Signature]</i>	Guz Murnius EMC
10	<i>Lori A. Wenske</i>	Lori A. Wenske
11	<i>[Signature]</i>	WICAH JOHNSON
12	<i>Kerry L. Peterson</i>	Kerry L. Peterson
13	<i>Amy Kloesel</i>	Amy Kloesel
14	<i>JR Peters</i>	JR PETERS
15	<i>Jaci Elliott</i>	Jaci ELLIOTT
16	<i>Cindy Meredith</i>	Cindy Meredith
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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 August 14, 2023.



ATTEST

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

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek