

County of Lavaca



OFFICE OF THE

COUNTY JUDGE

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

DATE OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING: 9/11/2023

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 submitted after the county attorney's review and approval.

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Agenda Item Request:

Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting Minutes for August 28, 20

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]

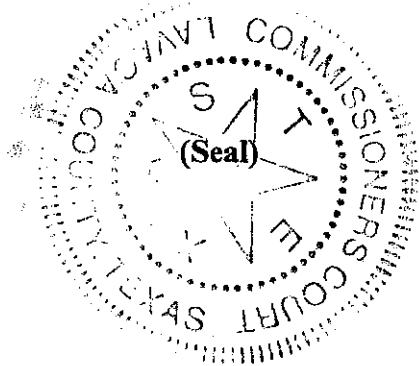
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County, Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Minutes of the Commissioners' Court Meeting dated August 28, 2023 are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 11th day of September, 2023, A.D.

Keith Mudd, County Judge
Keith Mudd

ATTEST:

Barbara K. Steffek
by Barbara K. Steffek, Deputy, County Clerk
Barbara K. Steffek



THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

Regular Meeting Monday, August 28, 2023

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st 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

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

Paul Yamarick announced "Rise Up For Life" will meet September 16, 2023 from 2-4 pm at the St. Peter Lutheran Hall.

**** PUBLIC HEARING to continue the collection of the \$10.00 Records Management and Preservation Fee for filing documents in the office of the County Clerk.
Opened: 10:05 A.M. - Closed: A little after 10:05 A.M.

**** PUBLIC HEARING on Proposed Lavaca County 2023-2024 Budget.
Opened: 10:06 A.M. - Closed: 10:12 A.M.
Frank Fishar addressed the Court.

****PUBLIC HEARING on Proposed Lavaca County 2023 Tax Rate.
Opened: 10:13 A.M. - Closed: 10:17 A.M.

Discussion and/or action agenda:

- 1. Approve plan for collecting the Records Management and Preservation fee for filing documents in the office of the County Clerk. (County Clerk)

Barbara Steffek, County Clerk spoke on this agenda item.

"I make a motion to approve plan for collecting the Records Management and Preservation fee for filing documents in the office of the County Clerk."

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: 18963

2. Approve plan for collecting the District Clerk's Records Management and Preservation fee to fund the records management and preservation services for documents in the District Clerk's Office. (District Clerk)

"Your Honor, I move we approve plan for collecting the District Clerk's Records Management and Preservation fee to fund the records management and preservation services for documents in the District Clerk's Office."

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: 18964

3. Per Local Government Code 152.013 (a), set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected or precinct officers. (Judge)

"Your Honor, I move that we that we accept set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected or precinct officers."

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: 18965

4. Acknowledge Per Local Government Code 111.008 (c), this budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$3,061,012 which is a 19.32 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$366,803.00. (Judge)

"I make a motion to Acknowledge Per Local Government Code 111.008 (c), this budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$3,061,012 which is a 19.32 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$366,803.00."

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, 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

Motion Carried

Court Order: 18966

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

5. Adopt 2023-2024 Lavaca County Budget. (Judge)

Judge spoke on this agenda item.

“I make a motion we Adopt 2023-2024 Lavaca County Budget.”

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

Vote was taken by a show of hands.

Motion Carried

Court Order: 18967

6. Adopt 2023-2024 Lavaca County Tax Rate. (Judge)

Judge spoke on this agenda item.

“I make a motion that we adopt 2023-2024 Lavaca County Tax Rate. I move to adopt the Property Tax Rate: .4137 for M & O Rate, .0000 for Debt Rate, .0995 for Farm Market Road Rate, for a Total Tax Rate of .5132.”

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, 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

Vote was taken by a show of hands.

Motion Carried

Court Order: 18968

7. Discuss and/or approve Resolution Authorizing County Grant Program Year 2024 Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program. (Community Connections Director)

Becky Janak, Community Connections Director spoke on this agenda item.

“I’d like to make a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing County Grant Program Year 2024 Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program.”

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: 18969

8. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Randall Mikulenka. (Pct.1)

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

“Your Honor, I move that approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Randall Mikulenka.”

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: 18970

9. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Susan Walker Life Estate. (Pct. 1)

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

“Your Honor, I move that we approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Susan Walker Life Estate.”

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: 18971

10. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Mark Wayne Miller & Donnalyn Brock. (Pct. 1)

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

“Your Honor, I move to approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Mark Wayne Miller & Donnalyn Brock.”

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: 18972

11. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for William & Patti A. Hermes. (Pct. 1)

Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4 spoke on this agenda item.

“I make a motion to approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for William & Patti A. Hermes.”

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: 18973

12. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Pine Hollow Partners. (Pct. 2)

“I make a motion to table item number 12.”

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: 18974

13. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Carol Thornton. (Pct. 3)

“I make a motion to approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Carol Thornton.”

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: 18975

14. Discuss and/or approve Service Agreement between Golden Crescent RPC- Lavaca County Sheriff's Office and Voice Product Service, LLC. (Sheriff)

Sheriff, Micah Harmon spoke on this agenda item.

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve the approve Service Agreement between Golden Crescent RPC- Lavaca County Sheriff's Office and Voice Product Service, LLC.”

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: 18976

15. Discuss and/or approve EMS Dedicated Standby Agreement. (EMS Director)

Michael Furrh, EMS Director spoke on this agenda item.

“Your Honor, I move that we approve EMS Dedicated Standby Agreement.”

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: 18977

16. Discuss, acknowledge and / or approve the Governor’s Renewal Proclamation for the 2023 Wildfire Season, Proclamation number 23-0001. (Judge)

“I move that we acknowledge and approve the Governor’s Renewal Proclamation for the 2023 Wildfire Season, Proclamation number 23-0001.”

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: 18978

17. Discuss, acknowledge and /or approve the Governor’s Renewal Proclamation for the Incident 22-0019 Statewide Drought. (Judge)

“I make a motion to approve the Governor’s Proclamation for the Incident 22-0019 Statewide Drought.”

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: 18979

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	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: 18980

Consent Agenda

18. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting August 14, 2023.

19. County Officials Reports.

Steve Greenwell, JP PCT #1 Money Distribution Report, July 2023
Travis Hill, JP PCT #2 Money Distribution Report, July 2023
Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report, July 2023
Shana R. Opela, County Auditor’s Monthly Report, July 2023
Deborah A. Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector Report, July 2023

20. Monthly Auditors Report.

21. Claims and/or Payroll

22. Budget Amendments, if any

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.

Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel, stated that he needed to make an amendment on agenda item number 13.

“On the Thornton Estate, they are selling two lots off 175 and they are keeping 24 acres in the family and those tracks cannot be subdivided anymore. I make a motion to make that amendment.”

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

Judge did not think another vote was needed.

The original motion, second and vote stands.

County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.

“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: 18981

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:02 A.M.



Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting

August 28, 2023

Sign Here	Print Name Here
1 <i>Frank Fisher</i>	Frank Fisher
2 <i>Cheryl Draper</i>	Cheryl Draper
3 <i>Doug Kubicek</i>	Doug Kubicek
4 <i>Becky Janak</i>	Becky Janak
5 <i>Deborah A Sircik</i>	Deborah A Sircik
6 <i>Steven Greenwell</i>	Steven Greenwell
7 <i>Greg Morneau</i>	<i>Greg Morneau</i>
8 <i>Denise Bynoch</i>	Denise Bynoch
9 <i>Paul Vanardet</i>	Paul Vanardet
10 <i>Wanda Johnson</i>	Wanda Johnson
11 <i>Karen Bludau</i>	Karen Bludau
12 <i>JR Peters</i>	JR PETERS
13 <i>Amy Kloesel</i>	Amy Kloesel
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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:

(Please use legal name/No Nicknames) Frank Fishar

HOME ADDRESS:

Hallettsville

TELEPHONE:

361-772-5549

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

Retired

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE:

Do you represent any particular group or organization? No

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?

Public Hearing Budget

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

For

Against

Undecided

Signature:

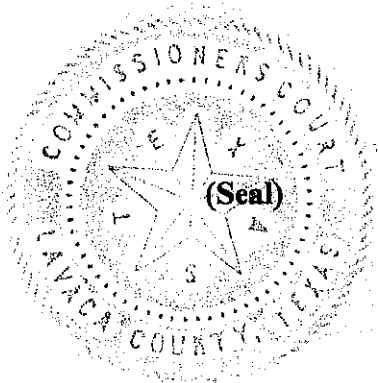
Note: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk before the start of Commissioner's Court. In person forms will be accepted at the Commissioner's Courtroom up to the start of the meeting. Emailed forms to countyclerk@co.lavaca.tx.us will be accepted up to 1 hour before the start 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 August 28, 2023.

ATTEST

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



Signed this 29th day of August, 2023

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk
Barbara K. Steffek