

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Lavaca County Commissioners Court will be held on November, 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with a law firm as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the delinquent taxes owed to Lavaca County to be collected in the most effective manner. Lavaca County desires that such delinquent tax, penalties and interest be collected as provided in the Texas Tax Code.

Both firms being considered are fully qualified to provide this representation based upon the proposals submitted. Both firms possess infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that Lavaca County does not currently possess.

Both Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP and McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen, P.C. are competent and professional in the collection of delinquent property taxes. Request for Proposals were sought by the Lavaca County Commissioners Court in an effort of transparency to ensure the taxpayers that Lavaca County is aiming to gain the best services for the County.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of Lavaca County due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in- house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

The firm chosen will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48. These Texas Tax Code sections specifically provide for an additional penalty on delinquent taxes to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to Lavaca County.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of Lavaca County because the delinquent taxes will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs Lavaca County of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.

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At 8:55 O'Clock a M

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ELIZABETH A. KOUBA, CLERK
COUNTY COURT LAVACA CO., TEXAS
By Audrey Jensen Deputy