

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

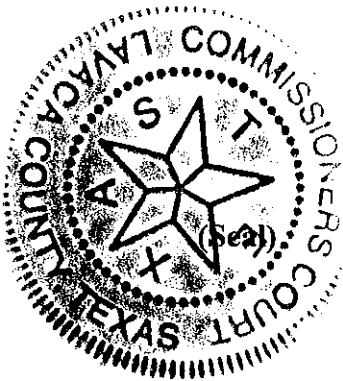
THE STATE OF TEXAS]

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 24, 2020 are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 14th day of September, 2020, A.D.

Keith Mudd, County Judge
Keith Mudd



ATTEST:

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
Elizabeth A. Kouba

Regular Meeting Monday Monday, August 24, 2020

The Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor, Hallettsville, Texas.

Present:

- County Judge Keith Mudd
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4
Elizabeth A. Kouba, Lavaca County Clerk

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

Roll Call:

All members of the Court were present.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Keith Mudd,

Commissioner Neil F. Bates, Jr., said the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

Speakers addressed the Commissioners Court on Agenda Items as follows:

Kevin Myers addressed agenda item number 2. Mary Lee Berger addressed agenda item number 7 and 2. Marie Day addressed agenda item number 7. Kathleen Leininger addressed agenda item number 7. And Mark Myers addressed agenda item number 7.

Judge Keith Mudd address the court in regards to a burn ban. Hallettsville Volunteer Fire Department addressed concern for a burn ban. The burn ban did not make the agenda, however, Judge Keith Mudd cautioned everyone to use caution when burning.

Emergency Management Update (OEM)

Egon Barthel gave updates on the follow:

- In contact with Hallettsville Volunteer Fire Department, Shiner Volunteer Fire Department and with the Texas Forrest Service on drought conditions for Lavaca County.
Storms, Marco and Laura in the Gulf of Mexico predicted landfall and how they will affect Lavaca County.
Governor Greg Abbott August 23 Proclamation for Jackson and Dewitt County in response to storms in the gulf.
Covid-19 Numbers update - 673 overall and 23 active cases.

- Lavaca County, Dewitt County and the City of Yoakum will have a walk-up testing site.

Announcements:

Lavaca County Tax Assessor Collector, Debi Sevcik announced her office is now open to the public and she can accommodate 6 customers at time in the lobby area. Face masks are required.

Discussion and/or Action Agenda:

1. Presentation of 2019 Distinguished Service Award to the Lavaca County Historical Commission in recognition of its active and well-rounded history and preservation related programs.

Presentation of 2019 Distinguished Service Award to Doug Kubicek, Lavaca County Historical Commission.

2. Approve the hire of Michael Furrh as the Lavaca County EMS Director effective date will be Monday, August 24th, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve the hire of Michael Furrh as the Lavaca County EMS Director effective date will be Monday, August 24th, 2020 with the approved salary of \$72,000.00.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	NO
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried
Court Order: 18013**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

3. Approve Lavaca County 2020 Resolution for Help America Vote Again (HAVA) Cares Act – HAVA Grant Assurances.

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Neil F. Bates.

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve Lavaca County 2020 Resolution for Help America Vote Again (HAVA) Cares Act – HAVA Grant Assurances.”

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

Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 18414

4. Approve Engagement Letter with Beyer and Company to perform external audit services for Fiscal Year Ending 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff.

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve Engagement Letter with Beyer and Company to perform external audit services for Fiscal Year Ending 2020.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 18415

5. County Boat Agent Agreement between Lavaca County Tax Assessor-Collector and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff.

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve the Lavaca County Boat Agent Agreement between Lavaca County Tax Assessor-Collector and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 18416

6. Approve Fees in accordance with Texas Transportation Code Section 502.401 County Road and Bridge.

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Neil F. Bates.

“Approve Fees in accordance with Texas Transportation Code Section 502.401 County Road and Bridge to include option A.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 18017

7. Discuss and approve the purchase of new ESS&S (Election System and Software) Election Equipment (DS200 and Express Vote)

Gwen Holt, Lavaca County Elections Administrator, spoke on the current elections equipment on when it was purchased, how the current ERM system crashed in past elections and is running on XP operating system, which is not supported. Discussed how each voting location has to be ADA compliant. Gave quote totals of how much the election machines would cost. Explained the consolidating to 9 precincts until March or April 2021. Proposing the purchase of 12 DS200 and 52 Express Vote machines. And also explained how the proposed equipment cannot connect to the Internet for the state of Texas.

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

“I make a motion to purchase 12 of the DS200 precinct scanners and 52 of the Express Vote machines.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	NO
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 18018

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8. Discuss and/or take action on electronic billing services with EMS Management and Consultants for EMS.

Michael Furrh, EMS Director, spoke on moving Lavaca County EMS to electronic billing.

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve the billing services agreement here and after agreement between EMS Management and Consultants Inc., EMS MC and Lavaca County EMS.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 18019

9. Appointments to the General Assembly Board of Directors for the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission for the term effective September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Neil F. Bates, Jr.,

“I’d like to nominate our Precinct 4 Commissioner Dennis Kocian.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	ABSTAIN

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Neil F. Bates

“I’d like to make a motion to nominate our Precinct 1 Commissioner Edward Pustka as alternate to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	ABSTAIN
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 18020

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10. Approve the donation of school records from Margaret Kallus to be used in Archives.

Margaret Kallus spoke on her father’s records she donated.

“I make a motion to approve the donation of school records from Margaret Kallus to be used in Archives.”

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 18021

11. Approve the Contract for Secure Short-Term Detention of Juvenile Probation Department and the Atascosa County Juvenile Justice Center for the term of January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff

“Your Honor, I would like to make a motion to approve the Contract for Secure Short-Term Detention of Juvenile Probation Department and the Atascosa County Juvenile Justice Center for the term of January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 18022

Consent Agenda

12. Minutes from the August 10, 2020 Commissioners Court Meeting.

13. Lavaca County Road Special Use Agreement between EOG Resources, Inc. and Precinct #3 to include LCR #298, #351 and #351A.

14. County Officials Reports.

- Hallie Hall, JP #4 - Money Distribution Report July 2020
- Michael Buchanek, Constable PCT.# 1, - Monthly Process Service Report July 2020
- Stuart Fryer, Lavaca County Attorney – June 2020 Hot Check Collection & Trust Fund
- Stuart Fryer, Lavaca County Attorney – July 2020 Hot Check Collection & Trust Fund
- Travis Hill, JP #2 – Money Distribution Report July 2020

- Wayne Denson, JP #3 - Money Distribution Report July 2020
- Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk LGS Total Collections July 2020
- Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk Tyler Total Collections July 2020
- Mark Ivey, JP #1 Money Distribution Report July 2020

15. Claims and/or Payroll.

16. Budget Amendments, if any.

Approved.

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as it is.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 18023

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above

County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff.

“So moved.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 18024

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:24 A.M.

Signature Roster

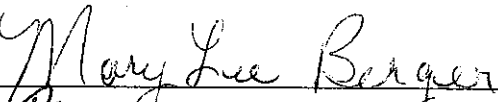
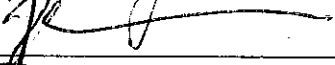
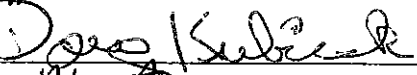
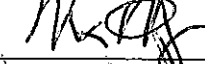
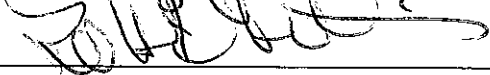
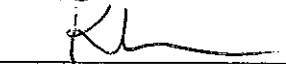
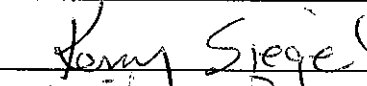
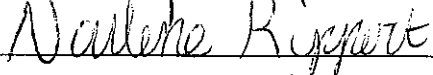
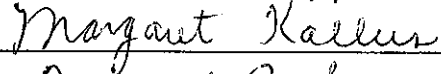



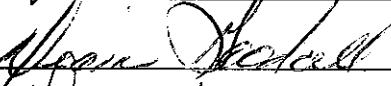
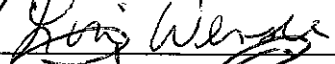


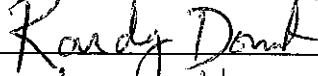
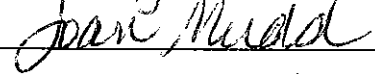
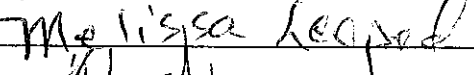
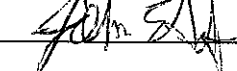
Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting

August 24, 2020

Commissioner Court Called

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1		MARY Lee Berger
2		Kevin J Myers
3		Doug Kubicek
4		MARK MYERS
5		BOB WEISS
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7		Kenny Siegel
8		Nailene Ruppert
9		MARGARET KALLUS
10		Deborah A. Sercik
11		PAULA PATTERSON
12		Gwen Holt
13		Dawn Goodall
14		Lori Wenske
15		STUART FRYER
16		MICAH HARLOW
17		Randy Dorn R/K
18		JOAN Mudd
19		Melissa Leopold
20		John Scholtz

Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting

August 24, 2020
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1 Shana R. Opela Shana R Opela

2 Karen Bludau Karen Bludau

3 Jim Spelt Jim Spelt

4 [Signature] Tena Spelt

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Minutes of Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk, Lavaca County:

I, Elizabeth A. Kouba, 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 24, 2020.



ATTEST

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
& Ex-Officio Clerk of
Commissioners' Court of
Lavaca County, Texas

Signed this 9 day of September, 2020

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
Elizabeth A. Kouba