

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

The Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 10:00 A. M. in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor, in Hallettsville, Texas with Judge Tramer J. Woytek presiding and with Commissioner Edward Pustka, Pct. 1, Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Pct. 2, Commissioner R. W. Brown, Pct. 3, and Commissioner Dennis Kocian, Pct. 4 being present. Others in attendance were: Vicki T. Vogel, Matthew Kunz, Micah Harmon, Amanda Orsak, Lisa Lowe, Sherry T. Henke, Shana R. Opela, Deborah A. Sevcik, Andy Taylor, Dana Johnson, Jim Appelt, Karen Bludau, Elizabeth A. Kouba, and Sophie Perry.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Tramer J. Woytek followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags led by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff.

Commissioner Edward Pustka addressed the court under public communications and reported that the bridge on CR #124 is 87% complete. The remaining 13% will take another month to complete. The state is fixing the bridge, so the County will not be responsible for repairs after the next flood. It should be complete by September 15.

1. Budget Workshop. (County Judge)

Budget workshop was held and closed.

2. 2015 Effective Tax Rate and Rollback Rate. (Tax Assessor)

Moved by Judge Tramer Woytek, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to accept the effective and rollback rate plan proposed by the tax assessor.

3. Discuss and/or propose 2015 Tax Rate. (County Judge)

Moved by Judge Tramer Woytek, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to take the effective tax rate of .4338.

4. Set date for public hearing on the 2015-2016 budget adoption. (County Judge)

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to do it on the 14th of September.

5. Announce dates for public hearing on 2015 Tax Rate. (County Judge)

Moved by Judge Tramer Woytek, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to set no dates for public hearings because of no need.

6. Upgrade the Early Voting pollbooks that include 2 ExpressPoll Tablets with barcode scanning and signature capture capabilities, 2 DYMO 450 turbo printer, 150n 3G router, CentralPoint Software license and hosting fee and 1 year Hardware and Software Warranty. (Elections Administrator)

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to approve the upgrade of Early Voting pollbooks that include 2 ExpressPoll Tablets with the barcode scanning and signature capture capabilities, 2 DYMO 450 turbo printer, 150n 3G router, CentralPoint Software license and hosting fee and 1 year Hardware warranty and Software Warranty.

7. Award of Independent Audit Services for Lavaca County and the 2nd 25th Judicial District Probation Department for Fiscal Year 2015. (Auditor)

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to accept Beyers & Company from Pleasonton, Texas, RFP #1432P, and award them independent audit service for Lavaca County and the 2nd 25th Judicial District Probation Department fiscal year 2015.

8. Award proposals/qualifications for Natural Hazard Mitigation Services. (County Judge)

Moved by Judge Tramer Woytek, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to accept the proposal and qualifications for natural hazard mitigation services from H2O Partners, Inc. and reject any and all other proposals.

9. Court Order to authorize Lavaca County Sheriff and Lavaca County Attorney to apply for regular plates on exempt vehicles. (County Attorney)

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to approve the court order to authorize Lavaca County Sheriff and Lavaca County Attorney to apply for regular plates on exempt vehicles.

10. Lavaca County Procurement Card Cardholder Agreement and Lavaca County Procurement Card Procedures. (Auditor)

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to approve the Lavaca County procurement card cardholder agreement and the Lavaca County procurement card procedures and allow each office holder to have up to 4 cards and to contact the auditor and maybe let her know how many they will be needing so we don't have cards sitting around for nothing.

11. 2016 Texas County and District Retirement System Plan Provisions. (Auditor)

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to adopt the retirement plan rate of 16.12 percent for the 2016 Texas County and District Retirement System plan provisions which gives us a funded ratio of 78.7 percent.

12. Hire Ashley Holub as Records Deputy Clerk, Grade 3, 1st Quartile in the County Clerk's office effective August 17, 2015. (County Clerk)

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to hire Ashley Holub as a Records Deputy Clerk, grade 3, 1st quartile in the County Clerk's office effective August 17, 2015.

13. Declare as surplus property: John Deere 2950 Utility Tractor Serial Number L02950T542703 to be used as a trade in on a new John Deere Tractor. (Comm. Pct. 1)

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to declare as surplus property a John Deere 2950 Utility Tractor, serial number L02950T542703 to be used as a trade in on a new John Deere tractor.

Consent Agenda – Unless a member of the Court requests a separate consideration of any items, all under the Consent Agenda are considered to be of routine nature or have been previously deliberated by the Court in an open meeting and therefore may be approved by one motion, second and vote.

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to approve the consent agenda.

1. Minutes of July 27, 2015 Regular Meeting.
2. Marvin J. Haas granting Lavaca County Precinct #1 permission to enter property along LCR #198 for the purpose of clearing the Right of Way and correcting drainage issues along said roadway.
3. County Auditor Monthly Report.
4. County Treasurer Monthly and Public Financial Reports.
5. Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.
6. County Officials' Reports.
7. Budget Amendments, if any.
8. Claims.

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.

Adjournment by Presiding Officer.

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS]

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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 10, 2015 are
this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 24th day of August, A.D. 2015.


TRAMER J. WOYTEK, COUNTY JUDGE

ACKNOWLEDGED:


ELIZABETH A. KOUBA, COUNTY CLERK

