

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL


16124

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 September 26, 2016
are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 7th day of October, 2016, A.D.



_____, County Judge

Tramer J. Woytek

ATTEST:



_____, County Clerk

Elizabeth A. Kouba



THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

Regular Meeting September 26, 2016

The Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 10:00 A. M. in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor, in Hallettsville, Texas.

Members Present:

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4
Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk

Attendees:

Ashley Mraz	Becky Janak
Deborah A. Sevcik	Gayle Bludau
Shana R. Opela	Sherry T. Henke
Karen Bludau	Micah Harmon
Jim Appelt	Shanon R. DeForest
Dana Johnson	Richard Garcia
Michele Etzler	Kris Morrison
Sheila Jansky	

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

Public Communications:

Richard Garcia addressed the court about the annual flu clinic on October 4, 2016. The first session will be from 10:00 A.M. to noon at the Courthouse Annex and the afternoon session will be from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Sheriff's Department in the Sheriff's training room. Brookshire Brothers will be giving the flu shot injections only. For those that will need the second round of the pneumonia vaccine can go to the Pharmacy in Brookshire Brothers and that will be covered as well.

1. Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka

Ratify proclamation signed by the Lavaca County Judge proclaiming October 5, 2016 as Children's Health Day in Lavaca County.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried
Court Order: 16102**

2. Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka

Approve the engagement letter from Beyer & Co. Certified Public Accountants for the annual audit for the 2nd and 25th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the year ending August 31, 2016.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried
Court Order: 16103**

3. Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown

Approve the Engagement letter from Beyer & Co. Certified Public Accountants for the annual audit of the Lavaca County Juvenile Probation Department for the year ending August 31, 2016.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried
Court Order: 16104**

4. Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown

Surplus property Dell Laptop Latitude 5500, tag number 1758: item not functional and hard drive destroyed.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 16105

****NO DOCUMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT****

5. Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka

Approve the letter of request from the Festival of Lights Chairperson to continue the seasonal display on the Lavaca County Courthouse grounds for the year 2016 season.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 16106

6. Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka

I move the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a .3930 rate for M&O, a .0133 rate for debt, and a .1238 rate for FMR, for a total tax rate of .5301, which is effectively a 7.81 percent increase in combined tax rate.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 16107

7. Moved by Judge Tramer J. Woytek, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff

Separate vote required according to Local Government Code 111.008(c) that the budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$829,616, which is a 9.35% increase from last year's budget and the property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$161,222.45.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

****All members of the court rose their right hand to signify their vote in favor of the motion, and the vote was unanimous**

Motion Carried
Court Order: 16108

****NO DOCUMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE MINUES OF THE COURT****

8. Moved and Amended by Commissioner R. W. Brown, Seconded with Amendments by Commissioner Edward Pustka

Due to the holiday on Monday October 10th, the next meeting date will change to October the 7th at 1:30. All of the things that normally go to the Auditor's office on Wednesday at noon will need to be to her by Tuesday at noon. Items for agenda need to be turned in to Judge's office by Monday at noon.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 16109

****NO DOCUMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT****

9. Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown

Pass order designating the second Monday and fourth Monday day of the week which Commissioners' Court will convene in regular term, as per Local Code Section 81.005(a) at 10 o'clock in the morning.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 16110

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10. Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff

Approve the promotion of Timothy Pawlik from Patrol Deputy to Sergeant Investigator and adjust his salary to \$45,039.00 to be effective October 8, 2016.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 16111

11. Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka

Hire Ethan Clendenen as a Deputy Sheriff with a starting salary of \$41,018.72, effective October 8, 2016 and to approve his bond.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried
Court Order: 16112**

12. Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka

Approve the certification of salaries for the Lavaca County officials and employees and Lavaca County Rescue Service employees for the year 2016-2017.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried
Court Order: 16113**

13. Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian

Accept the proposal from Hill Country Tech Guys for Managed IT Services beginning October 1, 2016, and each department, it comes out of their budget, and that all offices of the County will participate.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 16114

****Kris Morrison briefed the Court on services to be provided and cost breakdown.**

****Judge reminded the court that once it is decided that the County is using a particular vendor, the Auditor cannot pay a bill for the use of a service through another vendor without a Court order, which will not be done without a very good reason.**

14. Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff

Approve the hiring of Kathrine Hays as part-time employee for the Lavaca County Senior Citizens Program with a starting salary of \$9.00 per hour, with a maximum of 28 hours per week, effective October 11, 2016, with the understanding that she will have a background check and drug test.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 16115

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15. Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka

Approve the 2017 holiday schedule as is.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 16116

16. Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff

Ratify the Proclamation signed by the County Judge proclaiming October 2-8, 2016 as National 4-H Week in Texas.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried
Court Order: 16117**

17. Moved by Commission Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian

Hire Elaine Gillar as temporary part-time in the Tax Assessor Collector Office, effective October 3, 2016 at the hourly wage of \$10.00 per hour.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried
Court Order: 16118**

Consent Agenda

18-21. Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff

Approve the Consent Agenda.

County Judge Tramer J. Woytek	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
R. W. Brown, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 16119

18. Minutes of September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting.

19. Lavaca County Road Special Use Agreement between H&P Exploration Co. and Precinct #4 to include LCR #1.

21. Budget Amendments, if any.

22. Claims.

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above

Adjournment by Presiding Officer

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 September 26, 2016.

ATTEST

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
Commissioners' Court of
Lavaca County, Texas

Signed this 4 day of Oct, 2016

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
Elizabeth A. Kouba

