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STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS |

COUNTY OF LAVACA |

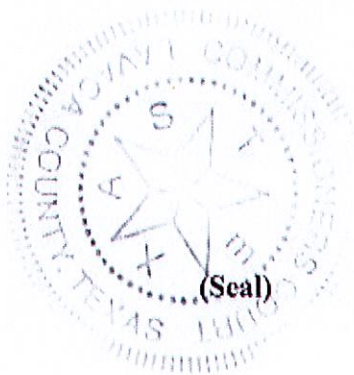
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County, Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Minutes of the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting dated March 10, 2025, are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, A.D.

Keith Mudd, County Judge  
Keith Mudd

ATTEST:

Barbara K. Steffel, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffel



**THE STATE OF TEXAS )(**  
**COUNTY OF LAVACA )(**

**Regular Meeting Monday, March 10, 2025**

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> 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** (please turn off cell phones and sign in):

All members of the court were present.

**Call to Order and Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Keith Mudd.

**Invocation, led by Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2**

**Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag by County Judge Keith Mudd.**

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**Discussion and/or action agenda:**

**1. Announcements:**

- *Public Participation- Paul Yamarick spoke about Lavaca County Day at the Capital, taking place next Monday (March 17, 2025). Meet at the rotunda at 9:00AM.*
- *Commissioner Pct. 2 introduced his grandson, Mason to the Court.*

**2. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Traci Rose.** (Commissioners)  
*Judge called for a motion to table this item.*

"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: 19518**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**3. Audit/review of Lavaca County Jail Commissary for October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, as per LGC 351.0415. (Auditor)**

“Your Honor, I moved that we accept the Audit review of Lavaca County Jail Commissary for October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, as per LGC 351.0415.”

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Fairecloth.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Wayne Fairecloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19519**

**4. Discuss and/or approve renewal of Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) through the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool for calendar year 2025. (Auditor)**

“I make a motion to approve.”

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Wayne Fairecloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19520**

**5. Discuss and/or approve TXDOT sidewalk project at the Lavaca County Annex. (Judge)**

“I moved that we approve TXDOT sidewalk project at the Lavaca County Annex.”

Moved by Commissioner Wayne Fairecloth, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Wayne Fairecloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19521**

**6. Discuss and/or approve MOU with Gulf Bend Center to reimburse Lavaca County for transportation costs, and for Lavaca County to distribute proceeds to appropriate agencies of the Lavaca County Law Enforcement Committee. (Judge)**

“I make a motion to approve.”

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Wayne Fairecloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19522**

**7. Discuss and/or approve Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Service Provider Contracts for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program.** (Commissioners Court)

*Commissioner Wayne Faircloth spoke on this agenda item along with Tim Weatherby with GrantWorks.*

"I make a motion we approve Southwest Engineering Services."

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: 19523**

**8. Discuss and/or approve Resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application for State of Texas Public Safety Office Operation Lone Star Project #4382203, authorizing the Lavaca County Sheriff's Office staff to act on behalf of Lavaca County.** (Sheriff)

*Sheriff, Steven Greenwell spoke on this agenda item.*

"I make a motion that we approve Resolution filing of a grant application for State of Texas Public Safety Office Operation Lone Star Project #4382203, authorizing the Lavaca County Sheriff's Office staff to act on behalf of the Lavaca County."

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: 19524**

**9. Discuss and/or approve transferring a Dodge 4500 Flatbed pickup from the Lavaca County EMS to Lavaca County Precinct 2.** (EMS Director)

*Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.*

"So moved."

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: 19525**

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**10. Discuss and/or approve Quote # Q-09094 between Viken Detection and Lavaca County Sheriff's Office, project will be paid with OLS Grant Funding.** (Sheriff)

*Sheriff, Steven Greenwell along with Captain Joshua Vaclavik spoke on this agenda item.  
Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.*

"So moved."

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: 19526**

**11. Discuss and/or approve Resolution authorizing Lavaca County Attorney's office to apply for Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) with Office of Attorney General.** (Attorney)

*Assistant County Attorney, Forrest Kroschel spoke on the agenda item.*

"I make a motion to approve."

Moved by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel, 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: 19527**

**12. Discuss and/or approve Resolution supporting the creation of a District Court with Colorado and Lavaca County jurisdiction.** (Judge)

*Judge spoke on this agenda item. Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2 spoke in favor of the agenda item.*

"I make a motion to table."

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: 19528**

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**13. Discuss and/or approve Tower Lease Agreement between Lavaca County and Hallettsville Communications.**

(Telecommunications Committee)

*EMS Assistant Chief, Tim Decker spoke on this agenda item stating that the EMS Director would like to discuss more about this with the Court and asked the Court to table this item for now.*

“Your Honor, I move that we table item 13.”

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:19529**

**14. Update and approve Lavaca County Fraud Prevention and Detention Policy.** (Auditor)

*County Auditor, Shana Opela stated that each employee will need to resign this Policy and turn in to their office.*

“I make a motion to approve Lavaca County Fraud Prevention and Detention Policy.”

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: 19530**

**15. Update and approve Lavaca County Asset Capitalization Policy.** (Auditor)

*County Auditor, Shana Opela spoke on this agenda item.*

“Your Honor, I recommend that we approve item 15 regarding the Lavaca County Asset Capitalization Policy.”

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: 19531**

**16. Discuss, change and/or approve Proposal for Property – real estate purchase at 400 N. Texana, including but not limited to expanding Annex parking lot, adding a driveway entrance/access(s) to Dodge St., and adding a drive through window for tax office. (Judge)**

*Judge asked that this item be tabled until after Closed Session.*

“I move that we table item 16.”

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: 19532**

**17. Discuss and/or approve any updates to Lavaca County Paving Agreement. (Commissioners)**

*Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel gave brief update on Agreement.*

**No Motion was made.**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**18. Closed Session (if needed) – The following items may be discussed in closed meeting.**

**A. Seek the advice of the attorney for the governmental body on matters that are protected by the attorney/client privilege.**

**B. Discussion of personnel matters. (Judge)**

*Judge called for a motion to move Closed Session until after Consent.*

“I make that motion.”

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: 19534**

*Discussion was made on the Consent Agenda.*

“I make a motion to strike item #24 and item #26 from Consent.”

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: 19536**

County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda

“Yes, your Honor.”

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: 19537**

**Consent Agenda:**

19. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting, February 24, 2025.
20. Mutual—aid Agreement for Cooperation on Law Enforcement Efforts between Austin County Sheriff’s Office and Lavaca County Sheriff’s Office. Approved on January 13, 2025, agenda item #10.
21. Deed between Grantor Andrew W. Gertner, and Grantee Lavaca County, Texas.
22. Temporary Waterline Permits between Baytex Energy and Lavaca County Precinct 2, to include LCR #260, 261, 256, 258, 291, 292, and 293.
23. Temporary Waterline Permits between EOG Resources and Lavaca County Precinct 2, to include LCR #239A, 240, 242 and 238A.
- ~~24. Monthly Auditor’s Report.~~
25. Monthly Treasurer’s Report.
- ~~26. Tax Assessor Collector Report as per Section 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.~~
27. Claims and/or Payroll
28. Budget Amendments, if any.
29. County Officials Report.
  - Larry Hlavac, Constable Pct. #3 Process Service Report, February 2025
  - Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. #4 Process Service Report, February 2025
  - Lori Wenske, District Clerk, Money Distribution Report, January 2025
  - Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report, February 2025

**Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.**



**The Court returned from Consent and brought item #18 back for a Closed Session.**

**18. Closed Session (if needed) – The following items may be discussed in closed meeting.**

**A. Seek the advice of the attorney for the governmental body on matters that are protected by the attorney/client privilege.**

**B. Discussion of personnel matters. (Judge)**

*Judge called for a motion to move into Closed Session.*

“I make that motion.”

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: 19535**

**Open Closed Session: 11:09AM**

**End Closed Session: 11:34AM**

**The Court then brought item #16 back to discussion.**

**16. Discuss, change and/or approve Proposal for Property – real estate purchase at 400 N. Texana, including but not limited to expanding Annex parking lot, adding a driveway entrance/access(s) to Dodge St., and adding a drive through window for tax office. (Judge)**

“I make a motion for Judge, Keith Mudd to go ahead and proceed to negotiate for the best proposal on this project and to later come back and get approval from the Court.”

Moved by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel, 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: 19533**

*County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.*

“I make a motion.”

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: 19538**

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:38AM.**

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: Paul Yarnock  
(Please use legal name/No Nicknames)

HOME ADDRESS:

159 CR 254  
Mountaintop

TELEPHONE:

711-888-8804

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:  
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EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you represent any particular group or organization? \_\_\_\_\_

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?

LAVACA COUNTY DAY @ THE CAPITAL

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

For  Against  Undecided

Signature: P. Yarnock

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](mailto:countyclerk@co.lavaca.tx.us) will be accepted up to 1 hour before the start of the meeting.



**Signature Roster**  
 Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting  
 March 10, 2025

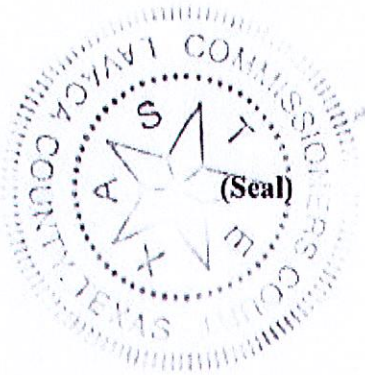
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2 Mason C	Mason Cox
3 Michael Wick	Michael Wick
4 Shana Opela	Shana Opela
5 Paul Yarn	Paul Yarnandez
6 Brent Pierce	Brent Pierce
7 Jean Wheelis	Jean Wheelis
8 Jimmy Appet	Jimmy Appet
9 Deborah A Sevcik	Deborah A Sevcik
10 Lorena Kanak	Lorena Kanak
11 Kerry L. Peterson	Kerry L. Peterson
12 Lori Wenske	Lori Wenske
13 Tammy Koerth	Tammy Koerth
14 Steven Greenwell	Steven Greenwell
15 Chelsea Steffek	Chelsea Steffek
16 Tim Wark	Tim Wark
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**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 Regular Called Meeting on March 10, 2025.

ATTEST

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



Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek