

County of Lavaca

OFFICE OF THE



COUNTY JUDGE

REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE LAVACA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT AGENDA

DATE OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING: June 23, 2025

This form, along with any related information that needs to be included in the Commissioners Court agenda packet, is to be submitted to the County Judge's office, **no later than 2 p.m. on WEDNESDAY** prior to the Commissioners Court date. Commissioners Court will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. All contracts should be submitted after the county attorney's review and approval.

Please place each agenda item on a separate request form. The request form and all accompanying paperwork may be submitted in hard copy or electronically.

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Agenda Item Request:

Commissioners Court Regular-Called Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2025.

Judge/Commissioner Approval for Inclusion on Agenda:

Judge/Commissioner Signature

Date

Date of Request: _____

☐ Action ☒ Consent

Name of Person Making Request: Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk

Will anyone else be addressing this item? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, who? _____

Additional Instructions:

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

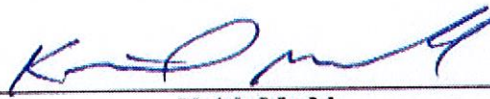
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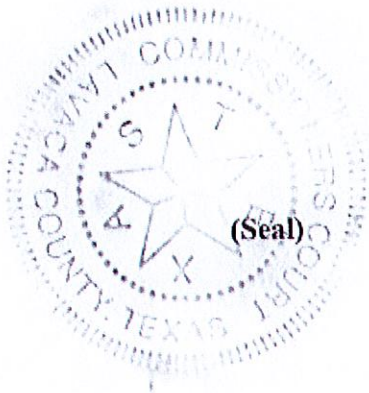
COUNTY OF LAVACA]

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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 Regular Meeting dated June 9, 2025, are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 23rd day of June, 2025, A.D.

, County Judge
Keith Mudd



ATTEST:

, County Clerk
Barbara K. Steffel

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

Regular Meeting Monday, June 9, 2025

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st 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

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

Confirm Quorum with Roll Call

All members of the court were present.

Barbara K. Steffek, Lavaca County Clerk, was not present, but duly represented by Blair Blaschke, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order and Welcome

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

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag by Judge Keith Mudd

Discussion and/or action agenda:

1. Announcements / Public Comments (Sec. 551.0415 & 551.007)

- *EMS Director, Michael Furrh went to the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Conference (GETAC) and was selected as President of Texas EMS Alliance's (2-year term).*
- *Michael Wick worked all weekend on a tower site due to an AC outage. AC unit was purchased to keep the tower cool.*
- *Legislation is out of session.*
- *New Judicial District will be Lavaca and Colorado Counties.*

2. Discuss and/or approve Lavaca County 2025-2026 health and employee benefits insurance renewal along with presentation with Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool.

Daniel Brown and Lacey Jones addressed the court.

Renewal includes:

a. Health

Judge called for a motion to approve Medical Plan: 700-G2 with a \$30.00 Copay and a \$680.00 deductible and Rx Plan: 4A-G2 with a percentage rate change of 5.7%.

"So moved."

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: 19646

b. Dental

Judge called for a motion to approve Dental Plan: 1 w/Ortho with a percentage rate change of 13.00%.

"Judge, I recommend that we approve the renewal of the Dental plan as presented."

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: 19647

c. Vision

Judge called for a motion to approve Vision: VALUE-12/12/24 with no percentage rate change.

"So moved."

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: 19648

d. Basic Life

Judge called for a motion to approve the Basic Life Plan with no percentage rate change.

"Judge, I recommend that we approve the renewal for the Basic Life Plan as presented."

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: 19649

e. Benefit Waiting Period for New Hires

Judge called for a motion to table item E until the next meeting so that more research can be done.

"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: 19650

f. Cobra Administration

Judge called for a motion to table item F until there's time to meet and discuss further.

"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: 19651

3. Discuss and/or approve distribution of Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for 2023 and 2024 from Texas Comptroller in accordance with LGC 381.004 in the amount of 2023 - \$8,416.51 and 2024 - \$36,374.03. (Judge) Shana Opela, County Auditor spoke on this agenda item.

"I make a motion that we approve distribution of Unclaimed Property Credit for 2023/2024 from Texas Comptroller in the amount specified and divide equally three ways between: Norma's House, Child Welfare Board and Yoakum Public Library."

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: 19652

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

4. Discuss and/or approve advertising for Concrete and Labor bids for Lavaca County Roads. (Commissioners Court)
Judge called for a motion to accept bids until 10:30AM on Monday, June 30, 2025, and read aloud at 10:45AM. The bids will be awarded at the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 10:00AM.

"I would like to make a motion to approve advertising for Concrete and Labor bids for Lavaca County Roads."

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: 19653

5. Discuss and/or approve Interlocal Agreement for the Sale of Surplus Property between City of Burleson, Texas and Lavaca County. (EMS Director)

EMS Assistant Chief, Tim Decker spoke on this agenda item.

"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 Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19654

6. Discuss and/or approve budget process and the key budget dates. (Judge)

- Department heads and Officials have until June 20th to turn in completed budget worksheets back to the Judge's office with any requested changes.
- Special Called Budget workshop on July 23rd from 9AM-12PM (Not mandatory to present)
- July 28th is a Regular Called Commissioners' Court Meeting, if you missed the workshop and still want to present, that can be done at this time.
- On August 2nd the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate will be Published.
- August 11th the Tax Assessor will present the Certified Value and No New Revenue Voter approval rates, and the Court will select at that time.
- August 25th the Court will approve the Budget and Tax Rate.

No Motion was made.

7. Discuss and/or approve Replat for Calvin and Beverly Walters. (Pct.4)

"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 Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19655

8. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Denis Berger, Jr. (Pct.3)

"I make a motion to approve the Certificate of Exemption for Subdivision Requirements for Denis Berger, Jr."

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: 19656

9. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Marcus Grahmann. (Pct.1)

"I moved we approve this exemption."

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: 19657

10. Discuss and/or approve adding 3 jailer positions and 1 investigator position for the Lavaca County Sheriff's Office, salaries to be funded through existing Senate Bill 22 funds. (Sheriff)

Chief Deputy, Carl Herbst and Matthew Keller the Jail Administrator spoke on this agenda item.

"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 Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19658

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

11. Discuss and/or approve contract between Thomson Reuters and Lavaca County Sheriff's Office for the CLEAR Proflex investigative support service. (Sheriff)

Chief Deputy, Carl Herbst spoke on this agenda item.

"Your Honor, I move we approve the contract between Thomson Reuters and Lavaca County Sheriff's Office for the CLEAR Proflex investigative support service."

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: 19659

12. Discuss and/or approve the donation of 2 tables from Merle and Janis Richardson to be used in the Archives Department as map tables. (Records Management)
Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.

"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: 19660

13. Discuss and/or approve Road Plan and Paving updates. (Commissioners Court)
Commissioner Edward Pustka spoke on this agenda item.

No Motion was made.

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***Before moving into Consent, Judge mentioned the Addendum item number 16 that was added to the Agenda and the need to have an Executive Session before discussing that line item.**

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

"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: 19661

14. Consent Agenda:

- a. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting May 27, 2025.
- b. Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Reininger Family Living Trust approved May 27, 2025, in Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting.
- c. Monthly Auditor's Report.
- d. Monthly Treasurer's Report.
- e. Claims and/or Payroll.
- f. Budget Amendments, if any.

g. County Officials Report.

David Beyer, Constable Pct. 2 Process Service Report, May 2025

Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. 4 Process Service Report, May 2025

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report, December 2024-January, February & March 2025.

Shana R. Opela, County Auditor's Monthly Report, May 2025

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.

**Item 15 was skipped, and The Court moved to item 16 and went into Executive Session.*

Executive Session:

Judge called for a motion to go into Executive Session per Sec. 551.071.

"So moved"

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: 19662

Executive Session Start: 11:10AM.

Judge called for a motion to end Executive Session.

"So moved"

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: 19663

Executive Session End: 11:18AM.

A motion was made on item number 16 at this time.

15. Announce Next Meeting June 23, 2025/Adjourn. (Judge)

Next Meeting will be June 23, 2025, at 10:00AM.

No Motion was made.

Addendum to June 9, 2025, Lavaca County Commissioner's Court Regular Called Meeting.

16. Discuss and/or approve allowing Allison, Bass and Magee, LLP to pursue litigation on an illegal Subdivision in Lavaca County.

"Your Honor, I recommend that we approve item 16, allowing Allison, Bass and Magee, LLP to pursue litigation on an illegal Subdivision in Lavaca County."

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

Judge called for vote by show of hands.

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

All 5 hands were raised.

5/0 vote by hand.

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19664

County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.

"I move we adjourn."

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: 19665

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at: 11:20AM.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF

LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS



Signature Roster
Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting
June 09, 2025

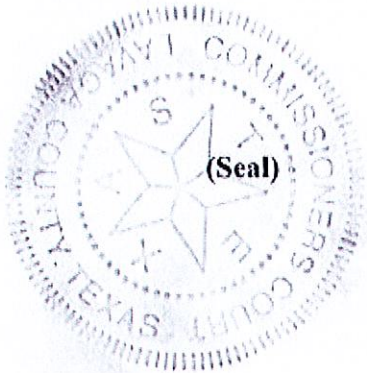
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Minutes of Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, Lavaca County:

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 June 9, 2025.

ATTEST

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



Signed this 17th day of June,

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk
Barbara K. Steffek