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STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS ]

COUNTY OF LAVACA ]

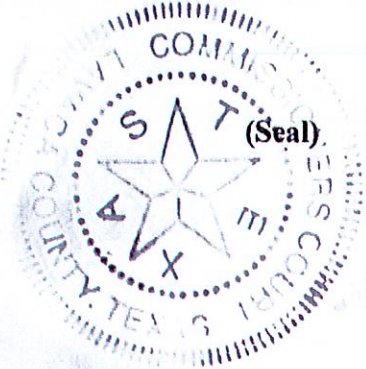
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County, Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Minutes of the Commissioners= Court Regular Meeting dated December 22, 2025, are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, A.D.

, County Judge  
Keith Mudd

ATTEST:

, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek



THE STATE OF TEXAS )(
COUNTY OF LAVACA )(

Regular Meeting Monday, December 22, 2025

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, December 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor, in Hallettsville, Texas,

Present:

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

All members of the court were present with the exception of Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2.

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)

- Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct.4 congratulated the Yoakum Bulldogs for their State Championship in football. Judge added by congratulating the Shiner Comanches as well for making it a great season. Lavaca County was well represented.
Shannon DeForest, County Extension Agent presented a plaque to Jennifer Steffek for her 25 years of service.
Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk announced that the Clerk's Office will be closed on Friday, January 9, 2026, due to records being transferred to a virtual server.

\*While waiting for Jessie Allen to arrive Judge skipped over # 2 and moved to # 4.

2. Accept monetary donation in the amount of \$137,200 from Dickson-Allen Foundation in support of Lavaca County Law Enforcement Mental Health Wellness Initiative (Sheriff)

Sheriff Steven E. Greenwell spoke on this agenda item and the monetary donation was presented from Jessie Allen.

"I'll 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 ABSENT
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3 YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4 YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19863

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.



**3. Discuss and/or approve adding 1 full-time Mental Health Deputy and 1 full-time Mental Health Case Worker for the Lavaca County Sheriff's Office, positions will be funded primarily by the Dickson-Allen monetary donation: (Sheriff)**

*Sheriff Steven E. Greenwell spoke on an event that happened recently with the Mental Health Deputy, Brittany Keil and why this position is so important to our County and how this money helps make it happen.*

**a. Mental Health Deputy - \$65,193; plus, eligible for benefits**

**b. Case Work - \$60,000; plus, eligible for benefits**

"Yes, I move that we approve adding 1 full-time Mental Health Deputy and 1 full-time Mental Health Case Worker for the Lavaca County Sheriff's Office, positions will be funded primarily by the Dickson-Allen monetary donation with the Mental Health Deputy salary \$65,193; plus, eligible for benefits and Case Worker at \$60,000; plus, eligible for benefits."

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19864**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**4. Discuss and/or approve Bond for Jenna Austin Deputy Sheriff for the Lavaca County Sheriff's Office. (Sheriff)**

*Sheriff Steven E. Greenwell 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	ABSENT
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19862**

**5. Discuss and/or approve intergovernmental agreement between Lavaca County and Goliad County to house Lavaca County inmates in Goliad County. (Sheriff)**

"Yes, I move that we approve intergovernmental agreement between Lavaca County and Goliad County to house Lavaca County inmates in Goliad County."

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19865**

**6. Discuss and/or approve Hardware Maintenance and Software License, Maintenance and Support Services Agreement between Lavaca County and Election Systems & Software, LLC (ES&S). (Elections Administrator)**

"Your Honor, I make a motion to approve Hardware Maintenance and Software License, Maintenance and Support Services Agreement between Lavaca County and Election Systems & Software, LLC (ES&S)."

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19866**

**7. Discuss and/or approve Addendum 15 between Local Government Solutions, L.P. (LGS) and Lavaca County to include adding 1 full licensed user in the County Attorney's Office. (County Attorney)**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19867**

**8. Acknowledge Governor Greg Abbott's Proclamation certifying that increased fire weather conditions pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in several counties. (Judge)**

"I make a motion to acknowledge."

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	ABSENT
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19868**

**9. Discuss and/or approve burn ban status. (Judge)**

*Tim Decker with the Fire Chief Association spoke on this agenda item. KBDI is 539 as of yesterday. Call 361-798-2121 and notify the Sheriff's Office before you burn.*

"I make a motion to keep the burn ban off."

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	ABSENT
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19869**



**10. Discuss and/or approve purchasing two used Freightliner, Day Cab Trucks from Global Truck Sales – Houston, Texas (Pct. 3):**

*Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3 spoke on this agenda item.*

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

**a. Vin – 3AKJGEDV5GSHD9968; Year 2016; Sales Price \$27,000**

**b. Vin – 1FUJGEDV5HLJC4508; Year 2017; Sales Price \$27,000**

**"I make that motion."**

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	ABSENT
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19870**

**11. Discuss and/or approve the concrete slab removal located at 400 N. Texana Street. (Judge)**

**"I make a motion to table this."**

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	ABSENT
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19871**

**NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.**

**12. Closed session to discuss courthouse security updates and plans. (Judge)**

*Per Code: 551.076*

**"I make a motion to go into closed session."**

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19872**

**Closed session began: 9:34AM**

"Your Honor, 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	ABSENT
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19873**

**Closed session ended: 9:57AM**

**13. Discuss and/or approve renovation and repair of all Lavaca County Courthouse exterior doors to include door restoration, door reversal, granite stone and mortar repair, adding additional granite exterior steps and landings, adding secure electronic controlled access, and anti-slip sealant, with the following approved vendors and funding sources (Judge):**

**a. Vendors J Pool Group and RBO Technology quotes provided through TIPS and OMNIA purchasing cooperatives. Lavaca County is a member of both coops.**

**b. Funding sources are Fund 194 Capital Improvement for County Buildings and Fund 165 Courthouse Security.**

"I'll make that motion to approve."

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	ABSENT
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19874**

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

"I move we approve Consent Agenda."

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19875**



**14. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting December 09, 2025.
- b. Amendment to the EMS contract between Lavaca County and EMS Management & Consultants, Inc approved during the Regular Called Meeting September 8, 2025.
- c. Temporary Waterline Permits between Baytex Energy and Lavaca County Precinct 2 to include LCR# 291,292,293,272,273,274.
- d. Claims and/or Payroll.
- e. Budget Amendments, if any.
- f. County Officials Report.
  - Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report: November 2025
  - David Beyer, Constable Pct. #2 Process Service Report: November 2025
  - Larry Hlavac, Constable Pct. #3 Process Service Report: November 2025
  - Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. #4 Process Service Report: November 2025
  - Travis Hill, JP Pct #2 Money Distribution Report: November 2025
  - Mark Yackel, JP PCT #3 Money Distribution Report: November 2025
  - Hallie Hall, JP Pct #4, Money Distribution Report: November 2025
  - James Reeves, County Attorney, Hot Check Collection & Trust Fund Report: September and October 2025
  - Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report: November 2025
  - Shana R. Opela, County Auditor's Monthly Report: November 2025

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

**16. Announce Next Meeting January 12, 2026/Adjourn. (Judge)**

*Next Meeting – January 12, 2026, at 9:00AM.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19876**

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer at: 10:03AM**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF**

**LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS**





## Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting  
December 22, 2025

Sign Here	Print Name Here
1 Peter Cenotti	Peter Cenotti
2 Kim Moore	Kim Moore-Senator Lois Kolchhorst office
3 Rudy Moreno	Rudy Moreno/Fred's Const. Serv.
4 <del>James F. Fenner</del>	<del>James F. Fenner</del>
5 Shana Opel	Shana Opel
6 CARL HERBST	CARL HERBST
7 Lorena Kanak	Lorena Kanak
8 Jennifer Steffek	Jennifer Steffek
9 Natalie Knesek	Natalie Knesek
10 Steven Greenwell	Steven Greenwell
11 Doug Kubicek	Doug Kubicek
12 Isabel Bishop	Isabel Bishop
13 JEFFREY BISHOP	JEFFREY BISHOP
14 Shannon R DeFonseca	Shannon R DeFonseca
15 Daniel Beyer	Daniel Beyer
16 Wayne Demar	
17 Gabe Murrain	Gabe Murrain
18 BRETTNEY KATL	BRETTNEY KATL
19 Michael Wick	Michael Wick
20 Jimmy Appert	Jimmy Appert
21 James Reenes	James Reenes
22 R. Schwauch	R. Schwauch
23 Lori A. Wensher	Lori A. Wensher





**Signature Roster**  
**Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting**  
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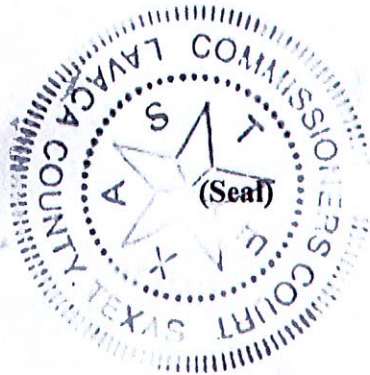
24	John Moller	Joshua Moller
25	Kerry L. Peterson	Kerry L. Peterson
26	Deborah A. Sevcik	Deborah A. Sevcik
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**Minutes of Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, Lavaca County:**

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 December 22, 2025

ATTEST

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



Signed this 22nd day of December 2025

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek