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STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

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COUNTY OF LAVACA]

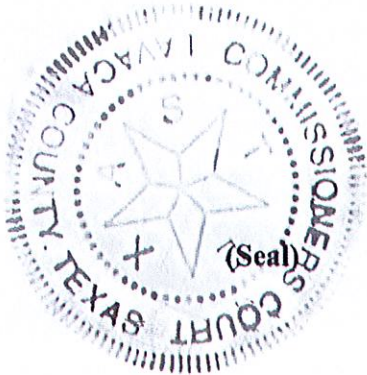
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County, Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Minutes of the Commissioners= Court Regular Meeting dated MARCH 23, 2026, are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 14th day of April 2026, A.D.


_____, County Judge
Keith Mudd

ATTEST:


_____, County Clerk
Barbara K. Steffek



THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

Regular Meeting Monday, March 23, 2026

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2026 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
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)

- Lorena Kanak, Lavaca County Republican Chair- Saturday (March 28, 2026) is the Lavaca County Precinct and County Convention's at the HS Cafeteria at 8AM.

2. Proclamation declaring April 12, 2026, as Hallettsville Methodist Church Day to celebrate 175th Anniversary. (Judge)

Commissioner Edward Pustka read the Proclamation.

Pastor, Patrick Melton announced there will be a dedication service on the 12th at 10:45 the Methodist Church and everyone is welcome to attend.

"I moved to approve the Proclamation."

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

Table with 2 columns: Name and Response. Rows include County Judge Keith Mudd, Edward Pustka, Wayne Faircloth, Kenny W. Siegel, and Dennis W. Kocian, all with 'YES' responses.

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19945

3. Proclamation declaring the week of April 12 through April 18, 2026, as National Telecommunicators Week.
(Sheriff)

Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel read the Proclamation.

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

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19946

4. Proclamation declaring the month of April as Autism Acceptance Month. (Judge)

Judge read the Proclamation.

Executive Director of Turtle Wing Foundation, Destiny Suptak spoke on this agenda item.

“I’ll 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: 19947

5. Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. (Judge)

Commissioner Wayne Faircloth read the Proclamation.

- *The Child Abuse Awareness sound-off will be April 1st at Noon at the KC Hall parking lot.*
- *April 10th is Go Blue Day. Wear Blue to show your support.*

Erika Anderson (Norma’s House), Nicole Nguyen (SJRC Texas Belong), Kimberly Wilson (Lavaca County’s Child Welfare Board President) and Kat Munoz-Hickl (Program Manager for Golden Crescent MOMS) spoke on 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: 19948

***Judge skipped to item #25 (Revised Addendum)**

6. Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month for the Texas CDBG Grant agreement number CDV25-0201. (Judge)

“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: 19950

7. Discuss and/or approve Resolution to designate authorized signatories for the 2025 Texas CDBG program grant agreement number CDV25-0201. (Judge)

“I make a motion to accept.”

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: 19951

8. Discuss and/or approve Resolution adopting required CDBG Civil Rights Policies. (Judge)

“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: 19952

9. Judge's report from the meeting with Conoco Phillips. (Judge)

Judge and Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel spoke on this agenda item.

No Motion was made.

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

10. Discuss and/or approve process of renewing, updating and/or revising the Lavaca County Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatement in a Reinvestment Zone Created in Lavaca County, that was last updated April 14, 2014. (Judge).

Judge spoke on this agenda item.

No Motion was made.

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

11. Discuss and/or approve county buildings, needs, and improvements. (Judge).

Judge gave update on this agenda item. IT Director Michael Wick spoke on the Courthouse improvements. EMS Assistant Chief, Tim Decker spoke on alarm systems.

No Motion was made.

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

12. Discuss and/or approve Bond for Sheila Velasquez Lavaca County Auditor. (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 Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19953

13. Discuss and/or approve Quitclaim Deed from Lavaca County to Guy and Darlene McElroy to include 0.1071 of an acre tract being a portion of Panewitz Street Block 55. (Pct.3)

Kenny spoke on this agenda item.

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

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19954

***Judge skipped to item #15**

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

Tim Decker with the Fire Chief's Association announced the KBDI was at 530 as of today. The Fire Chief's agreed that the Burn Ban may remain off but to have caution when burning. All burns should be called in to the Sheriff's Office at 361-798-2121.

"I make a motion to leave the burn ban as is and keep it off."

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: 19964

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

***Judge went to Consent Agenda.**

15. Acknowledge letters from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to report there were no deficiencies identified during the audit for Lavaca County Constables Precinct 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Judge)

"I move we acknowledge the letters from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement for the Constables."

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: 19955

16. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for L.A. Muehr. (Pct.1)

Secretary Nailene Ruppert spoke on this agenda item.

"Your Honor, I move we approve the Exemption for L.A. Muehr."

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: 19956

17. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Scott Henke. (Pct.1)
Secretary Nailene Ruppert spoke on this agenda item.

“Your Honor, I move we approve the Exemption for Scott Henke.”

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: 19957

18. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Ross Hoffman. (Pct.1)
Secretary Nailene Ruppert spoke on this agenda item.

“I move that we approve Certificate of Exemption for Ross Hoffman.”

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: 19958

19. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Celeste Bajunaid. (Pct.2)
Secretary Nailene Ruppert spoke on this agenda item.

“I move that we approve the Certificate of Exemption for Celeste Bajunaid.”

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: 19959

20. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for the Jewell Annette Smith Estate. (Pct.2)

Secretary Nailene Ruppert spoke on this agenda item.

“Your Honor, I make a motion we approve the Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for the Jewell Annette Smith Estate.”

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: 19960

21. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Douglas Nevlud. (Pct.3)

Secretary Nailene Ruppert spoke on this agenda item.

“I make a 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	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19961

22. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Denis Berger Jr., Linda Berger, Carol Kneifel, and Allan Berger. (Pct.3)

Secretary Nailene Ruppert spoke on this agenda item.

“I’ll make that motion to approve that.”

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: 19962

***Judge skipped to item #26 (Revised Addendum)**

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

"I make a motion."

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: 19965

23. Consent Agenda:

- a) **Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting March 10, 2026.**
- b) **Lavaca County Road Routing and Bond Agreement between Petrovybe and Precinct 2 to include LCR #237, 240, 236.**
- c) **Texas Association of Counties Public Funds Investment Act Continuing Education Report for Lavaca County Treasurer Tammy Koerth.**
- d) **Certificate of Completion awarded to Tammy Koerth for successfully completing the required hours of continuing education for years 2024 and 2025 per section 83.003 of the Texas Local Government Code Continuing Education.**
- e) **Monthly Auditor's Report.**
- f) **Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per Section 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.**
- g) **Claims and/or Payroll.**
- h) **Budget Amendments, if any.**
- i) **County Officials Report.**

Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report: February 2026
 Larry Hlavac, Constable Pct. #3 Process Service Report: February 2026
 Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. #4 Process Service Report: February 2026
 James Foster, JP Pct #1 Money Distribution Report: February 2026
 Travis Hill, JP Pct #2 Money Distribution Report: February 2026
 Mark Yackel, JP PCT #3 Money Distribution Report: February 2026
 Hallie Hall, JP Pct #4, Money Distribution Report: February 2026
 James Reeves, County Attorney, Hot Check Collection & Trust Fund Report:
 Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report: February 2026

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.

24. Announce Next Meeting Tuesday April 14, 2026/Adjourn. (Judge)

Next Meeting is Tuesday April 14, 2026, at 9:00A.M.

***Judge Adjourned Meeting after this item. (See page 10)**

Revised Addendum to the March 23, 2026, Lavaca County Commissioner's Court Regular Meeting.

**25. Discuss and/or approve Lavaca County FY 2025 Annual Financial Report Presented by Wade Whitlow, KM&L
Certified Public Accountants. (Auditor)**

Wade Whitlow gave report.

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

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19949

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**Judge went back to item #6.*

**26. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Jane H. Brechin Estate.
Secretary Nailene Ruppert spoke on 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: 19963

** Judge went back to item #14. (Burn Ban Status)*

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

Motion Carried
Court Order: 19966

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 10:32A.M.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS



Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting
March 23, 2026

Sign Here	Print Name Here
1 <i>Landra Immenhausen</i>	LANDRA Immenhausen
2 <i>Doug Kubick</i>	Doug Kubick
3 <i>Lorena Kanak</i>	Lorena Kanak
4 <i>Dustin Siptak</i>	Dustin Siptak
5 <i>Paul Yarnack</i>	Paul Yarnack
6 <i>Nancy Fuhken</i>	Nancy Fuhken
7 <i>Tammy Kuerth</i>	Tammy Kuerth
8 <i>Deborah A Sevcik</i>	Deborah A Sevcik
9 <i>Gruz Murenci</i>	Gruz Murenci
10 <i>Etika Andreesen</i>	Etika Andreesen
11 <i>Kaitlyn Gonzales</i>	Kaitlyn Gonzales
12 <i>Kimberly Wilson</i>	Kimberly Wilson
13 <i>Kerchel Bude</i>	Kerchel Bude
14 <i>Chrissa Cadungo</i>	Chrissa Cadungo
15 <i>Jennifer Jarak</i>	Jennifer Jarak
16 <i>Lenore Garcia</i>	Lenore Garcia
17 <i>Denisse Longoria</i>	Denisse Longoria
18 <i>Sesse Hau</i>	Sesse Hau
19 <i>Nicole Nguyen</i>	Nicole Nguyen
20 <i>Anna Warner</i>	Anna Warner
21 <i>Kadie Johnson</i>	Kadie Johnson
22 <i>Patrick Melton</i>	Patrick Melton
23 <i>Denise Roberts</i>	Denise Roberts



Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting

March 23, 2026

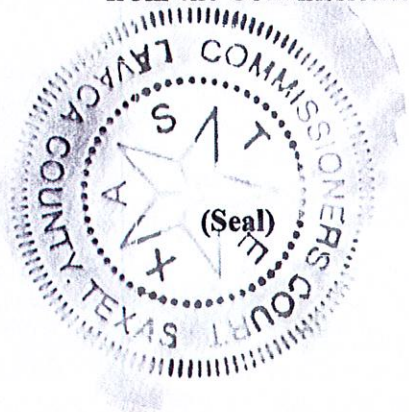
24	<i>Sheila Velasquez</i>	<i>Sheila Velasquez</i>
25	<i>Michael Wick</i>	<i>Michael Wick</i>
26	<i>JAMES FOSTON</i>	<i>James Foston</i>
27	<i>Lauren Wemer</i>	<i>Lauren Wemer</i>
28	<i>Kat HICKL</i>	
29	<i>Brunce Kermers</i>	<i>Brunce Kermers</i>
30	<i>Bruce Zopf</i>	
31	<i>Blair Blaschke</i>	<i>JOSHUA UACLAUTK</i>
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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 23, 2026.

ATTEST

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



Signed this 23rd day of March 2026

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk
Barbara K. Steffek