

# County of Lavaca



OFFICE OF THE

COUNTY JUDGE

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

DATE OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING: May 11 2026

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.

All agenda item requests **must** be signed by the county judge or by one of the commissioners.

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Agenda Item Request:

*Commissioners Court Regular called Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2026*

Judge/Commissioner Approval for Inclusion on Agenda:

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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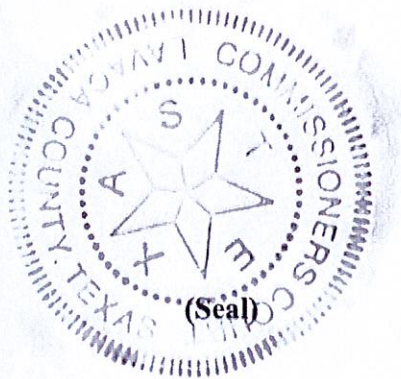
STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

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 April 27, 2020, are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, A.D.



Keith Mudd, County Judge  
Keith Mudd

ATTEST:

Barbara K. Steffek by Blair Brauhke, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek Deputy

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

**Regular Meeting Monday, April 27, 2026**

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 9:00 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

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.**

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*Judge Keith Mudd spoke on how this is a court of record and the minutes of this record is history and can be looked up years from today. Judge mentioned the 4<sup>th</sup> failed attempt of the Assassination of President Donald Trump.*

**Discussion and/or action agenda:**

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

- *Fiddlers Frolics was a success.*
- *Commissioner Wayne Faircloth spoke on how everyone is allowed to have different beliefs, but we all need to take the time to listen to the other side of things. There is no need to hate someone because they are different and have different views than us. We can disagree on small things but still have the same motive.*
- *Judge announced that the Budget will be delayed this year until mid-September. He will have dates for workshops at the next meeting.*

**2. Community Connections of Lavaca County quarterly update. (Program Manager)**  
*Becky Janak, Program Manager at Community Connections, spoke on this agenda item.*

**No Motion was made.**

**3. Discuss and/or approve Proclamation declaring May 15, 2026, as Peace Officer’s Memorial Day. (Sheriff)**  
*Judge read the Proclamation.*

“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: 19990**

**4. Discuss and/or approve Proclamation declaring the week of May 3 through May 9, 2026, as National Correctional Officers Week. (Sheriff)**  
*Commissioner Wayne Faircloth read the Proclamation.*

“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: 19991**

**5. Discuss and/or approve road closure request for the annual Sweet Home Fire Fest from May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup> to include the following county roads; CR391, 391D, 391E, 391F, 398A, 389. (Pct.3)**

“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: 19992**

**6. Discuss and/or approve awarding bids for the Lavaca County Roads #1, #211, #392, #461 Improvement Project for the GLO Contract NO. 24-065-129-E987.**

*Judge stated there was breach in the system and the bids were not posted for 2 weeks, therefore all bids will have to be rejected. Judge called for a motion to reject all bids.*

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19993**

**7. Acknowledge the 2026 Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program proceeds to Lavaca County. (Judge)**

*Judge stated the proceeds will go to the Tobacco Settlement Fund which is 198-10000.*

"I make a motion we acknowledge the 2026 Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program proceeds to 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: 19994**

**8. Acknowledge the 2025 Appraisal District's Financial Audit refund to Lavaca County. (Judge)**

"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: 19995**

**9. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Arlene Smith, Janice Kerzner, and Sharon Bujnoch. (Pct.2)**

*Nailene 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: 19996**

**10. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Robert Mosher. (Pct.2)**

*Nailene 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: 19997**

**11. Discuss and/or approve the purchase of a Silverline 40 dual tandem trailer for Lavaca County Precinct 2 in the amount of \$25,164.00. (Pct.2)**

*Commissioner Wayne Faircloth spoke on this agenda item.*

“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: 19998**

**12. Discuss and/or approve Grant Administration Services Contract between Grant Works and Lavaca County for the TxCDBG Contract No. CDV25-0201. (Judge)**

"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: 19999**

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTATION RETURNED TO JUDGE'S OFFICE. COPY ON FILE.

**13. Discuss and/or approve Grant Engineering Services Contract between Southwest Engineers and Lavaca County for the TxCDBG Contract No. CDV25-0201. (Judge)**

"I move that we approve the Contract for Grant Engineering Services between Southwest Engineers and Lavaca County for TxCDBG Contract No. CDV25-0201."

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: 20000**

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTATION RETURNED TO JUDGE'S OFFICE. COPY ON FILE.

**14. Discuss and/or approve Lavaca County to complete the request form to receive the Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for 2026. (Judge)**

"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: 20001**

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

“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: 20002**

**15. Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting April 14, 2026.**
- b) **Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per Section 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.**
- c) **Claims and/or Payroll.**
- d) **Budget Amendments, if any.**
- e) **County Officials Report.**

Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report: March 2026

David Beyer, Constable Pct. #2 Process Service Report: March 2026

Larry Hlavac, Constable Pct. #3 Process Service Report: March 2026

Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. #4 Process Service Report: March 2026

James Foster, JP Pct #1 Money Distribution Report: March 2026

Travis Hill, JP Pct #2 Money Distribution Report: March 2026

Mark Yackel, JP PCT #3 Money Distribution Report: March 2026

Hallie Hall, JP Pct #4, Money Distribution Report: March 2026

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report: March 2026

Sheila Velasquez, County Auditor's Monthly Report: March 2026

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

**16. Announce Next Meeting May 11, 2026/Adjourn. (Judge)**

*Next meeting will be May 11, 2026, at 9:00AM.*

County Judge called for a motion to enter an Executive Session with the County Attorney.

“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: 20003**

**Executive Session began at: 9:37AM**

(The Court entered back into the courtroom)

County Judge called for a motion to end the Executive Session.

“I make a motion to move out of closed session.”

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: 20004**

**Executive Session ended at: 10:42AM**

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: 20005**

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer at: 10:43AM**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF  
LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS**



# Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting  
April 27, 2026

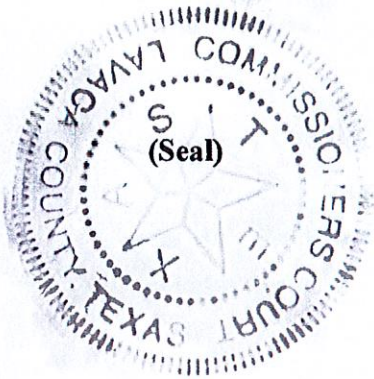
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1 <i>Peter Cenotti</i>	Peter Cenotti
2 <i>Doug Kubick</i>	Doug Kubick
3 <i>Jean Wheelis</i>	Jean Wheelis
4 <i>Becky Janak</i>	Becky Janak
5 <i>Jimmy Koerth</i>	Tammy Koerth
6 <i>Jimmy Appelt</i>	Jimmy Appelt
7 <i>Brent Pierce (TPWD)</i>	Brent Pierce
8 <i>[Signature]</i>	SUSAN VACANT
9 <i>Deborah A. Sevcik</i>	Deborah A Sevcik
10 <i>Michael Wick</i>	Michael Wick
11 <i>Kerry L. Peterson</i>	Kerry L. Peterson
12 <i>James Reeves</i>	James Reeves
13 <i>Graig Murrice</i>	Graig Murrice
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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 April 27, 2026.

ATTEST

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



Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek