

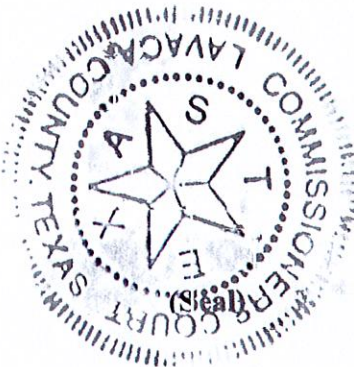
STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

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 November 12, 2024, are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 25th day of November 2024, 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 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
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 except for Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4.

Call to Order and Welcome

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

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

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

Discussion and/or action agenda:

1. Announcements.

- Judge stated the Election was successful and congratulated the elected officials.
- Wayne Faircloth thanked the Veterans for their sacrifices and recognized their importance in this Community.

2. Discuss and/or approve 2024 Levy Roll. (Tax Assessor-Collector)

Deborah A. Sevcik, Tax Assessor- Collector spoke on this agenda item.

Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.

"So moved."

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19384

3. Discuss and/or approve the Commissioners Court to request County Auditor to conduct an audit for FY 2024 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Funds for Lavaca County Sheriff and Lavaca County Attorney as per Article 59.06 of the Criminal Code of Procedure. (Judge)

*Shana Opela, County Auditor stated that there may be an amendment to 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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19385

4. Declare item 3097 WRT Pull-Type Pneumatic Tire Roller as surplus property for Lavaca County Precinct 3. (Pct. 3)

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

“I make a motion to declare item 3097 WRT Pull-Type Pneumatic Tire Roller as surplus property for Lavaca County Precinct 3”

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19386

5. Discuss and/or approve Bond Renewal for Nailene Ruppert Administrative Assistant. (Judge)

*Judge recognized and thanked Nailene for everything she does.
Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.*

“Yes.”

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19387

6. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Ryan Pope. (Pct.1)
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1 spoke on this agenda item.

"We can grant a Certificate of Exemption for Ryan Pope because he meets requirements for exemption."

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

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19388

7. Discuss and/or approve lifting the county-wide burn ban. (Judge)

Tim Decker, EMS Assistant Chief announced that KBDI is sitting at 667 as of today, we have not had enough rain to bring it below 500.

"I make a motion to keep us under the burn ban."

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19389

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

8. Discuss any updates on amending the Lavaca County Personnel Policy Section 8.01.01 to remove the 90-day waiting period to receive benefits for all full-time employees and officials of the County. (Judge)

Judge stated that there is a \$4,000 fee to break our existing Policy.

"I recommend that we amend and update Policy to remove the 90-day waiting period to receive benefits for employees and officials and to include the new employees who are within their 90-day waiting period."

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19390

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

9. Closed Session to discuss building safety and security updates in Lavaca County buildings. (Judge)
*Judge stated that 9, 10 and 11 will be discussed in closed session and then will be voted on when out of session.
Judge called for a motion to move this agenda item along with numbers 10 and 11 until after consent.*

"So moved."

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19391

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

10. Discuss and/or approve change orders for building safety and security in Lavaca County buildings. (Judge)
This item was moved until after Consent.

11. Discuss and/or approve Lavaca County Security System Policies and Procedures. (Judge)
This item was moved until after Consent.

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

"Yes."

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

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19392

Consent Agenda:

- 12. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting October 28, 2024.**
- 13. Special Road Use Agreement between Capital Star Oil & Gas and Lavaca County Precinct 1 to include LCR #171.**
- 14. Application for Temporary Waterline Permit between EOG Resources and Lavaca County precinct 3 to include LCR #370.**
- 15. Application for Pipeline Permit between Matrix Revolution LLC and Lavaca County precinct 2 to include LCR #267.**

16. Application for Pipeline Permit between Matrix Revolution LLC and Lavaca County precinct 2 to include LCR #275.
17. Deed between Grantor(s) Benjamin Ernest DeBault, aka Ben E. Debault, acting by Tena Steffek and Troy Debault, Grantee Lavaca County, Texas.
18. Deed between Grantor(s) Anna Marie Jaks, a single person, Grantee Lavaca County, Texas.
19. Summarized Statements showing Transactions in Lavaca County for the Fiscal Year October 01, 2023 thru September 30, 2024.
20. Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per Section 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.
21. Monthly Auditor's Report.
22. Monthly Treasurer's Report.
23. Claims and/or Payroll.
24. Budget Amendments, if any.
25. County Officials Report.

Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. #4 Process Service Report, October 2024
James Foster, JP PCT #1 Money Distribution Report, October 2024
Mark Yackel, JP PCT #3 Money Distribution Report, October 2024
Lori Wenske, District Clerk, Money Distribution Report, September 2024
Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report, September & October 2024
Shana R. Opela, County Auditor's Monthly Report, October 2024

26. Claims and/or Payroll.
27. Budget Amendments, if any.

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.

Meeting was reconvened after Consent items were signed and agenda items 9, 10 and 11 were brought back for discussion. Judge asked that everyone who is not an elected official or County employee to leave the courtroom.

9. Closed Session to discuss building safety and security updates in Lavaca County buildings. (Judge)
Judge called for a motion to move into closed session.

"So moved."

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19393

OPENED: 10:30AM

Judge called for a motion to end closed session.

"So moved."

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19394

CLOSED: 11:12AM

JR Peters, Chief Deputy invited public back into the courtroom.

10. Discuss and/or approve change orders for building safety and security in Lavaca County buildings. (Judge)

Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item and to use fund number 194 to fund those changes.

"Yes."

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19395

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11. Discuss and/or approve Lavaca County Security System Policies and Procedures. (Judge)

Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item. Adopted November 12, 2024, Version 1.0.

"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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19396

County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.

“So moved”

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	ABSENT

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19397

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:15AM.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF

LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS

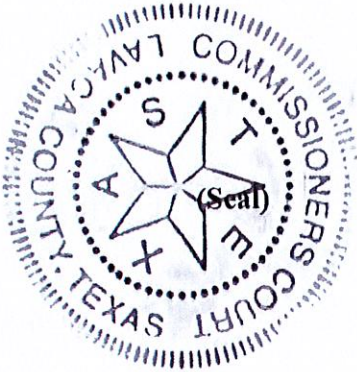


Signature Roster
Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting
November 12, 2024

Sign Here	Print Name Here
1 <i>Mark Yackol</i>	Mark Yackol
2 <i>Michael Wyck</i>	Michael Wyck
3 <i>Shawn Pelt</i>	Shawn Pelt
4 <i>Lorena Laura Kanak</i>	Lorena M. Kanak
5 <i>Glenn Whitaker</i>	GLENN WHITAKER
6 <i>Doris Whitaker</i>	Doris Whitaker
7 <i>Tammy Koerth</i>	Tammy Koerth
8 <i>Jimmy Appert</i>	Jimmy Appert
9 <i>James Boston</i>	JAMES BOSTON
10 <i>Deborah A Sevcik</i>	Deborah A Sevcik
11 <i>Lori A Wensel</i>	Lori A Wensel
12 <i>JR Peters</i>	JR PETERS
13 <i>Steven Greenwell</i>	Steven Greenwell
14 <i>James Reeves</i>	James Reeves
15 <i>Mike Dobbins</i>	Mike DOBBINS
16 <i>Blair Blaschke</i>	Blair Blaschke
17 <i>Randall Ficht</i>	Randall Ficht
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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 November 12, 2024.



ATTEST

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

Signed this 13th day of November,

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk
Barbara K. Steffek