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# County of Lavaca



OFFICE OF THE

COUNTY JUDGE

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

DATE OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING: 11/13/2025

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.

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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 December 23, 2024

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Instructions:

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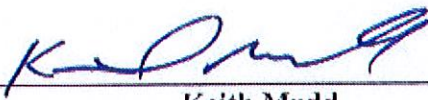
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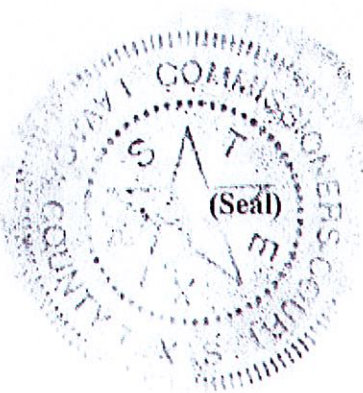
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County, Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Minutes of the Commissioners' Court Meeting dated December 23, 2024 are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 13th day of January, 2025, A.D.

, County Judge  
Keith Mudd

ATTEST:

, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek





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

**Regular Meeting Monday, December 23, 2024**

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, December 23, 2024 at 10:00 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 Faireloth, Commissioner Pct. 2  
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.**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

**The invocation was led by Commissioner Wayne Faireloth.**

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

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**Discussion and/or action agenda:**

**1. Announcements.**

- Neighboring County Judge, Richard Meyer of Calhoun County passed away a few weeks ago.
- Former Constable, Joe Nieto from Precinct 2 passed away December 22, 2024.
- The stealing of road signs has increased again. Commissioners asking for help keeping an eye out for missing signs.
- New Officials will be sworn in January 1, 2025 @ 10:00AM. The Sheriff's Office will be sworn in later that afternoon at 1:00PM.

**2. Discuss and/or approve Addendum 10 between Lavaca County and Local Government Solutions, L.P. for the Lavaca County Attorney's Office to include a full licensed user. (County Attorney)**

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

**"So moved."**

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19448**

**3. Accept monetary donation from Lake Robertson III to the Lavaca County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$1,000.00. (Sheriff)**

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

"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: 19449**

**4. Discuss Lavaca County Communications Committee update on the new 800 mhz public safety system. (EMS Director)**

*EMS Director, Michael Furrh spoke on this agenda item. Judge called for a motion to approve this update.*

"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: 19450**

**5. Discuss and/or approve the addition of one channel to the new 800 mhz system in the amount of \$156,000 to be reimbursed in part by GCRAC interoperability grant. (EMS Director)**

*EMS Director, Michael Furrh spoke on 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	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19451**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.



- 6. Accept monetary donation from Dickson Allen Foundation to Lavaca County EMS in the amount of \$150,000 to be utilized towards the purchase and remount of an ambulance. (EMS Director)**  
*EMS Director, Michael Furrh 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 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: 19452**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

- 7. Accept monetary donation from the Johnson Foundation to the Lavaca County EMS in the amount of \$100,000 to be utilized towards the purchase and remount of an ambulance. (EMS Director)**  
*EMS Director, Michael Furrh spoke on this agenda item. Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.*

"So moved."

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: 19453**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

- 8. Discuss and/or approve asset transfer of 2 concept seating high back 24/7 multi shift heavy use office chair- Model 3142R1 from the Lavaca County EMS to the Lavaca County Sheriff's Office effective date 01/01/2025. (EMS Director)**

*EMS Director, Michael Furrh spoke on this agenda item. Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.*

"So moved."

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, 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: 19454**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**9. Presentation from the Ezzell Community to implement an Ezzell Volunteer Fire Department.** (Judge)  
*Jeff Patrick, Chief and President of Board of Directors of the Ezzell Volunteer Fire Department and Brad Woods, Assistant Chief, spoke to the Court on this agenda item.*

**No Motion was made.**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**10. Discuss and/or approve Temporary Construction License Agreement for Proposed Driveway Improvements between TXDOT and Lavaca County located along US Hwy 77 and FM 957.** (Judge)  
*Judge spoke on this agenda item with feedback from County Clerk, Barbara Steffek and County Tax Assessor-Collector, Deborah Sevcik. Judge called for a motion to table this item for further discussion.*

"So moved."

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: 19455**

**11. Discuss and/or approve Contract for Secure Short-Term and Long-Term Residential Service of Juvenile Offenders between Lavaca County Juvenile Probation Department and Youth Opportunity Investments, LLC D/B/A Rockdale Youth Academy.** (Director of Juvenile Probation Services)  
*Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.*

"So moved."

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: 19456**

**12. Discuss and/or award Vegetation Bid for Lavaca County Roads.** (Commissioners Court)  
*Commissioner Pct. 3, Kenny Siegel stated there was only one Bid that came in for this item.*

"I'd like to make a motion to accept the Bid from Vegetation Management Services in its entirety."

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: 19457**



**13. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Andrew Finger. (Pct. 1)**  
*Commissioner Pct. 1, Edward Pustka spoke on this agenda item.*

"I make a motion to extend them the Exemption from Subdivision Regulations."

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: 19458**

**14. Discuss and/or approve Video Magistrate Services Agreement between NetProtec LLC and Lavaca County.**  
 (Judge)

*Upcoming Sheriff, Steven Greenwell spoke on this agenda item. Judge called for a motion to approve this agenda item.*

"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	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19459**

**15. Discuss and/or approve Burn Ban status. (Judge)**

*Representative for Fire Chief Association, Tim Decker spoke on this agenda item.*

"I move that we keep the Burn Ban in effect."

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: 19460**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**16. Discuss and/or approve adopting resolution for the Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.** (Judge)  
*Emergency Management Coordinator, Greg Murrile spoke on this agenda item.*  
*Judge called for a motion to approve the resolution.*

"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: 19461**

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

"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	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 19462**

### **Consent Agenda:**

- 17. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting December 09, 2024.**
- 18. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Special Called Meeting December 13, 2024.**
- 19. Special Warranty Deed between Ruby Diane Janak and Lavaca County.**
- 20. Application for Pipeline Permit between Baytex Energy and Lavaca County precinct 3 to include LCR #334.**
- 21. Application for Pipeline Permit between EOG Resources and Lavaca County precinct 3 to include LCR #329 (10 lines).**
- 22. Application for Pipeline Permit between EOG Resources and Lavaca County precinct 2 to include LCR#238,238A,957A,240.**
- 23. Lavaca County Investment Policy 2025.**
- 24. Claims and/or Payroll.**
- 25. Budget Amendments, if any.**



**26. County Officials Report.**

Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report, November 2024  
 James Foster, JP PCT #1 Money Distribution Report, November 2024  
 Travis Hill, JP PCT #2 Money Distribution Report, November 2024  
 Mark Yackel, JP PCT #3 Money Distribution Report, November 2024  
 Hallie Hall, JP PCT #4, Money Distribution Report, November 2024  
 Lori Wenske, District Clerk, Money Distribution Report, November 2024

**27. Claims and/or Payroll.****28. Budget Amendments, if any.****Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.**

*County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.*

"So moved."

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, 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: 19463**

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

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:37AM.**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF**

**LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS**



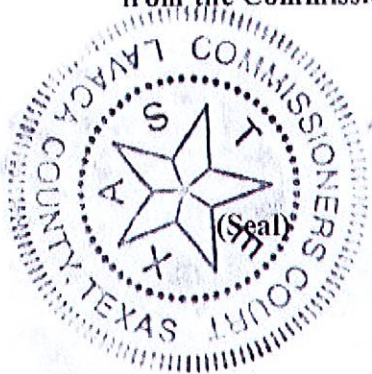
**Signature Roster**  
Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting  
December 23, 2024

Sign Here	Print Name Here
1 Shana Opel	Shana Opel
2 Brad Woods	BRAD WOODS
3 Jeff Patrick	JEFF PATRICK
4 Frank Fisher	Frank Fisher
5 Kerry C. Petersen	Kerry C. Petersen
6 Deborah A. Sercik	Deborah A. Sercik
7 Paul Yarnick	Paul Yarnick
8 Lorena Kanak	Lorena Kanak
9 Doug Kubicek	Doug Kubicek
10 Lori Wenske	Lori Wenske
11 Michael Wick	Michael Wick
12 Steven Greenwell	Steven Greenwell
13 Gabe Murrie	Gabe Murrie
14 Tammy Koertge	Tammy Koertge
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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 Meeting on December 23, 2024.



ATTEST

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

Signed this 26th day of December, 2024

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk  
Barbara K. Steffek