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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 Meeting dated December 23, 2021, are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 24 day of January, 2022, A.D.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, County Judge  
Mark Myers

ATTEST:

by Christy Wilson, deputy County Clerk  
Elizabeth A. Kouba



THE STATE OF TEXAS )(
COUNTY OF LAVACA )(

Regular Meeting Thursday, December 23, 2021

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor, in Hallettsville, Texas,

- Present: Mark Myers, County Judge
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4
Elizabeth A. Kouba, Lavaca County Clerk

The attached sheets contain the names of the citizens and officials that were in attendance.

Confirm Quorum with Roll Call (please turn off cell phones and sign in):

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Mark Myers.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag by County Judge Mark Myers

Discussion and/or action agenda:

1. Discuss and/or approve PHI Air Medical proposal for services to be considered in the 2021-2022 budget. (Judge)

Kennie Kerr, PHI Air Medical Representative, spoke to Commissioners Court.

"I move that we accept PHI contract for Lavaca County as presented for this budget 2021-2022 year."

Moved by County Judge Mark Myers, no second

Motion Died due to the lack of a Second.

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

2. Discuss and/or approve Capital Credits received in September 2021. (County Attorney)

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

Shana Opela, County Auditor, addressed Commissioner's Court on the \$32,043.41 funds from the Texas Comptroller which were deposited into the General Fund September 2021.

3. Advertise for part-time Deputy Clerk in the District Clerk's office. (District Clerk)

"I make a motion to advertise for part-time Deputy Clerk in the District Clerk's office."

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

- County Judge Mark Myers YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1 YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2 YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3 YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4 YES

**Motion Carried****Court Order: 18443**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**4. Accept employee number 569's resignation. (JP #1)**

"Your Honor, I move we accept employee number 569's resignation."

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff.

County Judge Mark Myers	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried****Court Order: 18444**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**5. Discuss and/or approve EMS position for a Training/ Logistics Lieutenant. (Assistant Chief EMS)**

Tim Decker, EMS Assistant Chief, spoke to Commissioners Court on the agenda item.

"I make a motion to Table agenda item #5."

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff.

County Judge Mark Myers	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried****Court Order: 18445****6. EMS Update (Assistant Chief, EMS)**

Tim Decker, EMS Assistant Chief, gave the EMS update as follows:

Calls for service 148, Transported 112 patients, 3 Air Medical; 7 public assists with 15 refusals.

Monthly Collections of 88,730.

Call Volume by Shift: A Shift – 48, B Shift – 47, C Shift – 50.

District: Response Breakdown: Hallettsville 55, Shiner – 56 and Moulton – 31.

Mileage per unit: Medic 1 – 144.30 m, Medic 3 – 787.50 m, Medic 5 – 1491.1 m.

**7. Veterans Services Update. (VSO)**

Charlotte Alger, Veterans Service Officer, read the Veterans Service update as follows:

"Total of Veterans seen from June 2, 2021, December 15, 2021. Total Number of Veterans that have been seen 81. Claims filed 57. Most of these had multiple claims to file. Veterans organizations, I have visited with 3. Per the VA Geographic report for 2020, Lavaca County has approximately 1740 Veterans. In June 2022, I will receive the report for 2021."

"In 2020 the state of Texas had 1,680,418 Veterans. The breakdown is:

<u>War time:</u> 1,309,000	<u>Gulf War:</u> 655,430	<u>Vietnam:</u> 541,730	<u>Korean Conflict:</u> 116,959
<u>WWII</u> 59,694	<u>Peacetime:</u> 370,978	<u>Female:</u> 177,075	<u>Male:</u> 1,503,343"

"I have assisted several Veterans and their families in locating Veterans services that are available to them."

"In 2022, I plan to reach out to more of the Veterans in the Lavaca County community, to make them aware of the services and benefits available to them that they may not be aware of. I will be using the local newspaper and radio stations to encourage them to make an appointment to see if there are benefits out there for them that they are not aware of."

"I feel very privileged to be in a position, to help my fellow Veterans in any way I can."

### Consent Agenda

County Judge Mark Myers called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda

"I make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as it is."

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

County Judge Mark Myers	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 18446**

### **8. County Investment Policy**

### **9. County Treasurer's Monthly Report.**

### **10. County Auditor Monthly Report**

### **11. Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per Section 31.10 of the Property Tax Code**

### **12. Claims and/or Payroll**

### **13. County Officials Reports.**

Deborah A. Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector Report for October 2021.  
Deborah A. Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector Report for November 2021.  
Lori Wenske, District Clerk, Money Distribution Report, November 2021.  
Jeri Ivey, JP PCT #1 Money Distribution Report, November 2021.

### **14. Budget Amendments, if any**

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

County Judge Mark Myers called for a motion to adjourn.

"So moved"

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, seconded by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel.

County Judge Mark Myers	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

**Motion Carried**

**Court Order: 18447**

### **Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 10:45 AM.**



Signature Roster  
Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting

December 23, 2021

Regular Called Meeting

	Sign Here	Print Name Here
1	Shana Ripela	Shana Ripela
2	Tom Foyt	Tom Foyt
3	Charlotte Alger	Charlotte Alger
4	Kerrie Kerr	Kerrie Kerr
5	Jim Appelt	Jim Appelt
6	Karen Budau	Karen Budau
7	Lori Wenske	Lori Wenske
8	Keish Mudd	Keish Mudd
9	Melvin Jank	MELVIN JANK
10	Deborah A Sevcik	Deborah A Sevcik
11	Wayne Faircloth	Wayne Faircloth
12	WCAH Harmon	WCAH HARMON
13	Jonathan Gluckman	Jonathan Gluckman
14	Tenia Hudson	TENIA HUDSON
15	Tena Stetter	Tena Stetter
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**Minutes of Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk, Lavaca County:**

I, Elizabeth A. Kouba, 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, 2021.



ATTEST

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk  
& Ex-Officio Clerk of  
Commissioners' Court of  
Lavaca County, Texas

Signed this 5 day of January, 2022  
Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk  
Elizabeth A. Kouba

COMMISSIONERS