

# NOTICE OF MEETING

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF LAVACA COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Lavaca County Commissioners' Court will be held on the 27th day of March 2023 @ 10:00 AM, Lavaca County

Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lavaca County Courthouse. This meeting will be streamed live via <https://www.youtube.com/@LavacaTX/streams>. If any member of the public would like to submit a question regarding an Agenda Item, a Public Participation Form can be found on our website at <https://www.co.lavaca.tx.us/page/lavaca.Commissioners.Court> and submitted via email to [countyclerk@co.lavaca.tx.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.lavaca.tx.us). Electronic forms must be received an hour before the start of the meeting. After that time, forms will be available in the courtroom before the meeting.

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Call to Order and Welcome Invocation

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Name: Keith Mudd  
Title: County Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hallettsville Tribune-Herald**

Please publish the Notice set out below on the following dates:

March 29, 2023 through April 14, 2023

and send the bill to Shana R. Opela, County Auditor, Lavaca County Courthouse, P.O. Box 283, Hallettsville, Texas 77964, at the conclusion of publication, with a copy of the published article attached to the publisher's affidavit.

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Notice of Invitation to Bidders

Sealed bids, plainly marked, will be received by Shana R. Opela, Lavaca County Auditor, 109 N. LaGrange St., Hallettsville, Texas 77964 until 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, for:

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**Purchase of Seal Coating, and Resealing**

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Delivered on: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keith Mudd, Lavaca County Judge

6. Discuss and/or approve the bond for Connie Janak Justice of the peace Precinct 1 Clerk.

<p>Form #2201 Rev. 05/2020 Submit to: <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b> Government Filings Section P O Box 12887 Austin, TX 78711-2887 512-463-6334 512-463-5569 - Fax Filing Fee: None</p>	<p>023-039 DD 05/14/2023 02:01:24 PM Total Pages: 1 Fee: Barbara S. Staffer, County Clerk - Laska County, Texas</p>  <p><b>STATEMENT OF OFFICER</b></p>
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**Statement**

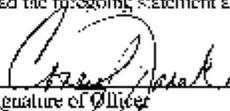
I, Connie S. Janak, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: JP Clerk, Precinct #1

**Execution**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: March 14, 2023

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer

7. Discuss and/or approve Proclamation declaring April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month.

**PROCLAMATION  
LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS**

- WHEREAS,** Turtle Wing Foundation was founded in 2011 by DeeAnn Hooper in memory of her son Jackson Allan Hooper who passed away on April 5, 2011 of a viral-like syndrome of unknown origin. Jackson was diagnosed with high functioning autism at the age of six and due to various academic and social skill supplemental services was able to find success as an elementary student. Inspired by his life, Turtle Wing received its 501c3 status on September 12, 2012.
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March 14, 2023

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court

ATTN: Nailene Ruppert

Re: March 27, 2023 Agenda Item

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Sincerely,

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**EMS Report  
February 2023**

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Delivered on: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Open Bids for Lavaca County Depository.

5. Acknowledge the 2021 Unclaimed Property Capital Credit Funds update from Carl and Mary Welhausen Public Library.

**From:** librarian@cityofyoakum.org <librarian@cityofyoakum.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 10:03 AM  
**To:** Shana Opela <sopela@co.lavaca.tx.us>  
**Cc:** citymanager@cityofyoakum.org <citymanager@cityofyoakum.org>; tbowe@cityofyoakum.org <tbowe@cityofyoakum.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Carl and Mary Welhausen Public Library

**Good Morning:**

**I just wanted to follow up with you to inform you of the fantastic program we had the opportunity to start with the unclaimed property funds the commissioner's court opted to award to our library.**

**We started an adult book club in January 2023, which has been an interest of many for a while now, but just did not have the funds to make it happen. We were accepting 12 members and we have exactly that. They have selected their books and most are currently on order. Each member received a book journal, pen, a bag to carry all their book club supplies/items in, and their 1<sup>st</sup> two books, at their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in February. They are already reading their 1<sup>st</sup> book and will meet on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for a discussion. A monthly book has been chosen to read, then they are meeting monthly for discussion (held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.). I have even reached out to some authors about doing a zoom meeting with the group (which they are excited about). I have yet to hear back from any of them, but will keep trying.**

**We didn't have very many adult programs at all, and with the interest in a book club, we felt this was an ideal literacy program for adults.**

**Thank you again for giving us this amazing opportunity; and for helping us better serve our community.**

**I will be in touch as time goes on for an update on the progress.**

**Gena Jiral**

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**Library Director**

**Carl and Mary Welhausen Library**

**810 Front St./PO Box 738**

**Yoakum, TX 77995**

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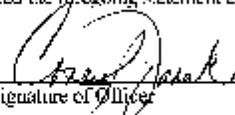
I, Connie S. Janak, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: JP Clerk, Precinct #1

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**SHERIFF**

**LAVACA COUNTY**  
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13. EMS Update



**EMS Report  
February 2023**

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14. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting, March 13, 2023

15. CHC appointments 2023-2024

16. Certificate of completion awarded to Karen Bludau Lavaca County Treasurer for completing the required hours of continuing education for 2022 as prescribed by section 83.00 of the Texas Local Government Code Continuing Education.

17. Certificate of completion awarded to Karen Bludau Lavaca County Treasurer for completing the Public Funds Investment Act for 2022 as prescribed by the Public Funds Investment Act, Section 2256.008.

18. Lavaca County Special Road Use Agreement between ROCC Oil & Gas LP and Precinct 2 to include LCR #95AA.

19. Lavaca County Special Road Use Agreement between Ricky Shuler Trucking and Precinct 3 to include LCR #353, #351, #359.

20. Lavaca County Special Road Use Agreement between Ricky Shuler Trucking and Precinct 2 to include LCR #264, #262, #289.

21. Claims and/or Payroll

22. County Officials Reports.

23. Budget Amendments, if any.

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

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF**

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**LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS**

**Keith Mudd**  
**Lavaca County Judge**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify this notice was posted at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
\_\_\_\_\_ M on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2023, which is at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

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**Barbara K. Steffek**

**Lavaca County Clerk**