

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF LAVACA COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Called Meeting of the Lavaca County Commissioners' Court will be held on the 1st day of May 2023 @ 11:30 AM, Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st 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. 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.

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners' Court may convene in a closed meeting to discuss any of the agenda items listed below. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chapter 551, which provide statutory authority will be announced.

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

Call to Order and Welcome

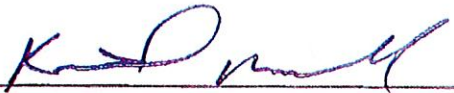
Discussion and/or action agenda:

1. Consider Resolution of Support for a Regional Public Defender's Office and take any necessary action.

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.

Adjournment by Presiding Officer

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



Keith Mudd
Lavaca County Judge

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify this notice was posted at 10:07 o'clock A M on the 27th day of April 2023, which is at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

Barbara K. Steffek

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Lavaca County Clerk



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BARBARA K. STEFFEK, CLERK
COUNTY COURT, LAVACA CO., TX
By Blain Blashko Deputy

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2023-00**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LAVACA**

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**MAY 1, 2023
COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL
CALLED MEETING**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A REGIONAL PUBLIC
DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right to counsel for all persons accused of a crime, regardless of their ability to pay for legal representation; and

WHEREAS, quality indigent defense is essential to upholding the principles of fairness, justice, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, across Texas and the nation, criminal courts are experiencing increased caseloads for an ever-decreasing number of attorneys who are available to represent indigent criminal defendants; and

WHEREAS, Victoria County has been working with the Texas Indigent Defense Commission and intends to apply for an improvement grant to fund a Regional Public Defender's Office; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this program will positively impact Lavaca County by providing necessary indigent defense support; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for funding, all judges of the statutory county/district courts hearing criminal matters punishable by incarceration or juvenile matters in the county must sign a cooperation agreement in support of the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lavaca County Commissioners Court, does hereby support and intend to participate in the Coastal Plains Regional Public Defender's Office program, pursuant to Victoria County's improvement grant application to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission and any special conditions of the grant award to the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commitment to participate in the program includes cooperating with data collection efforts required by the program and utilizing the services provided by the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of support is a requirement for Victoria County to be considered for funding for the Coastal Plains Regional Public Defender's Office program.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, in open court, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

County Judge

Commissioner Precinct 1

Commissioner Precinct 2

Commissioner Precinct 3

Commissioner Precinct 4