

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

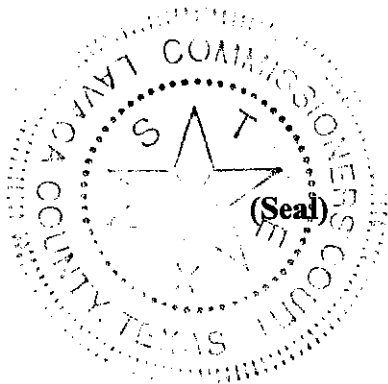
THE STATE OF TEXAS]

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 October 23, 2023 are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 13th day of November, 2023, A.D.

Keith Mudd, County Judge
Keith Mudd



ATTEST:

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk
Barbara K. Steffek

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

Regular Meeting Monday, October 23, 2023

Lavaca County Commissioners’ Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023 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
- 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 *(please turn off cell phones and sign in)*

All members of the court were present.

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Keith Mudd

Invocation by Kenny Siegel.

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

Judge announced that early Voting started today.

Deborah Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector announced that Tax statements will be mailed out today.

Discussion and/or action agenda:

- 1. Presentation of Lavaca County Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022 by K M and L, Certified Public Accountants.** (Auditor)

K M and L representative, Wade Whitlow spoke on this agenda item.

Judge called for a motion to accept the presentation provided.

“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: 19029

2. Sheriff's Office Activity Report for September 2023. (Sherriff)

Sheriff, Micah Harmon presented the Activity Report.

Judge called for a motion to accept the report.

"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: 19030

3. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Stephen Gautreau & Laura Price. (Pct. 1)

Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1 spoke on this agenda item.

"I moved that we approve a Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Stephen Gautreau & Laura Price."

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: 19031

4. Discuss changes added on the approved Certificate of Exemption for Alvigrace Farm & Ranch LLC. (pct. 2)

Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2 spoke on this agenda item.

"I move that we approve that."

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: 19032

5. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Joaquins Cattle Company LLC. (Pct. 2)

Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2 spoke on this agenda item.

“I moved we approve item 5.”

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: 19033

6. Discuss and/or approve Certificate of Exemption from Subdivision Requirements for Glenn Balusek. (Pct.2)

Wayne Faircloth, Commissioner Pct. 2 spoke on this agenda item.

“I moved we approve item 6.”

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: 19034

7. Discuss and/or approve 2023 Levy Roll. (Tax Assessor-Collector)

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

Judge called for a motion to accept the report.

“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: 19035

8. Proclamation declaring November 2023 National Hospice & Palliative Care Month. (Judge)

Judge read the Proclamation.

Judge called for a motion to accept the Proclamation.

“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: 19036

Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4 stepped out of the meeting during this time.

9. Discuss presentation for the Texas Film Commission to showcase the Moravia Store for a Texas filming location. (Pct.2)

Bridget Hrachovy with the Moravia Store, spoke on this agenda item.

“I make a motion that we support this effort for the Moravia Store with an acknowledgment letter of acceptance saying we are behind this and approve of it and liked to see it happen.”

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: 19037

Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4 returned to the meeting when vote was taken.

10. Discuss and/or approve current KBDI index for the County and reinstating the Burn Ban. (Judge)

Billy Petru, Shiner Fire Chief spoke on this agenda item.

“I make a motion to put the Burn Ban back on.”

Moved by Judge Keith Mudd, 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: 19038

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

Judge called for a 10-minute Recess at 11:12 A.M.

Meeting was called back to order at 11:22 A.M.

11. Discuss and acknowledge future road closures for County Road 291, 376, 245. Letting date is scheduled for January 2023, construction will start 2-3 months after the letting date. The locations will be closed for approximately 6 months. (Judge)

Kenny W. Siegel spoke on this agenda item.

“I move that we acknowledge the future road closures.”

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	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19039

12. Approve Bond renewal for Nailene Ruppert, Administrative Assistant. (Judge)

Judge called for a motion to approve bond.

“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: 19040

13. Discuss and/or approve request from the Elections Department to appoint a bilingual clerk for the November 7, 2023 Constitutional Amendment Election. (Interim Elections Administrator)

Judge called for a motion to approve this request.

“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: 19041

14. Discuss and/or acknowledge the following changes to the Lavaca County Elections Department:

- **Resignation of the Lavaca County Elections Administrator.**
- **Appointment of Tenia Hudson as the interim Elections Administrator.**
- **Appointment of Brandy Stuckey as the interim Elections Chief Deputy.**

Judge called for a motion to accept the acknowledgement.

“Yes.”

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Faircloth.

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: 19042

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

15. Discuss and/or approve the following budget amendments to the Lavaca County Elections Department:

- **Interim Elections Administrator salary of \$42,000.**
- **Interim Elections Chief Deputy salary of \$38,000.**
- **Increase temporary/part time fund from \$12,000 to \$54,850.**

“I so moved that we approve the following budget amendments to the County Elections Department.”

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: 19043

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16. Presentation and discussion with possible action with Doucet and Associates regarding Lavaca County Subdivision Regulations update.

Representatives with Doucet and Associates; Bill Burnett, Ed Theriot and Tracy Brotton, spoke on this agenda item.

A motion was made to go through with an RFQ Qualifications process, no second. Motion died.

“I make a motion to let the Judge entertain a Contract between Doucet to see what the cost would be to revamp our existing Subdivision guidelines.”

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	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 19044

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

17. Discuss and/or approve with possible action the following related to the Crossroads Regional Public Defender Office:

- a. Interlocal Agreement between Victoria, Lavaca, Jackson, and Refugio Counties.**
- b. Oversight Board- Development and Plan**
- c. Crossroads Regional Public Defender Office- Written Plan**

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: 19045

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Judge included that someone would need to be nominated for the Oversight Board.

“I make a motion to nominate Keith Mudd to sit on the Oversight Board- Development.”

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: 19046

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

Consent Agenda

18. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting October 10, 2023.

19. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Special Called Meeting October 10, 2023.

20. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Special Called Meeting October 13, 2023.

21. Auditor’s Summarized Statements showing transactions for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

22. Claims and/or Payroll.

23. County Officials Reports.

- Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report, September 2023
- Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk, LGS & Tyler Total Collections Report, September 2023
- Deborah A. Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector Report, August/September 2023

24. Budget Amendments, if any.

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

"I make a motion."

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: 19047

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 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: 19048

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at: 12:05 P.M.

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



Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting

October 23, 2023

Sign Here	Print Name Here
1 <i>Doug Kubicek</i>	Doug Kubicek
2 <i>Wade Whitlow</i>	Wade Whitlow
3 <i>Bridget Hrachovy</i>	Bridget Hrachovy
4 <i>Henrietta Filip</i>	Henrietta Filip
5 <i>Valerie D. Ling</i>	VALERIE D LING
6 <i>[Signature]</i>	Carroll Scogin Brincefield
7 <i>Ed Theriot</i>	Ed Theriot
8 <i>Bill Burnett</i>	<i>B. B.</i>
9 <i>Treacy Bryson</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
10 <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
11 <i>Janis Richardson</i>	Janis Richardson
12 <i>Lorena Kanak</i>	Lorena Kanak
13 <i>Billy Peters</i>	Billy Peters
14 <i>Jimmy Appelt</i>	Jimmy Appelt
15 <i>Deborah A. Sevcik</i>	Deborah A. Sevcik
16 <i>[Signature]</i>	Michael W. Moran
17 <i>Larry Flavin</i>	LARRY FLAVIN
18 <i>Lori A. Wenske</i>	Lori A. Wenske
19 <i>Karen Bludau</i>	Karen Bludau
20 <i>Cheryl T. Drapeau</i>	Cheryl T. Drapeau
21 <i>JR Peters</i>	JR PETERS
22 <i>Sandra Pustka</i>	Sandra Pustka
23 <i>Blair Blaschke</i>	Blair Blaschke

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 October 23, 2023.

ATTEST

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



Signed this 13 day of November, 2023

Barbara K. Steffek, County Clerk
Barbara K. Steffek