

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

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COUNTY OF LAVACA]

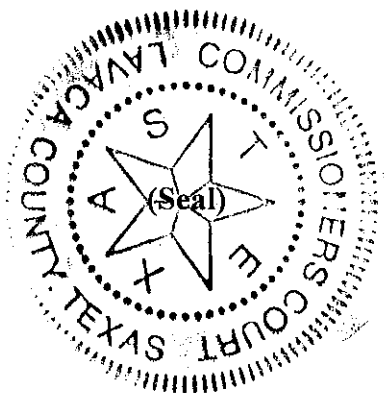
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County, Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Minutes of the Commissioners' Court Meeting dated June 8, 2020 are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 22nd day of June, 2020, A.D.

Keith Mudd, County Judge
Keith Mudd

ATTEST:

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
Elizabeth A. Kouba
by Audrey Benere, Deputy Clerk



THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

Regular Meeting June 8, 2020

The Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 10:00 A. M. in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor, in Hallettsville, Texas.

Present:

County Judge Keith Mudd
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2
Neil F. Bates, Jr., 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.

Roll Call:

All members of the court were present.

Judge Keith Mudd delivered the Invocation.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Keith Mudd, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

Discussion and/or Action Agenda:

1. Discuss and/or Amend Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum at Meetings of the Lavaca County Commissioners Court. (Judge)

Judge Keith Mudd suggested the following:

- Court Rules go back to the rules adopted September 2019 that would allow five minutes for each public comment and
- Section VII(A) of the current Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at Meetings of the Lavaca County Commissioners' Court be amended to allow local news media staff to have their recorder on the bench
- Public videotaping or recorders be allowed only beyond the galley

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

"I'll make that motion, your Honor, to change it to outside the rail. Allow the newspaper..."

Judge Keith Mudd concluded the motion by clarifying that the news recorder can be at the bench, and also cameras should be held outside the galley of the courtroom.

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct.1	YES
Ronald Berkenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried**Court Order: 17956****NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.**

Marie Day and Kathleen Leininger, Lavaca County residents, addressed the court regarding this agenda item.

2. Lavaca County 2020-2021 Health Insurance Renewal with Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefit Pool. (Auditor)

Kathy Bailey, Summit Agency Inc. representative, gave the court a presentation outlining 2020-2021 Health Insurance Renewal rates and specifics. Daniel Brown, Summit Agency Inc. representative, was also present in court.

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Neil F. Bates, Jr.

“I make a motion that we accept the Health Insurance Renewal the plan number is 700-G2 and the rate will be \$862.26 per employee. I make a motion to accept the dental plan also, plan 1 with Ortho and the cost of that is \$24.50 per employee.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct.1	YES
Ronald Berkenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried**Court Order: 17957**

3. Budget Process. (Judge)

Judge Keith Mudd, reported that there will be Budget Workshops on June 10 and June 24, 2020. These meetings will not be streamed live. The public is free to attend.

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

No action taken on this agenda item.

4. Accept Annual Road Reports for filing in the minutes of Commissioners Court as per the Transportation Code Section 251.005 for Precinct 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Commissioners)

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Neil F. Bates, Jr.

“I make a motion to accept the Annual Road Reports for filing in the minutes of Commissioners Court as per the Transportation Code Section 251.005 for Precinct 1, 2, 3 and 4.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct.1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 17958

5. Building repairs and maintenance update. (Judge)

Judge Keith Mudd reported the following:

- The Annex restroom project is on hold.
- Many repairs are needed in the old Subway portion of the Annex. It is being discussed that this area be repurposed for record archives.
- Waiting on the Historical Commission to approve the type of caulk to be used on the Courthouse windows
- Courtrooms are being rewired for better internet capabilities and sound for remote court proceedings.
- Plan to reseal Sheriff's parking lot.
- Working on heightened courthouse security especially on court days
- Tax office is still currently closed to the public.
 - Deborah A. Sevcik, Tax Assessor-Collector, reported that her office will remain closed until plastic barriers are installed. Her office has continued to service Lavaca County residents via their drive thru, drop box, online, and curbside service if necessary.
- The Awning project at the Tax Office although not complete, is near completion.
- Courthouse drain system is an area of concern and being discussed.

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

No action taken on this agenda item.

6. Designate Representative to Calculate 2020 No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and 2020 Voter-Approval Tax Rate. (Tax Assessor/Collector)

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

"I'd like to make a motion to appoint our Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate the 2020 No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and 2020 Voter-Approval Tax Rate."

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct.1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried
Court Order: 17959

7. Acknowledge correction from Grade 5, Third Quartile to Grade 6, Minimum Quartile for Chief Deputy, Shirley Hollas when appointment was made at the March 9, 2020 Commissioners Court Meeting with no effect on the salary. (Tax Assessor/Collector)

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

“I’ll make a motion to acknowledge a correction from Grade 5, Third Quartile to Grade 6, Minimum Quartile for Chief Deputy, Shirley Hollas when appointment was made at the March 9, 2020 Commissioners Court Meeting with no effect on the salary.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct.1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 17960

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

8. Approve the purchase of a Modern Ag. Co. 12’ Viper Bat-Wing Galvanized Steel Shredder S/N 110093 at \$12,000, and the trade in of a 2016 Woods (Single Side) Shredder Model #BW180X, S/N 1327020 tag: 003096 from Boehm Tractor Sales, Shiner, TX, at \$5,000 with remaining balance of \$7,000 purchase price. (Pct. 3)

Moved by Commissioner Neil F. Bates, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian.

“I would like to make that in the form of a motion. I make that motion as read.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct.1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 17961

9. Emergency Management Update. (Emergency Management Coordinator)

Egon Barthels, Lavaca County Emergency Management Coordinator, gave an update on COVID-19 as follows:

- Continuing to report COVID-19 related information to the public
- The Texas Governor, Greg Abbott, on June 3, 2020, began Phase 3 of the Open Texas Plan
- There are 19 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lavaca County as of last report:
 - 10 Active
 - 8 Recovered
 - 1 Deceased

Egon Barthels, Lavaca County Emergency Management Coordinator, also reported the following:

- He is monitoring the tropical depression that is in Louisiana
- He is working on updates to CODE RED and sign-up
- He attended a class with Union Pacific on Hazardous Materials and working with them regarding the rails that run from Shiner to Moulton to Yoakum as well
- He is working with TDEM- Texas Department of Emergency Management regarding current protests

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No action taken on this agenda item.

Consent Agenda

10. Minutes of May 26, 2020 Regular Called Commissioners Court Meeting.
11. Acknowledge the Contract with SIRRUS Engineers, Inc., for the GLO Hurricane Harvey Infrastructure Improvements Grant.
12. County Auditor Monthly Report.
13. County Treasurer Monthly and Public Financial Report.
14. Tax Assessor Collector Report as per 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.
15. County Officials Reports:
 - a. Auditor's Cash Balance Report – May 2020
 - b. Constable Pct 3 – April 2020 Report
 - c. Constable Pct 4 – May 2020 Report
 - d. County Clerk – LGS – May 2020 Report
 - e. County Clerk – Tyler – May 2020 Report
 - f. County Clerk – LGS Total Collections – April 2020 Report – Approved by Auditor
 - g. County Clerk – Tyler Total Collections – April 2020 Report – Approved by Auditor
 - h. District Clerk – February 2020 Report
 - i. District Clerk – March 2020 Report
 - j. J.P. Pct 1 – April 2020 Report
16. Claims and/or Payroll.
17. Budget Amendments, if any.

Approved.

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

“I make a motion to approve the consent agenda as it is.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct.1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 179462

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.

County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.

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

“I move we adjourn.”

County Judge Keith Mudd	YES
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct.1	YES
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2	YES
Neil F. Bates, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 17963

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 10:54 A.M.

Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting

June 8, 2020

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1 *Mary Lee Berger*

MARY Lee Berger

2 *Cheer Thompson-Draper*

Cheryl Thompson-Draper

3 *[Signature]*

4 *Deborah A Sevcik*

Deborah A Sevcik

5 *Lori A. Wenske*

Lori A. Wenske

6 *Pam Pat*

PAMIA PATTERSON

7 *Nailene Ruppert*

Nailene Ruppert

8 *[Signature]*

Kyle A DeJurey

9 *[Signature]*

Micah Haemoa

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Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting

JUNE 8, 2020

Regular Called

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1 Audrey Barrera

Audrey Barrera

2 Kathy Bailey

Kathy Bailey

3 Daniel Brown

Daniel Brown

4 Jim Appel

Jim Appel

5 Shana R Opela

Shana R Opela

6 Karen Bludau

Karen Bludau

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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 June 8, 2020.



ATTEST

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

Signed this 8 day of June, 2020

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
Elizabeth A. Kouba