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COUNTY OF LAVACA ]

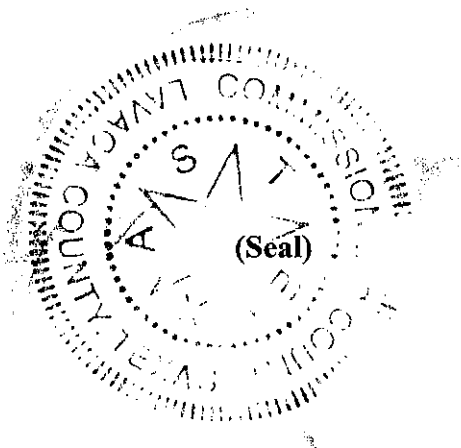
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County, Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Minutes of the Commissioners' Court Meeting dated July 26, 2021. are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, A.D.

Mark Myers, County Judge  
Mark Myers

ATTEST:

Elizabeth A. Kouha, County Clerk  
Elizabeth A. Kouha  
by Barbara Stebbel



**THE STATE OF TEXAS )(**  
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**Regular Meeting Monday, July 26, 2021**

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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):

Elizabeth A. Kouba, Lavaca County Clerk, was not present, but duly represented by Tena Steffek, Deputy Clerk

**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**

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**Discussion and/or action agenda:**

**1. Rectify motion for action item 6 on the July 12, 2021 agenda to "I make a motion that we certify unbudgeted revenue for line item 100-4000-8037 Donation by Susan Walker - \$2,500.00." (Judge)**

"I make a motion to rectify the motion acted on item #6 on the July 12, 2021 agenda to make a motion that we certify unbudgeted revenue for line item 100-4000-8037 Donation."

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: 18305**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**2. Hear presentation from PHI Air Medical on proposed services to be considered in the 2021-2022 budget. (Kennie Kerr, Michael Furrh and PHI Staff).**

Marie Day spoke on the above agenda item.

Kennie Kerr and Carmen Novitski, PHI Supervisor, spoke on the Phi Cares Membership program proposal for Lavaca County, Texas.

**3. Discuss and/or approve financing options for the new Emergency Communications System to include the possible use of ARPA funds. (Judge)**

George Ebell, Representative from Motorola, spoke to Commissioners Court on the financing options for the new Emergency Communications System.

"I will make a motion that we approve financing options, to basically, the financing option to pay half now using ARPA funds and half next year to complete payment with the understanding that we will go for stake-holder involvement with the City of Shiner, the City of Hallettsville and the City of Moulton. And I believe the cost of that runs around \$900,000 some odd thousand dollars, \$970 half of that, \$983.000 dollars, so half of that down and the other half next year when we receive the other half of our ARPA funds and that is the motion."

Moved by County Judge Mark Myers, 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: 18306**

**4. Discuss and/or approve an increase in Juror pay for the 25<sup>th</sup> District, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> District and County Courts. (Judge/District Clerk)**

Marie Day spoke on the above agenda item.

District Judge Bill Old and District Clerk Lori Wenske spoke to raising the Juror pay for the 25<sup>th</sup> District, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> District and County Courts for Lavaca County.

"I make a motion to approve an increase in Juror pay to \$15.00 for the 25<sup>th</sup> district, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> District and County Courts."

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: 18307**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**5. Promote Deputy Bradley Thompson to Sergeant effective July 10, 2021 at a salary of \$50,301.00. (Sheriff)**

"Your Honor, I make a motion to approve Promote Deputy Bradley Thompson to Sergeant effective July 10, 2021 at a salary of \$50,301.00."

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

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: 18308**

**6. Hire Bailee C. Gremmel as Part Time Deputy District Clerk at the rate of \$12.00 per hour in the District Clerk's Office. (District Clerk)**

"Your Honor, I move we hire Bailee C. Gremmel as Part Time Deputy District Clerk at the rate of \$12.00 per hour in the District Clerk's Office."

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: 18309**

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**7. Per LGC 111.0108 - Certification of Unbudgeted Revenue: (Auditor)**  
**100-4000-8015 Southwest Border Rural Law Enforcement Grant - \$74,525.00**  
**121-4000-8611 GovDeals - Sale of Ambulances - \$79,688.75**

"I make a motion to certify unbudgeted revenue: 100-4000-8015 Southwest Border Rural Law Enforcement Grant-\$74,525.00, and 121-4000-8611 GovDeals-Sale of Ambulances-\$79,688.75."

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: 18310**

**8. Discuss and/or approve extension of the Marathon Oil EF, LLC Oil and Gas Lease covering 0.5234 acre of land being lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 19, Churchview Addition to the City of Shiner. (Judge)**

County Judge Mark Myers mentioned the County Attorney, Kyle Denney, reviewed the Oil and Gas Lease and made a revision to the 20 % Royalty Mineral agreement.

"Your Honor, I make a motion to approve the extension of the Marathon Oil EF, LLC Oil and Gas Lease covering 0.5234 acre of land being lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 19, Churchview Addition to the City of Shiner."

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

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: 18311**

**9. EMS Update. (EMS Director)**

County Judge Mark Myers read to Commissioner's Court the EMS update due to th Lavaca County's EMS Director and Assistant EMS Director were unavailable.

"Enroute times (under 60 seconds during the day and 90 at night) for June were 100%.

June had 147 calls for service: 118 of those were transported with no light or sirens, 7 transported light and sirens.  
 Transport by destination: 1. Lavaca Medical Center-37 Transports, 2. Yoakum Community Hospital-28 Transports, 3. Citizens Medical center-15 Transports, 4. Detar Hospital - 12 transports  
 Total Loaded mileage per unit; Medic 1-1,197 mi and Medic 5-1,649 mi  
 Responding from breakdown; District 1-63, District 5-55, District 3-37.  
 CPR calls this month -2  
 STEMI (Heart attacks) -1  
 Total Collections for June -\$88,400.92  
 There were 0 helicopter transfers this month.  
 Winner of this month's District response totals were from Station 1 followed by station 5 and then station 3.  
 Average scene time at 96% for a goal of less than 30 minutes.

**10. Emergency Management Update. (EOC Coordinator)**

Egon Barthels, EOC Coordinator, updated Commissioners Court on the following:  
 TDEM border security, Bailout damage to self-report the damage.  
 Meeting with Dr. John Hilchek, DHS Covid 19 Variant.  
 Monitor the Tropics.  
 Fire weather conditions.  
 Training First Responders August in conjunction with OEM and Union Pacific.  
 Victoria County on pipeline training.  
 Thanked all commissioners and road hands for all their work during the recent rains.

**Consent Agenda**

“I make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.”

Moved by County Judge Mark Myers, 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: 18312**

**11. Minutes of June 23, 2021 Special Called Commissioners Court Meeting.**

**12. Minutes of July 12, 2021 Regular Called Commissioners Court Meeting.**

**13. Minutes of July 15, 2021 Special Called Commissioners Court Meeting.**

**14. File of record the Tax Assessor- Collector Vehicle Inventory Tax (VIT) Budget for 2021-2022.**  
 NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**15. Claims and/or Payroll**

**16. Budget Amendments, if any.**

**17. County Officials Report.**

Lori Wenske, District Clerk, Money Distribution Report, December 2020.  
 Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk, LGS Total Collections, December 2020.  
 Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk, Tyler Total Collections, December 2020.  
 Mark Ivey, JP PCT #1 Money Distribution Report, January 2021.

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

County Judge Mark Myers called for a motion to adjourn.

“I make the motion.”

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, 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: 18313**

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:20 AM.**



Signature Roster  
Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting  
July 26, 2021

Regular Called Meeting

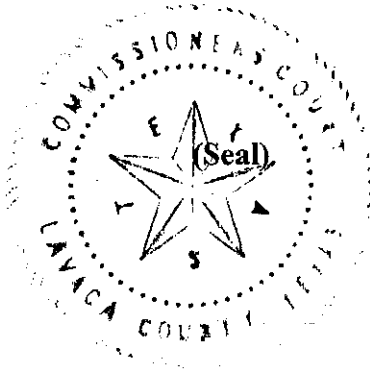
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1 Anita Chakar Seroggins	Anita Thakar Seroggins
2 Marcie H. Day	Marcie H. Day
3 Cheryl Thompson-Draeger	Cheryl Thompson Draeger
4 Jennifer Hartman	Jennifer Hartman
5 Carmen	Carmen Novitski
6 Nailene Ruppert	Nailene Ruppert
7 Jim Appelt	Jim Appelt
8 Shana Opola	Shana Opola
9 Kyle A. Venney	Kyle A. Venney
10 Deborah A. Sercic	Deborah A. Sercic
11 MICHAEL LARMON	MICHAEL LARMON
12 Peter Cenotti	Peter Cenotti
13 Lori A. Wenske	Lori A. Wenske
14 William D. Old	William D. Old
15 Kennie Kerr	Kennie Kerr
16 Tera Gittelk	Tera Gittelk
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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 July 26, 2021.**

**ATTEST**

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



Signed this 13 day of August, 2021

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk  
Elizabeth A. Kouba