

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

Regular Meeting May 11, 2020

The Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, May 11, 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 called for a moment of silence for the recent passing of Judge Gus Strauss and Ex-Lavaca County Commissioner Eddie Vrana.

Judge Keith Mudd led the court in 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 Dennis Kocian.

Announcements:

Lavaca County Judge Keith Mudd gave an update on the following:

- Court proceedings
- Rocky Creek Bridge on Lavaca County Road 229 is now open
- Renovation of the concrete awning at the Tax Assessor-Collector's office to begin

Discussion and/or Action Agenda:

1. Discuss and/or take action regarding the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration, as declared on March 13, 2020. (Judge/Commissioners)

Egon Barthels, Lavaca County Emergency Management Coordinator, gave an update.

Marie Day and Mark Myers, Lavaca County residents, addressed the court with concerns regarding this agenda item.

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.
“I make a motion that we extend the declaration until the next meeting.”

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: 17939

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

2. Presentation of the Lavaca County Preliminary Estimate of Taxable Values for 2020 – Chief Appraiser Pam Lathrop. (Appraisal District)

Pam Lathrop, Lavaca County Chief Appraiser informed the court that there will be NO ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2020 VALUES.

No action taken on this agenda item.

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

3. Discuss and/or take action on advertising for proposals for consultant/management services for grant writing. (Judge/Commissioners)

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

“I make a motion to table Item #3.”

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: 17940

4. Approve the Contract with Sirrus Engineers, Inc., for the GLO Hurricane Harvey Infrastructure Improvements Grant. (Judge/Commissioners)

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

“I make a motion to table Item #4 as well.”

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: 17941

DOCUMENTATION RETURNED TO JUDGE'S OFFICE FOR FUTURE MEETING.

5. Acknowledge Emergency Medical Services Statement of Medical Direction/Supervision of prehospital care. (EMS)

Debbie Fishbeck, EMS Coordinator, was available for any questions.

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

"I make a motion to acknowledge the Emergency Medical Services Statement of Medical Direction/Supervision of prehospital care that will be effective June 1, 2020 until May 31, 2022."

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: 17942

6. Proclamation declaring the week of May 17-23, 2020 as Emergency Medical Services Week. (EMS)

Judge Keith Mudd read the Proclamation aloud in Open Court.

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

"I make a motion to accept the Proclamation declaring the week of May 17-23, 2020 as Emergency Medical Services Week."

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: 17943

7. Order Authorizing Memorial Day Fireworks Sale. (Judge)

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

"I make a motion that we authorize the Memorial Day Fireworks Sale."

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: 17944****8. Approve HGAC contract EM06-19 purchase of 2015 926M CAT Front End Loader for Lavaca County Precinct #3, S/N: LTE04615 with 1500 Hr. Power Train & Hydraulic Warranty. (Pct. #3)**

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

“I make that motion.”

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: 17945****9. Approve the trade-in of Surplus Item, Tag #3020 1980 US Army Case W24C S/N: 9149105 Front End Loader to help defray cost. (Pct. #3)**

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

“I make that motion.”

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: 17946**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

10. Update on the 2020 County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program (CTIF). (Judge)

Judge Keith Mudd reported that the deadline for this grant program is approaching and reminded all commissioners to turn in their paperwork. Judge also indicated that each Commissioner will need to proof read the paperwork before it is submitted.

No action taken on this agenda item.

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

11. Approve the hiring of Nailene Ruppert, Administrative Assistant for the Commissioners' Office, Grade 3, Minimum Quartile effective May 18th, 2020. (Judge/Commissioners)

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka.

"I make a motion to approve the hiring of Nailene Ruppert, Administrative Assistant for the Commissioners' Office, Grade 3, Minimum Quartile effective May 18th, 2020."

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: 17947

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

12. Approve transfer of Paula Patterson, Administrative Assistant for the Judge's Office, Grade 5, Minimum Quartile effective May 11, 2020. (Judge/Commissioners)

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

"I make a motion to approve the transfer of Paula Patterson, Administrative Assistant for the Judge's Office, Grade 5, Minimum Quartile effective May 11, 2020."

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: 17948

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Announcement:

Clarification was brought before the court by Commissioner Neil F. Bates, Jr. regarding a statement he made at a previous meeting where he referenced that Deborah A. Sevcik, Lavaca County Tax Assessor Collector and her Office set the Tax Values and wanted it known that this was said in error.

Consent Agenda

13. Minutes from April 27, 2020 Regular Called Commissioners Court Meeting.

14. Renewal of standard rental service agreement with CINTAS and Lavaca County Precinct #2 and Maintenance Department.

15. Agreement between Colorado Valley telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Lavaca County Pct. #2 for the installation of new buried fiber optic cable within the corridors of LCR #77D.
16. Road Special Use Agreement between Marathon Oil EF LLC and PCT. #3 to include LCR #355, #356A, #357 and #358.
17. Road Special Use Agreement between Marathon Oil EF LLC and PCT. #3 to include LCR #302, #322 and #321.
18. Road Special Use Agreement between Marathon Oil EF LLC and PCT. #3 to include LCR #320.
19. Road Special Use Agreement between Marathon Oil EF LLC and PCT. #3 to include LCR #301 and #306.
20. Road Special Use Agreement between Marathon Oil EF LLC and PCT. #3 to include LCR #320 and #319.
21. County Auditor Monthly Report.
22. County Treasurer Monthly and Public Financial Report.
23. Tax Assessor Collector Report as per 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.
24. County Officials Reports:
 - a. Auditor's Cash Balance Report – April 2020
 - b. County Attorney Hot Check Collection Report – March 2020
 - c. Constable Pct 1 – April 2020 Report
 - d. Constable Pct 2 – February 2020 Report
 - e. Constable Pct 2 – March 2020 Report
 - f. Constable Pct 2 – April 2020 Report
 - g. Constable Pct 4 – April 2020 Report
 - h. County Clerk – LGS – April 2020 Report
 - i. County Clerk – Tyler – April 2020 Report
 - j. County Clerk – LGS Total Collections – March 2020 Report – Approved by Auditor
 - k. County Clerk – Tyler Total Collections – March 2020 Report – Approved by Auditor
 - l. J.P. Pct 1 – March 2020 Report
 - m. J.P. Pct 2 – April 2020 Report
 - n. J.P. Pct 3 – April 2020 Report
 - o. J.P. Pct 4 – March 2020 Report
 - p. J.P. Pct 4 – April 2020 Report
25. Claims and/or Payroll.
26. Budget Amendments, if any.

Marie Day addressed the court with questions concerning the Budget Amendments.

Shana Opela, Lavaca County Auditor, responded with clarification to questions regarding the Budget Amendments.

Approved.

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

“I make a motion that we accept the consent agenda.”

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: 17949

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.

County Judge Keith Mudd called for a motion to adjourn.

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

“I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.”

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: 17950

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:04 A.M.

Signature Roster

Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting

May 11, _____, 2020

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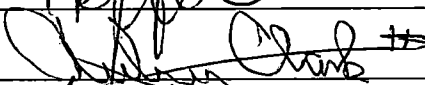
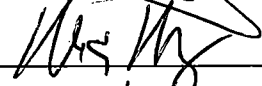

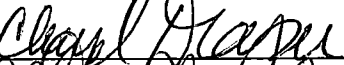

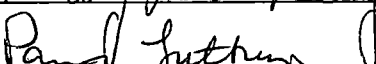

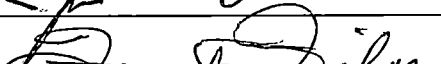
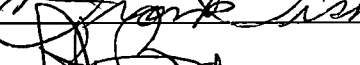



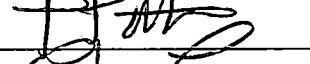
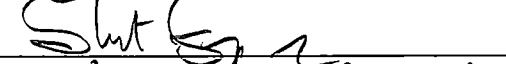
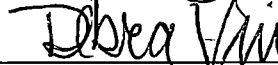
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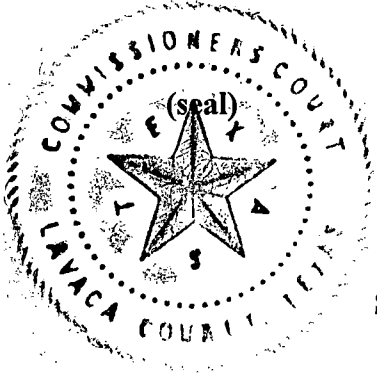
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9 	Frank Fisher
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13 	PAULA PATTERSON
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Minutes of Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk, Lavaca County:

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 May 11, 2020.

ATTEST

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



Signed this 13 day of May, 2020

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
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