

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 February 22, 2021. are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, A.D.

\_\_\_\_\_, County Judge  
Mark Myers

ATTEST:

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk  
Elizabeth A. Kouba

**THE STATE OF TEXAS )(**  
**COUNTY OF LAVACA )(**

**Regular Meeting Monday, February 22, 2021**

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, in Hallettsville, Texas,

**Present:**

County Judge Mark Myers  
Edward Pustka, Commissioner Pct. 1  
Ronald Berckenhoff, Commissioner Pct. 2  
Kenny W. Siegel, 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.

**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 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:**

Judge Mark Myers corrected agenda item #1 as removal should be renewal.

**1. Discuss and take action on the ~~removal~~ renewal of the service and warranty extension of the computer network for the Sheriff's Department. (Judge)**

"I make a motion to renew the service and warranty extension of the computer network for the Sheriff's Department."

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: 18179**

**2. Certify County match for Texans Feeding Texans Home Delivered Meals Grant for Program Year 2020 (Check issued to CCLC on 10/13/2020 for \$1,331.50) (Senior Citizens Director)**

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve Certify County match for Texans Feeding Texans Home Delivered Meals Grant for Program Year 2020 with the check issued to CCLC on 10/13/2020 in the amount of \$1,331.50.”

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: 18180**

**3. Request for approval to seek bids and/or costs associated with making the following changes and/or additions to the County-owned building that is located at 326 S. LaGrange Street and utilized by COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OF LAVACA COUNTY. Grant money of \$50,000 is available for this project and must be expended before August 2021. (Senior Citizens Director)**

“I move that the request for approval to seek bids and/or costs associated with making the following changes and/or additions to the County-owned building that is located at 326 S. LaGrange Street and utilized by COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OF LAVACA COUNTY and the grant money of \$50,000 is available for this project and must be expended before August 2021.”

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: 18181**

**4. Approve ACA Reporting and Tracking (ARTS) 2021 Renewal Confirmation Program Agreement with Texas Association of Counties. (Auditor)**

“Your Honor, I would like to approve ACA Reporting and Tracking (ARTS) 2021 Renewal Confirmation Program Agreement with Texas Association of Counties.”

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: 18182**

**5. Discuss and/or approve renewal of the following coverage through TAC Risk Management Pool Liability Program for 2021-2022. (Auditor)**

- a. Auto Liability, b. Auto Physical Damage, c. General Liability, d. Public Officials Liability, and e. Law Enforcement Liability**

“I make a motion to approve renewal of the following coverage through TAC Risk Management Pool Liability Program Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage, General Liability, Public Officials Liability, and Law Enforcement Liability.”

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: 18183**

**6. EMS Update. (EMS Director)**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

Michael Furrh, EMS Director, thanked the EMS employees, County employees, and City Workers for the hard work due to the icy weather the week of February 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. An extra ambulance was staffed at this time. EMS Supervisors met dealing with the issues from the weather of no power and no water. Recognized Egon Barthels, Emergency Management Officer, for his dedication the past week. Will be talking with Colorado County in the next week on the vaccination plan for distribution.

**7. Emergency Management Update. (OEM)**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

Egon Barthels, Emergency Management, thanked the County Commissioners, Tx DOT, Sheriff’s Office, and Mr. Steffek from Pepsi Bottling Company of Hallettsville.

Due to the Sheriff’s Office receiving welfare calls due to the lack of electricity, the Knights of Columbus Council #2433 allowed the use of their facility for a warming center. Pepsi Bottling Company donated 25 cases of water towards the KC Hall warming center. The leftover water was donated to the Lavaca County EMS and Yoakum Fire-EMS.

Egon Barthels spoke of the response to accidents with traffic control, being in contact with all the Electric Co-Operatives that serve the county, boil notifications of water for Moulton, Shiner and Yoakum, Pepsi Bottling Company’s donation of 75 to 80 cases of water for citizens of Moulton, Home Land Security distribution of water, help unloading of and storing of MRE’s from Precinct #3 and Lavaca County EMS. Distributions of the MRE’s and of water to the cities with boil notifications and or future events. Egon also spoke of TDEM’s survey of taking pictures of damage to get an assessment of what has taken place, and the Disaster Declaration issued by President Biden, received by Texas Governor Abbott for Lavaca County and 76 other counties for individual and public assistance through FEMA and the opening of bars and restaurants to 75%.

**8. Discuss and/or take action on damage control costs and procedures due to the freezing temperatures the week of Feb. 15-19.**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

**9. Recognize our Emergency personnel and Egon Barthels for their long hours and dedication to the citizens of Lavaca County during this past weather crisis.**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

Judge Mark Myers recognize EMS, Egon Barthels, law enforcement, road and bridge and the utility workers for their hard work during the recent ice storm.

**10. Acknowledge the approval by County Judge and Pct 3 Commissioner to allow use of fuel by the City of Shiner to power generators during the weather event. It will be reimbursed by the city of Shiner.**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

Judge Mark Myers acknowledged the transfer of fuel from Precinct #3 to the City of Shiner to keep the power and water flowing.

Commissioner Precinct #3, Kenny Siegel, acknowledged the fuel went to the operation of the septic treatment plant and to the City of Shiner’s police cars.

**Consent Agenda**

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

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: 18184**

11. Lavaca County Special Road Use Agreement between Marathon Oil EF LLC and Lavaca County Precinct #3 to include LCR# 319.

12. Lavaca County Special Road Use Agreement between Marathon Oil EF LLC and Lavaca County Precinct #3 to include LCR# 320.

13. Lavaca County Special Road Use Agreement between Marathon Oil EF LLC and Lavaca County Precinct #3 to include LCR# 321 and #322.

14. Lavaca County Special Road Use Agreement between Lavaca Midstream and Lavaca County Precinct #2 to include LCR# 285.

15. Application for Pipeline Permit between Lavaca County and Lavaca Midstream to include LCR#285.

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17. Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per Section 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.

18. County Officials Reports.

- a. Mark Ivey, JP PCT #1 Money Distribution Report, January 2021.
- b. Wayne Denson, JP PCT #3 Money Distribution Report, January 2021.
- c. Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report January 2021.
- d. Charles Greive, Constable Pct. #2 Process Service Report January 2021.
- e. Travis Hill, JP PCT #2 Money Distribution Report, January 2021.
- f. Larry Hlavac, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report January 2021.

19. Claims and/or Payroll.

20. Budget Amendments, if any.

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

County Judge Mark Myers called for a motion to adjourn.

“So moved”

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: 18185**

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 10:35 AM.



Signature Roster  
Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting  
February 22, 2021  
Regular Called

	Sign Here	Print Name Here
1	Shana Opela	Shana Opela
2	Becky Janak	Becky Janak
3	Chevy Draper	Chevy Draper
4	Jim Appel	Jim Appel
5	Deborah A Sevcik	Deborah A Sevcik
6	Nailene Ruppert	Nailene Ruppert
7	Karen Bludau	Karen Bludau
8	<del>_____</del>	Kyle A. Tenner
9	<del>_____</del>	
10	Kristi Cline	Kristi Cline
11	Tena Steffek	Tena Steffek
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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 February 22, 2021.**

**ATTEST**

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

Signed this 25 day of February, 2021

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk  
**Elizabeth A. Kouba**

