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COUNTY OF LAVACA]

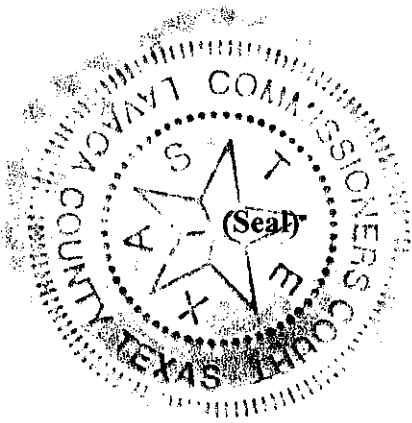
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County,
Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing
Minutes of the Commissioners' Court Meeting dated October 25, 2021.
are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 8 day of November, 2021, A.D.


_____, County Judge
Mark Myers

ATTEST:


_____, County Clerk
Elizabeth A. Kouba



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COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

Regular Meeting Monday, October 25, 2021

Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM, in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st 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):

All members of the court were present.

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

Discussion and/or action agenda:

1. Resolution from the office of Texas State Representative, Ben Leman congratulating Michael A. Furrh on his selection as the 2021 EMS Leader of the Year by the Texas EMS Alliance. (Judge)

Judge Mark Myers read the Resolution to Commissioners Court.

“WHEREAS, Michael A. Furrh of Lavaca County EMS was named the 2021 EMS Leader of the Year by the Texas EMS Alliance at the organization's EMS EVOLUTION conference on August 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his career in emergency medical services, Mr. Furrh has worked with agencies throughout Southeast Texas, and he currently serves as director of Lavaca County EMS; under his able guidance, the organization has enhanced its clinical and business operations, and it has continued to engage the community through social media and grassroots efforts; and

WHEREAS, A respected member of his profession, Mr. Furrh has greatly benefited the Texas EMS Alliance through his work with its annual conference, EMS EVOLUTION, and he has established a training course for future EMS leaders; he has further distinguished himself by advocating in behalf of EMS professionals in rural communities and teaching classes on rural EMS recruitment and retention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Furrh trained as an emergency medical technician in 2002, and he went on to earn firefighter and fire protection certifications from Wharton County Junior College, as well as EMT and paramedic certifications from Victoria College; in addition to his work with Lavaca County EMS, he serves as a member of the Shiner City Council and as assistant fire chief of the Shiner Volunteer Fire Department; and”

“WHEREAS, Through his leadership, vision, and commitment to excellence, Michael Furrh has made a positive difference in the lives of countless Texans, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring him for his notable contributions to his field and his community; now, therefore, be it.

RESOLVED, That Michael A. Furrh be congratulated on his selection as the 2021 EMS Leader of the Year by the Texas EMS Alliance and that he be extended sincere best wishes for continued success.

Signed, Ben Leman, State Representative, District 13.”

“I make a motion to approve Resolution from the office of Texas State Representative, Ben Leman congratulating Michael A. Furrh on his selection as the 2021 EMS Leader of the Year by the Texas EMS Alliance.”

Moved by Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, 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: 18380

2. Consider and/or approve the Resolution adopting the allocation method for opioid settlement proceeds.
(Judge)

“So, with that, I make a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the allocation method for opioid settlement proceeds.”

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: 18381

3. Approve bond for Lisa Lowe, Records Management Officer. (Judge)

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve bond for Lisa Lowe, the Records Management Officer.”

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: 18382

4. Approve 2021 Levy Roll. (Tax Assessor)

Deborah A. Sevcik, Tax Assessor Collector, spoke to Commissioners Court on agenda item #4.

“I make a motion to approve 2021 Levy Roll.”

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: 18383

5. Approve the Resolution for Operation Lone Star Grant Project for the years 2021- 2023. (Sheriff)

Sheriff Micah C. Harmon, spoke to Commissioners Court on applying for the grant of around 300,000.

“Your Honor, I move we approve the Resolution for Operation Lone Star Grant Project for the years 2021- 2023.”

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: 18384

6. Approve the hiring of Leslie Garcia as Telecommunications Operator with a salary of \$37,126, effective October 4, 2021. (Sheriff)

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve the hiring of Leslie Garcia as Telecommunications Operator with a salary of \$37,126, effective October 4, 2021.”

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, 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: 18385

7. Approve the hiring of Josh Caswell as Telecommunications Operator with a salary of \$37,126 effective October 4, 2021. (Sheriff)

“Your Honor, I move that we approve the hiring of Josh Caswell as Telecommunications Operator with a salary of \$37,126 effective October 4, 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: 18386

8. Approve the hiring of Kevin Lawless as Patrol Deputy with a salary of \$48,371 effective October 12, 2021. (Sheriff)

“Your Honor, I move that we approve the hiring of Kevin Lawless as Patrol Deputy with a salary of \$48,371 effective October 12, 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: 18387

9. Acknowledge the purchase of a Case International Farmall 120C Tractor at a price of \$69,022.10 from BuyBoard Vendor Hlavinka Equipment Company. (Commissioner Precinct 1)

“With your approval, I would like to acknowledge the purchase of a Case International Farmall 120C Tractor at a price of \$69,022.10 from BuyBoard Vendor Hlavinka, if that’s how you pronounce it, Equipment Company.”

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: 18388

10. Discuss and/or approve Lavaca Medical Center's (LMC) request for \$150,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for LMC Staff.

“With that, I would say that at this point, we should, I would entertain a motion to table this item until a later date until further information and answers can be obtained.”

Moved by County Judge Mark Myers, 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: 18389

11. Commissioners Court requests County Auditor to conduct audit for FY 2021 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Fund for Lavaca County Sheriff’s Department and Lavaca County Attorney as per Article 59.06 of the Criminal Code of Procedure.

“I make a motion to give the Auditor permission to request to conduct audit for FY 2021 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Fund for Lavaca County Sheriff’s Department and Lavaca County Attorney as per Article 59.06 of the Criminal Code of Procedure.”

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: 18390

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

12. EMS Update (EMS Director)

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

Michael Furrh, EMS Director, spoke to Commissioners Court on the following:

182-Calls for service, 131-Transfers, Chute time hit 97%.

92-Emergency 911 calls, 39-Tranfers.

Breakdown by district – 87-Hallettsville, 57-Shiner, 30-Moulton.

Transport by Destination – 31-Lavaca Medical Center, 31-Yoakum Community Hospital,

8-Gonzales Memorial, 7- Citizens Medical Center, 16-Detar Hospital.

Collections \$84,497.70

COR Classes.

13. Emergency Management Update (Emergency Management Coordinator)

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

Egon Barthels spoke to Commissioners Court on the following:

Public Notice Hazzard Mitigation Planning for Lavaca County.

DSHS – Region 8 Covid numbers are down.

Hospital status Trauma Service 27% available staffing beds.

Weather-slight risk for storms this week.

Local Events coming up – Shiner Lyons Music Fest, Shiner Beer Run, & Shiner Market Days.

Meeting last week with Micah Harmon, Lavaca County Sheriff -TDEM Individual Reporting.

Training Shiner - Nuevo November 3rd Shiner Central Station.

TEEX Disaster Management Recovery Program.

Flooding from recent weather in Moulton area to document any damage.

Consent Agenda

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as it is.”

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: 18391

14. Lavaca County Special Road Use Agreement between Modem Exploration. Inc and Lavaca County Precinct 2 to include LCR 262.

15. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting, October 8, 2021.

16. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting, September 27, 2021.

- 17. Meeting Minutes of the Commissioners Court Regular Called Meeting, September 13, 2021.
- 18. Summarized Statements Showing Transactions in Lavaca County for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
- 19. Claims and/or Payroll
- 20. Budget Amendments, if any
- 21. County Officials Reports.
 - Charles Greive, Constable Pct. #2 Process Service Report September 2021.
 - Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report September 2021.
 - Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk, LGS Total Collections, September 2021.
 - Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk, Tyler Total Collections, September 2021.

Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.

County Judge Mark Myers called for a motion to adjourn.

“So moved.”

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: 18289

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:44 AM.



Signature Roster
Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting
October 25, 2021

	Sign Here	Print Name Here
1	<i>Shana R Opela</i>	Shana R Opela
2	<i>Paul Yarnick</i>	Paul Yarnick
3	<i>Cheryl Dresser</i>	Cheryl Dresser
4	<i>Wayne Faircloth</i>	Wayne Faircloth
5	<i>Tamis Richardson</i>	Tamis Richardson
6	<i>Jean Wheelis</i>	Jean Wheelis
7	<i>Tierra Furrh</i>	Tierra Furrh
8	<i>Nailene Ruppert</i>	Nailene Ruppert
9	<i>Frank Fistar</i>	FRANK FISTAR
10	<i>Karen Bludau</i>	Karen Bludau
11	<i>Jim Appelt</i>	Jim Appelt
12	<i>Lori Wensky</i>	Lori Wensky
13	<i>Deborah A. Sercik</i>	Deborah A. Sercik
14	<i>Mick C Harman</i>	Mick C Harman
15	<i>Kristi Cline</i>	Kristi Cline
16	<i>Tena Steffer</i>	Tena Steffer
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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 October 25, 2021.

ATTEST

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



Signed this 29 day of Oct, 2021

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
Elizabeth A. Kouba