

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

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THE STATE OF TEXAS]

COUNTY OF LAVACA]

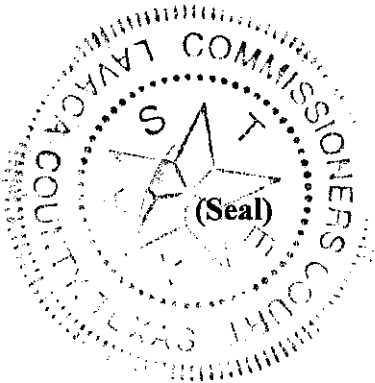
We, the County Judge, and Commissioners of Lavaca County, Texas, majority being present, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Minutes of the Commissioners' Court Meeting dated February 14, 2022, are this day approved as submitted.

Signed this the 28 day of February, 2022, A.D.

Mark Myers, County Judge
Mark Myers

ATTEST:

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
Elizabeth A. Kouba



THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF LAVACA)(

Regular Meeting Monday, February 14, 2022

Lavaca County Commissioners’ Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 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
- 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:

1. Discuss and/or take action on implementing a countywide burn ban. (Judge)

“Your Honor, I make a motion to table this until the next meeting.”

Moved by Commissioner Kenny W. Siegel, 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: 18470

2. Approve the hiring of Amy Kloesel as Election Administrator effective February 4, 2022 at Grade 6, Minimum Quartile and a bond of in the amount of \$20,000. (Judge)

Cheryl Draper, Republican Chair, spoke on the agenda item.

“I make a motion to approve the hiring of Amy Kloesel as Election Administrator effective February 4, 2022 at Grade 6, Minimum Quartile and a bond of in the amount of \$20,000.”

Moved by County Judge Mark Myers, 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: 18471****3. Approve Tenia Hudson's assignment to position of Chief Deputy of the Election Office at Grade 4, 1st Quartile and a bond in the amount of \$10,000. (Judge)**

Cheryl Draper, Republican Chair, spoke on the agenda item.

"I make a motion to approve Tenia Hudson's assignment to position of Chief Deputy of the Election Office at Grade 4, 1st Quartile and a bond in the amount of \$10,000."

Moved by County Judge Mark Myers, 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: 18472****4. Acknowledge the hiring of Karen Gasch as an Assistant County Auditor effective January 24, 2022, salary of Grade 4, BTW 1-2 Quartile. (Auditor)**

"I make a motion to approve the hiring of Karen Gasch as an Assistant County Auditor effective January 24, 2022, salary of Grade 4, BTW 1-2 Quartile."

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: 18473**

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

5. Approve the hiring of William D. Mundine as Patrol Deputy with a starting salary of \$48,371.00 effective February 14, 2022 and a bond in the amount of \$2,500.00. (Sheriff)

"I make a motion to approve the hiring of William D. Mundine as Patrol Deputy with a starting salary of \$48,371.00 effective February 14, 2022 and a bond in the amount of \$2,500.00."

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: 18474

6. Approve the hiring of Christopher Coleman as Corrections Officer with a starting salary of \$40,185.00 effective January 24, 2022. (Sheriff)

"I make a motion to approve the hiring of Christopher Coleman as Corrections Officer with a starting salary of \$40,185.00 effective January 24, 2022."

Moved by County Judge Mark Myers, 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: 18475

7. Acknowledge the hiring of Marsha House as Part Time Deputy District Clerk at the rate of \$12.00 per hour in the District Clerk's Office, effective January 24, 2022. (District Clerk)

"I'd like make a motion to approve hiring of Marsha House as Part Time Deputy District Clerk at the rate of \$12.00 per hour in the District Clerk's Office, effective January 24, 2022."

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: 18476

8. Approve the resignation of Employee Number 1330 effective January 14, 2022. (Sheriff)

"I make a motion to approve the resignation of Employee Number 1330 effective January 14, 2022."

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: 18477

9. Advertise for Road & Bridge fulltime employee, Precinct 4. (Commissioner Pct. 4)

"I'd like make a motion to approve to advertise for Road & Bridge fulltime employee, Precinct 4, to be advertised starting this week for two weeks."

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: 18478

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

10. Accept the monetary donation of \$1,500.00 from Capital Star Oil & Gas, Inc. to the Lavaca County Sheriff's Office as unbudgeted revenue. (Sheriff)

Sheriff Micah C. Harmon thanked Capital Star Oil & Gas, Inc. for their donation.

“Your Honor, I make a motion to approve the monetary donation of \$1,500.00 from Capital Star Oil & Gas, Inc. to the Lavaca County Sheriff's Office as unbudgeted revenue.”

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: 18479

11. Discuss and/or take action on Sydaptic, Inc. Jail Controls Retro-fit Statement of Work. (Sheriff)

Sheriff Micah C. Harmon and Sgt. Rebeca Deluna Perez address Commissioner Court on the issues of the control panel and cameras on safety concerns. The cost of the new system will cost around \$135,000.

“I make a motion to Table this action until the next Commissioners Meeting.”

Moved by County Judge Mark Myers, 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: 18480

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12. Per Local Government Code 111.0108 - Certification of Unbudgeted Revenue:

- *Pct. 2 - \$24,490 Kinder Morgan payment for road damages - 302-4000-8622
- *Pct. 3 - \$30,000 Marathon Oil payment for road damages - 303-4000-8623
- *AMB - \$85,000 Dickson Allen Foundation for purchase of Ambulance - 176- 4000-8042
- *Records Mgmt. - \$10,000 Dickson Allen Foundation for Records Archive-LC Press Gang – 100-4000-8035
- *Sheriff - \$1,000 - Mcfarlin Tower Construction - 100-4000-8037, \$1,500 - Midway Construction - 100-4000-8037, 111. \$1,500 - Capital Star Oil and Gas - 100-4000-8037

“Per Local Government Code 111.0108 - Certification of Unbudgeted Revenue: Pct. 2 - \$24,490 Kinder Morgan payment for road damages - 302-4000-8622
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 Construction - 100-4000-8037, \$1,500 - Midway Construction - 100-4000-8037, 111. \$1,500 - Capital
 Star Oil and Gas - 100-4000-8037 and I make that in the form of a motion.”

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: 18481

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13. Discuss transition and cost of updating County phone system to be performed by Hill Country Tech Guys. (Judge)

Benjamin Gifford and Devon Bullock, from James Teleco addressed Commissioners Court on the agenda item.

“I make a motion to put our county phone system up for bids. Bids are due in our office by Monday, February 28, 2022 8:30 am, to be opened, read and awarded at Commissioner Court on Monday, February 28, 2022.”

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: 18482

14. Adopt Lavaca County Federal Grant Procurement Policy. (Auditor)

Shana Opela, Auditor, addressed Commissioners Court on the agenda item.

“I make a motion to approve adopt Lavaca County Federal Grant Procurement Policy.”

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: 18483

15. Discuss and/or approve advertising for removal/installation of the gutters on the Lavaca County Annex, Senior Center and Ag Extension Buildings. (Judge)

“I would like to go out for bids and advertise for bids, for removal/installation of the gutters for the Lavaca County Annex, Senior Center and Ag Extension Building.”

Moved by County Judge Mark Myers, 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: 18484

NO DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE MINUTES OF THE COURT.

16. Discuss and/or take action on the completion of plaster repair, painting, and ceiling tile and window blind replacement from Hurricane Harvey. (Judge)

Shana Opela, Auditor, Kristi Cline, Judge's Secretary, and Doug Kubicek, Hallettsville Historical Commission, addressed Commissioners Court on the agenda item.

"I make a motion to take action on completion of plaster repair, painting, and ceiling tile and window blind replacement from Hurricane Harvey with going out for bids this week."

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: 18485

17. Discuss and/or approve Contract between Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission and Lavaca County for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Federal Contract for the FY 2022. (Senior Citizens Director)

"I make a motion to approve Contract between Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission and Lavaca County for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Federal Contract for the FY 2022."

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	OPPOSED
Kenny W. Siegel, Commissioner Pct. 3	YES
Dennis W. Kocian, Commissioner Pct. 4	YES

Motion Carried

Court Order: 18486

18. Discuss and/or approve Covid 19 Paid Quarantine Leave Policy for Lavaca County EMS employees per Texas Health and Safety Code Section 81.003 (1). (EMS Director)

Michael Furrh, EMS Director, addressed Commissioners Court on the agenda item.

"I make a motion to approve Covid 19 Paid Quarantine Leave Policy for Lavaca County EMS employees per Texas Health and Safety Code Section 81.003 (1)."

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: 18487

19. EMS Annual Report - (EMS Director)

Michael Furrh, EMS Director, updated the Commissioners Court with an annual report from Budget Year 2021-2022.

Consent Agenda

County Judge Mark Myers called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

"I will entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and I put that in the form of a 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: 18488

20. Application for Pipeline Permit between Philip Reed Energy Group and Lavaca County Precinct 3, to include County Rod 319.

21. Certificate of Continuing Education for County Clerk Elizabeth Kouba for successfully completing the required.20 hours of continuing Education for 2021 as prescribed in Section 51.605 of the Texas Government Code.

22. Regular Commissioner Court Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2021.

23. Regular Commissioner Court Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2022.

24. County Treasurer Monthly and Public Financial Report for January 31, 2022.

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

26. County Officials Reports.

Shana Opela, Auditor, Monthly Report, January 31, 2022
 Kerry L. Peterson, Constable Pct. #4 Process Service Report January, 2022.
 Mike Buchanek, Constable Pct. #1 Process Service Report January, 2022.
 Wayne Denson, JP PCT #3 Money Distribution Report, January, 2022.
 Kyle Denney, County Attorney Hot Check Collection & Trust Fund Report, December 2021.
 Lori Wenske, District Clerk, Money Distribution Report, December 2021.
 Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk, LGS Total Collections, January, 2022.
 Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk, Tyler Total Collections, January, 2022.

27. Claims and/or Payroll.

28. Budget Amendments, if any.**Court members signing of paperwork related to items above.****Adjournment by Presiding Officer**

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: 18489

Adjournment by Presiding Officer at 11:22 AM.



Signature Roster
 Attendance at Commissioner's Court Meeting
 February 14, 2022
Regular Called Meeting

Sign Here	Print Name Here
1 Cheryl Draper	Cheryl Draper
2 Shana Kypela	Shana Kypela
3 Doug Kubicek	Doug Kubicek
4 Lori Wenske	Lori Wenske
5 Marsha J. House	Marsha J. House
6 Wayne Faircloth	Wayne Faircloth
7 Karen Bludau	Karen Bludau
8 Kristi Cline	Kristi Cline
9 Jim Appelt	Jim Appelt
10 Deborah A Sercik	Deborah A Sercik
11 Benjamin Gifford	Benjamin Gifford
12 Rebecca DeLuna Penn	Rebecca DeLuna Penn
13 W. H. R. Mason	W. H. R. Mason
14 Devin Bullock	Devin Bullock
15 Keith Mull	Keith Mull
16 TENIA HUDSON	TENIA HUDSON
17 Amy Kloeser	Amy Kloeser
18 Tena Settle	Tena Settle
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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 14th, 2022.

ATTEST



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

Signed this 18 day of February, 2021

Elizabeth A. Kouba, County Clerk
Elizabeth A. Kouba