

THE STATE OF TEXAS )(

COUNTY OF LAVACA )(

The Lavaca County Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Called Meeting on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 10:00 A. M. in the Lavaca County Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, in Hallettsville, Texas with Judge Tramer J. Woytek presiding and with Commissioner Edward Pustka, Pct. 1, Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Pct. 2, Commissioner R. W. Brown, Pct. 3, and Commissioner Dennis W. Kocian, Pct. 4 all being present. Others in attendance were: Roger S. Raney, Lee Obelgoner, Theresa Voelkel, Marie Day, Irene Szwarc, Doug Kubicek, Frank Duff, Sherrie Wagner, Patty Grahmann, Hallie Hall, Lindsay Ruppert, Micah Harmon, A. H. Anderson, Sherry T. Henke, Dorothy Bujnoch, Margaret Dornak, Stuart Fryer, Elizabeth A. Kouba, Shana Opela, Karen Bludau, Jim Appelt, Deborah A. Sevcik, Dana Pohler and Barbara Steffek.

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Tramer J. Woytek followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

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No one addressed the court under Public Communications.

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1. Presentation of 2013 Distinguished Service Award to the Lavaca County Historical Commission in recognition of its active and well-balanced preservation program. (County Judge)

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to accept the presentation of the 2013 Distinguished Service Award to the Lavaca County Historical Commission.

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2. Hire Lindsay Ruppert in the Lavaca County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 office as Court Clerk effective July 14, 2014, with a starting salary of \$26,529.00 (Grade 4, Minimum Quartile). (JP4)

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to hire Lindsay Ruppert in the Lavaca County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 office as Court Clerk effective July 14, 2014, with a starting salary of \$26,529.00 (Grade 4, Minimum Quartile).

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3. Award bid for Lavaca County Farm Lease. (County Judge)

Moved by Judge Tramer Woytek, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to award the bid to the highest bidder, Michael Leopold for \$1,650.00.

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4. Designate representative to calculate 2014 Effective Tax Rate and the 2014 Rollback Tax Rate. (County Judge)

Moved by Judge Tramer Woytek, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to appoint Deborah A. Sevcik, the Tax Assessor Collector to calculate the 2014 Effective Tax Rate and the 2014 Rollback Tax Rate.

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**5. Proposal for Historical Conversion Services between Tyler Technologies and Lavaca County Clerk. (County Clerk)**

**Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to accept the proposal for Historical Conversion Services between Tyler Technologies and Lavaca County Clerk for \$3000.00.**

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**6. Amend Records Management County Clerk budget by moving \$3,000.00 from Restoration/Preservation line item into Personal Services and Benefits. (County Clerk)**

**Moved by Commissioner R. W. Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to amend the Records Management County Clerk budget by moving \$3,000.00 from Restoration/Preservation line item into Personal Services and Benefits.**

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**7. Accept resignation of Mitchell Dominguez from Senior Citizens Program. (Program Coordinator)**

**Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to accept the resignation of Mitchell Dominguez from the Senior Citizens Program.**

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**8. Hire Selena Avalos as a substitute employee for the Yoakum Senior Citizens Center to work as needed for \$7.25 per hour. (Program Coordinator)**

**Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner R. W. Brown, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to hire Selena Avalos as a substitute employee for the Yoakum Senior Citizens Center to work as needed for \$7.25 per hour.**

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**9. Acknowledge JoAnn Kristek as an unpaid deputy sheriff and keep her bond in effect. (Sheriff)**

**Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to acknowledge JoAnn Kristek as an unpaid deputy sheriff and keep her bond in effect.**

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**10. Accept resignation of jailer Jennifer Moffitt effective July 11, 2014. (Sheriff)**

**Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff and seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to accept the resignation of jailer Jennifer Moffitt effective July 11, 2014.**

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11. Approve promotion of Ed Vaccaro from sergeant to lieutenant and increase his base salary from \$42,258.58 to \$43,583.00 effective August 2, 2014 with no increase to the budget. (Sheriff)

Moved by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, Seconded by Commissioner Edward Pustka, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to approve the promotion of Ed Vaccaro from sergeant to lieutenant and increase his base salary from \$42,258.58 to \$43,583.00 effective August 2, 2014 with no increase to the budget for the Lavaca County Sheriff Department.

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12. Approve the collection of a fee in the amount of \$2.00 for each electronic filing transaction, in accordance with Subchapter C, Chapter 74, Government Code, Section 72.031. (District Clerk)

Moved by Commissioner Dennis Kocian, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to approve the collection of a fee in the amount of \$2.00 for each electronic filing transaction, in accordance with Subchapter C, Chapter 74, Government Code, Section 72.031.

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13. Fees in accordance with Texas Transportation Code Section 502.401 County Road and Bridge Fee and Section 502.403 Child Safety Fee for the calendar year 2015. (County Judge)

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to keep fees as they are.

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**Consent Agenda** – Unless a member of the Court requests a separate consideration of any items, all under the Consent Agenda are considered to be of routine nature or have been previously deliberated by the Court in an open meeting and therefore may be approved by one motion, second and vote.

Moved by Commissioner Edward Pustka, Seconded by Commissioner Ronald Berckenhoff, and adopted by all members present voting AYE and none voting NO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to accept the consent agenda.

14. Minutes of June 23, 2014 Regular Meeting.

15. Certificate of Attendance for Larry Hlavac for attending the School Based Law Enforcement Summit June 28-29, 2014.

16. Amend Lavaca County Road Special Use Agreement/Permit between Penn Virginia and Lavaca County Precinct #3 to include LCR #301 to change the designated route whether loaded or unloaded. Commissioner's Court dated June 23, 2014.

17. Lavaca County Road Special Use Agreement/Permit between Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. and Lavaca Precinct #3 to include LCR #335. (Lori Unit)

18. Lavaca County Road Special Use Agreement/Permit between Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. and Lavaca County Precinct #3 to include LCR #335. (Nancy Unit)

**19. Lavaca County Road Special Use Agreement/Permit between Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. and Lavaca County Precinct #3 to include LCR #335. (Frac Pond)**

**20. Lavaca County Road Special Use Agreement/Permit between Cantera Energy, LLC and Lavaca County Precinct #1 to include LCR #152, LCR #158, LCR #14, LCR #1\*, LCR #15\*, LCR #15A and LCR #15AA. (\*Only use the unpaved road of LCR #1 and LCR #15).**

**21. Lavaca County Road Special Use Agreement/Permit between Cantera Energy, LLC and Lavaca County Precinct #4 to include LCR #14, LCR #438, LCR #440, LCR #441, LCR #444, LCR #1\*. (\*Only use the unpaved roads of LCR #1).**

**22. Tax Assessor-Collector Report as per 31.10 of the Property Tax Code.**

**23. County Auditor Monthly Report and Quarterly Reports**

**24. Monthly County Treasurer Report, Quarterly County Report, Quarterly Investment Report and Public Financial Report**

**25. County Officials' reports.**

**26. Budget Amendments, if any**

**27. Claims**

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

**Adjournment by Presiding Officer**


**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 July 14, 2014 are  
this day approved as submitted.**

**Signed this the 28th day of July, A.D. 2014.**

  
**TRAMER J. WOYTEK, COUNTY JUDGE**

**ACKNOWLEDGED:**

  
**ELIZABETH A. KOUBA, COUNTY CLERK**

