

## MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

### I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **July 8, 2021**.

### II.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Fayette County, Texas, Commissioners Court held in the Commissioners Courtroom (3<sup>rd</sup> floor - Room 303) at the Fayette County Courthouse located at 151 North Washington Street, La Grange, Texas.

### III.

Attendance:

County Judge Joe Weber **Present**

County Commissioner – Precinct No. 1, Jason McBroom **Present**

County Commissioner – Precinct No. 2, Luke Sternadel **Present**

County Commissioner – Precinct No. 3, Harvey Berckenhoff **Present**

County Commissioner – Precinct No. 4, Drew Brossmann **Present**

### IV.

County Officials/County Personnel present during all or any part of the meeting:

**Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk; Cindy Havelka, Auditor; Paul Zapalac, Recycle Supervisor; Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator ; Brenden Gilbreath, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator; Jeremy Castleberry, CIT Investigator-Sheriff Deputy; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Teddy Thomas, Reserve Sheriff Deputy**

### V.

Persons in attendance during all of any part of the meeting:

**“See Attached Exhibit A”.**

### VI.

Meeting opened at **9:00 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Sternadel**, seconded by Commissioner **Brossmann**, votes for **5**, votes against **0**.

### VII.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

“Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”

#### INVOCATION

**AGENDA ACTION:**

- 1. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the following minutes from previous meetings:**

**i. June 24, 2021 – Regular Meeting**

**ACTION: Approved minutes from previous meeting.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. SUBJECT: Open public comments – petitions, requests or statements by the public. Close.**

**ACTION: Opened public hearing.**

**Closed public hearing.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT:**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

3. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the request from La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce to use the exterior of the Courthouse grounds to host a dinner for the Round Top Festival Hill summer students - Sunday, July 11, 2021, from approximately 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**ACTION: Approved the request from La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce to use the exterior of the Courthouse grounds to host a dinner for the Round Top Festival Hill summer students - Sunday, July 11, 2021, from approximately 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY JUDGE Weber.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

4. **SUBJECT: Approve request from Terri Hefner, Elections Administrator, to take necessary steps to establish residence addresses for all businesses located in the Meadows Building in order to ensure that Ballot by Mail ballots are delivered to the Elections office only.**

**ACTION: Approved request from Terri Hefner, Elections Administrator, to take necessary steps to establish residence addresses for all businesses located in the Meadows Building in order to ensure that Ballot by Mail ballots are delivered to the Elections office only.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 4 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_



5. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving Contract between Colorado Valley Communications and Fayette County, Texas on behalf of Elections Office for internet and phone service located at the Meadow Building.**

**ACTION: Approved Contract between Colorado Valley Communications and Fayette County, Texas on behalf of Elections Office for internet and phone service located at the Meadow Building.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 5 Exhibit”.**

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT:

MOVED BY COMMR. **Berckenhoff**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Brossmann**.

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

6. **SUBJECT: Accept, approve and enter into a Grant Agreement between Texas Department of Transportation and Fayette County, Texas on behalf of the Fayette Regional Air Center regarding the Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program.**

**ACTION: Deferred**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 6 Exhibit”.**

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

MOVED BY COMMR. **McBroom**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Sternadel**.

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

7. **SUBJECT: Discussion concerning request from Sanctuary Serengeti seeking an exception to the county ordinance pertaining to the Prohibition of Keeping Wild Animals and take necessary action, if any.**

**ACTION: Approved request from Sanctuary Serengeti seeking an exception to the county ordinance pertaining to the Prohibition of Keeping Wild Animals.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 7 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Chuck Schomburg, Sanctuary Serengeti; Caitlin Schomburg, Sanctuary Serengeti**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

**AMENDED ACTION: Allowing cougars, leopards, & servals.**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

8. **SUBJECT: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action concerning Fayette County Recycling Standard Operating Procedures.**

**ACTION: Approved Fayette County Recycling Standard Operating Procedures.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 8 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Paul Zapalac, Recycle Supervisor; Cassie Austin, Court Coordinator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

9. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in authorizing requests for proposals (RFP) for a consultant to assist with the submission of a grant application and the development of a hazard mitigation plan to TDEM for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program & Development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan through FEMA HMGP DR 4572 and/or DR 4586 grant funds.**

**ACTION: Authorized requests for proposals (RFP) for a consultant to assist with the submission of a grant application and the development of a hazard mitigation plan to TDEM for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program & Development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan through FEMA HMGP DR 4572 and/or DR 4586 grant funds.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_



10. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in signing a resolution to submit the application, appoint the County Judge as the chief executive officer and authorized representative to act in all matters in connection with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMPG) Project and committing the County to provide matching funds to secure and complete the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant appointing an authorized official and committing to the 25% match.**

**ACTION: Signed a resolution to submit the application, appoint the County Judge as the chief executive officer and authorized representative to act in all matters in connection with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMPG) Project and committing the County to provide matching funds to secure and complete the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant appointing an authorized official and committing to the 25% match.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 10 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

11. **SUBJECT: Hear report from Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator.**

**ACTION: Accepted report from Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 11 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Craig Moreau, Emergency Management Coordinator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

12. **SUBJECT: Reset the auction date for the truss bridge located at Haw Creek over Cummins Creek and authorize a notice to be placed in the local newspaper.**

**ACTION: Reset the auction date to August 2, 2021 for the truss bridge located at Haw Creek over Cummins Creek and Authorized a notice to be placed in the local newspaper.**

**Designated Commissioner Sternadel to hold the auction.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 12 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_



13. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding an extension to the COVID-19 employee leave.**

**ACTION: Deferred.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 13 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, Auditor**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

14. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge the new service drop plans of Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc (CVTC) to install new buried fiber optic cables and copper cables within the corridors of the following road(s): Warda Church Rd, Cottonwood Rd (Precinct 1), Halamicek Loop (Precinct 2).**

**ACTION: Acknowledged the new service drop plans of Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc (CVTC) to install new buried fiber optic cables and copper cables within the corridors of the following road(s): Warda Church Rd, Cottonwood Rd (Precinct 1), Halamicek Loop (Precinct 2).**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 14 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT:**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

15. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on bid of property not sold at Sheriff's Sale – Cause No. 3530 - La Grange ISD.**

**ACTION: Accepted the bid on property not sold at Sheriff's Sale – Cause No. 3530 - La Grange ISD.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 15 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

16. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on bids of property not sold at Sheriff's Sale – Cause No. 2122 - La Grange ISD.**

**ACTION: Accepted bids of property not sold at Sheriff's Sale – Cause No. 2122 - La Grange ISD.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 16 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

17. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on bids of property not sold at Sheriff's Sale – Cause No. 3501 - La Grange ISD.**

**ACTION: Accepted bids of property not sold at Sheriff's Sale – Cause No. 3501 - La Grange ISD.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 17 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

18. **SUBJECT: Authorize Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk, to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual County & District Clerks' Association of Texas Fall Conference September 8-10, 2021, in Round Rock, Texas.**

**ACTION: Authorized Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk, to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual County & District Clerks' Association of Texas Fall Conference September 8-10, 2021, in Round Rock, Texas.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_



19. **SUBJECT:** Consider and take appropriate action accepting and possibly awarding bids for Lease Purchase Financing for the purchase of 2021 John Deere 670G Maintainer and 2019 Bomag Pad Foot Drum Roller with Trade In of 1981 Cat Motorgrader for Precinct NO. 3.

**ACTION:** Accepted bids for Lease Purchase Financing for the purchase of 2021 John Deere 670G Maintainer and 2019 Bomag Pad Foot Drum Roller with Trade In of 1981 Cat Motorgrader for Precinct NO. 3.

Awarded bid to Carmine State Bank for Lease Purchase Financing for the purchase of 2021 John Deere 670G Maintainer and 2019 Bomag Pad Foot Drum Roller with Trade In of 1981 Cat Motorgrader for Precinct NO. 3.

“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 19 Exhibit”.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Cindy Havelka, Auditor**

MOVED BY COMMR. **Berckenhoff**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Brossmann**.

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

20. **SUBJECT:** Consider and take appropriate action accepting and possibly awarding bids for the 2021 Sheriff’s Vehicle.

**ACTION:** Accepted bids for the 2021 Sheriff’s Vehicle.

Awarded bid to Oviedo Chevrolet GMC.

“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 20 Exhibit”.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Cindy Havelka, Auditor**

MOVED BY COMMR. **McBroom**, SECONDED BY COMMR. **Sternadel**.

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

21. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action approving any Salary changes, if any for the period of May 24, 2021 to June 26, 2021.**

**ACTION: Approved Salary changes for the period of May 24, 2021 to June 26, 2021.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 21 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, Auditor**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

22. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning approving the payment of currently due Fayette County bills and expenses.**

**ACTION: Approved the payment of currently due Fayette County bills and expenses.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 22 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, Auditor**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

23. **SUBJECT: Budget Workshop.**

**ACTION: Accepted all comments on the 2022 Budget Workshop.**

**“See attached hereto marked Agenda Action 23 Exhibit”.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, Auditor; Paul Zapalac, Recycle Supervisor; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk**

**MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff.**

Commr. McBroom, vote for X vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Sternadel, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

Commr. Brossmann, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_


Judge Weber, vote for X, vote against \_\_\_\_\_




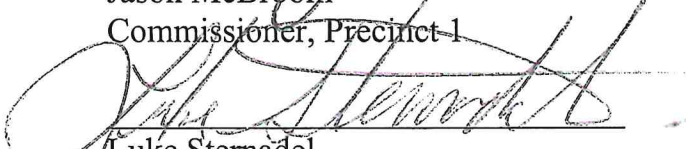
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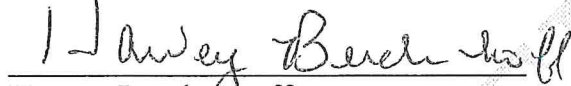
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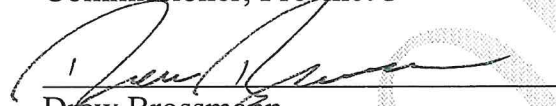
APPROVED this 22nd day of July, 2021.

  
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Joseph Weber  
Fayette County Judge

  
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Jason McBroom  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
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Luke Sternadel  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
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Harvey Berckenhoff  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
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Drew Brossmann  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

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Brenda Fietsam  
County Clerk

