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## MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

### I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **April 11, 2024**.

### 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 Dan Mueller **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; Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1;**  
**Terri Hefner, Elections Administrator; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor;**  
**David Beyer, Lt. Deputy Sheriff; Debra Maddox, Airport Manager;**  
**Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;**  
**Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Gary Daniels, Assistant EMS Director;**  
**Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator;**  
**Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Jeff Steinhauser, District Judge**

### V.

Persons in attendance during all of any part of the meeting:  
**See Attached Exhibit A**

### VI.

#### INVOCATION

#### 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.”

### VII.

Meeting opened at **9:03 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**, seconded by Commissioner **Berckenhoff**, votes for **5**, votes against **0**.

**AGENDA ACTION:**

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

- i. **March 28, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

**ACTION: Approved minutes from the March 28, 2024 Regular Meeting.**

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

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom**

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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ACTION: Opened Public Comments.**

**Accepted All Public Comments.**

**Closed Public Comments.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Drew Brossmann; Commissioner Jason McBroom**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

3. **SUBJECT: Open and hold public hearing to consider and accept comments, both written and oral, from members of the public concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Road: Stryk Road (Precinct 3).**

**ACTION: Opened and Held Public Hearing to consider and accept comments, both written and oral, from members of the public concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Road: Stryk Road (Precinct 3).  
Accepted All Comments.  
Closed Public Hearing.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Harvey Berckenhoff**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

4. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in making a finding and determination that the prima facie speed limit concerning the following named roads is unreasonable or unsafe, and in making and in signing four orders concerning an appropriate speed limit for each of the following County Roads: Stryk Road (Precinct 3).**

**ACTION: Determined that the prima facie speed limit concerning Stryk Road (Precinct 3) is unreasonable or unsafe; and**

**Signed an order to set the speed limit at 40 mph.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Harvey Berckenhoff**

**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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

5. **SUBJECT: Review and approve the Fayette County Elections Office Continuity of Operations Plan.**

**ACTION: Approved the Fayette County Elections Office Continuity of Operations Plan.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 5 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

6. **SUBJECT:** Consider and take appropriate action concerning the final approval stage for Central Texas Developments LLC regarding a platted subdivision Round Top Springs Subdivision; BEFCO Engineering, Inc., having issued a letter of substantial completion dated April 2, 2024; Central Texas Developments LLC being responsible for the maintenance of Round Top Springs Drive for one year until April 2, 2025, at which time the road may be accepted for county maintenance into the county road system.

**ACTION:** Approved final approval stage for Central Texas Developments LLC regarding a platted subdivision Round Top Springs Subdivision; BEFCO Engineering, Inc., having issued a letter of substantial completion dated April 2, 2024; Central Texas Developments LLC being responsible for the maintenance of Round Top Springs Drive for one year until April 2, 2025, at which time the road may be accepted for county maintenance into the county road system.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT:** Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting

**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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

7. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the preliminary Plat for Round Top Reserve subdivision from Brad Carter.**

**ACTION: Approved the preliminary Plat for Round Top Reserve subdivision from Brad Carter.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting; Courtney Just, Quiddity Engineering**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

8. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the following applications requesting the division of real property: Anna DeWitt located in Precinct 3; Ryan Pope located in Precinct 4.**

**ACTION: Approved application requesting the division of real property by Anna DeWitt located in Precinct 3; and**

**Tabled application requesting the division of real property by Ryan Pope located in Precinct 4 until the next scheduled meeting on April 25, 2024.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; William Bernsen**

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

**9. SUBJECT: Hear monthly report from Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting.**

**ACTION: Accepted monthly report from Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

**10. SUBJECT: Hear report from Josh Vandever, EMS Director.**

**ACTION: Accepted report from Josh Vandever, EMS Director.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Gary Daniels, Assistant EMS Director**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_



11. **SUBJECT: Update procurement policy Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action in approving changes made to the Fayette County Grant Procurement Policy.**

**ACTION: Approved changes made to the Fayette County Grant Procurement Policy as highlighted on #9, page 2.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

12. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action in approving lease agreements for Fayette County Regional Airport for hangers # 3 and # 4, for Matt Reyner and Bonette Bouth.**

**ACTION: Failed to approve lease agreements for Fayette County Regional Airport for hangers # 3 and # 4, for Matt Reyner and Bonette Bouth.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Debra Maddox, Airport Manager**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel**

Commr. McBroom, **Abstained**

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

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

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

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

13. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action in signing an Order Declaring the Knights of Columbus Hall as a District Court Auxiliary Branch location, and approving a lease agreement regarding the same.**

**ACTION: Approved signing an Order Declaring the Knights of Columbus Hall as a District Court Auxiliary Branch location; and**

**Approved a lease agreement regarding the same.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 13 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk; Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1**

**MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

14. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in authorizing funds to be expended from the County Attorney’s Office Forfeiture Funds to purchase Public Safety Equipment Tool Kits for all Sheriff’s Office deputies to be utilized for use in the performance of their duties and calls for assistance.**

**ACTION: Authorized funds to be expended from the County Attorney’s Office Forfeiture Funds to purchase Public Safety Equipment Tool Kits for all Sheriff’s Office deputies to be utilized for use in the performance of their duties and calls for assistance.**

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 14 Exhibit”

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney**

**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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

15. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge the fiber upgrades and 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): Vival Rd (Precinct 4).**

**ACTION: Acknowledged the fiber upgrades and 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: Vival Rd (Precinct 4).**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 15 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **None**

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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

16. **SUBJECT: Authorize the following class requests: Drug Interdiction Sergeant Randy Thumann to attend the 2024 Gulf Coast HIDTA Intelligence Led Proactive Policing conference April 16-17, 2024 in Biloxi, Mississippi to receive an award, to be paid out of Sheriff Forfeiture fund; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk and Sandra Mendel, Probate Clerk to attend the 2024 Texas Association of Counties Probate Academy May 8 -10, 2024 in Galveston; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator, to attend the TDEM Conference May 28-31, 2024 in Fort Worth; Jamie Moreau, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, to attend the Cause and Manner of Death Workshop May 19-21, 2024 in San Marcos.**

**ACTION: Authorized the following class requests: Drug Interdiction Sergeant Randy Thumann to attend the 2024 Gulf Coast HIDTA Intelligence Led Proactive Policing conference April 16-17, 2024 in Biloxi, Mississippi to receive an award, to be paid out of Sheriff Forfeiture fund; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk and Sandra Mendel, Probate Clerk to attend the 2024 Texas Association of Counties Probate Academy May 8 -10, 2024 in Galveston; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator, to attend the TDEM Conference May 28-31, 2024 in Fort Worth; Jamie Moreau, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, to attend the Cause and Manner of Death Workshop May 19-21, 2024 in San Marcos.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

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

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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

17. **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 17 Exhibit"

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

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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

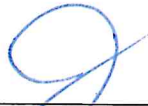
VIII.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m., April 11, 2024, on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**, seconded by Commissioner **Berckenhoff**, votes for 5, votes against 0.

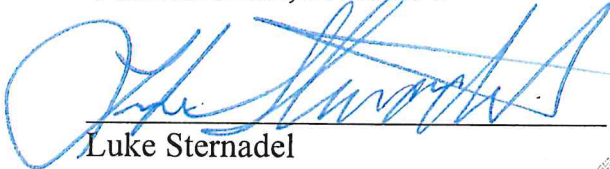
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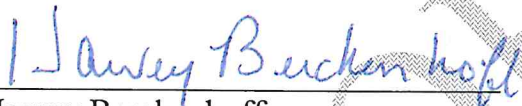
Dan Mueller  
Fayette County Judge



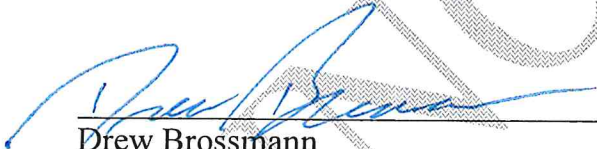
Jason McBroom  
Commissioner, Precinct 1



Luke Sternadel  
Commissioner, Precinct 2



Harvey Berckenhoff  
Commissioner, Precinct 3



Drew Brossmann  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:



Brenda Fietsam  
County Clerk

Commissioners Court April 11, 2024

