

## MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

### I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **August 12, 2024**.

### II.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of Fayette County, Texas, Commissioners Court held in the District Courtroom (2<sup>nd</sup> floor ) 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; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator;**  
**Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney;**  
**Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Paula Lewellen, Human Resources Manager;**  
**Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Josh Vandever, EMS Director;**  
**Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator**

### 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 **9:33 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Berckenhoff**,  
seconded by Commissioner **Brossmann**, votes for **5**, votes against **0**.

**AGENDA ACTION:**

1. **SUBJECT: Discussion concerning proposed highway 77 bypass and take any action the Court deems necessary.**

**ACTION: Approved and Signed Resolution stating opposition to proposed highway 77 bypass.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 1 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Geoffrey Stait; Mike Pechal; William Bernsen; Greg Schenck; Robert Smith; Clara Smith; Kathy Schenck; Jacob Aswad; Kenneth Hausmann; Ben Bohuslav; Patrick McClaugherty; Joel Hebert; Richard Copeland; Ken Taylor; Larry Gunn; Donnie Dippel; Pete Hausmann; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Break at 10:21 a.m.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Reconvened at 10:33 a.m.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. SUBJECT: Budget Workshop.**

**ACTION: Opened Budget Workshop for 2025.  
Accepted all comments of the 2025 Budget Workshop.  
Closed Budget Workshop.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 2 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff; William Bernsen**

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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

**3. SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving updated proposed salaries, expenses, and allowances of elected county and precinct officers for the year 2025.**

**ACTION: Approved updated proposed salaries, expenses, and allowances of elected county and precinct officers for the year 2025.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 3 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

4. **SUBJECT: Discuss and propose the 2024 Tax Rate, and if necessary, schedule public hearing(s) and authorize notices to be placed in the newspaper.**

**ACTION: Placed a proposal on an agenda of a future meeting to adopt a specific tax rate for Fayette County, of \$0.41189 per \$100 of taxable value;**

**Set the dates and times of the public hearings on the proposed budget and proposed tax rate as follows: August 29, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for the budget hearing and September 12, 2024 at 9:00 am for the tax rate hearing; and**

**Authorized the publishing of notice in the newspaper concerning the proposed tax rate and the budget public hearing.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County 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 Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

5. **SUBJECT: Authorize the following class requests: Angela Hahn, EMC & Grants Specialist, to attend the Texas Division of Emergency Management Public Information Basics Class August 19-21, 2024 in New Braunfels.**

**ACTION: Authorized the following class requests: Angela Hahn, EMC & Grants Specialist, to attend the Texas Division of Emergency Management Public Information Basics Class August 19-21, 2024 in New Braunfels.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

VIII.

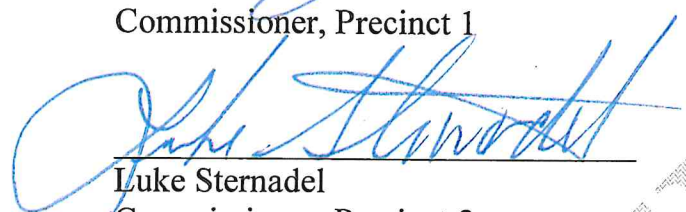
Meeting adjourned at **10:50 a.m., August 12, 2024**, on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**, seconded by Commissioner **Berckenhoff**, votes for **5**, votes against **0**.

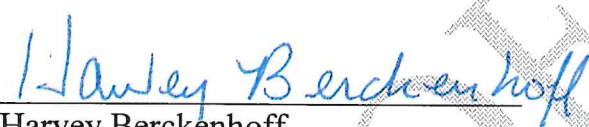
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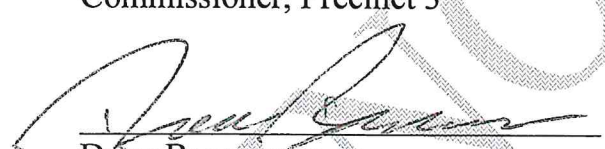


Dan Mueller  
Fayette County Judge

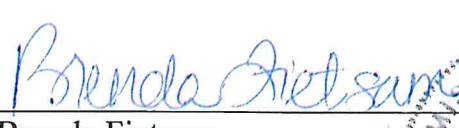
  
Jason McBroom  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
Luke Sternadel  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
Harvey Berckenhoff  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
Drew Brossmann  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Fietsam  
County Clerk



Commissioners Court August 12, 2024