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## MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

### I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **December 28, 2023**.

### 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; Robert Chambers, Constable Precinct 3;**  
**Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1; Cindy Novak, Assistant County Auditor;**  
**Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator;**  
**Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Paula Lewellen, Human Resources Manager;**  
**Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;**  
**Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Zachary Velasquez, Juvenile Probation**

### 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 **9:00 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. December 14, 2023 – Regular Meeting**

**ACTION: Approved Minutes from the December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting.**

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

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

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

**ACTION: Opened Public Comments.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

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

**ACTION: Closed Public Comments.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

**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 concerning the following applications requesting the division of real property: Gary and Linda Franks located in Precinct 3.**

**ACTION: Accepted application requesting the division of real property: Gary and Linda Franks located in Precinct 3.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 3 Exhibit"

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

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

4. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning approving the final plat for Phase 3 of Compound Lane regarding a platted subdivision named The Compound.**

**ACTION: Deferred to a future meeting.**

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

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

5. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the Road Construction Bond for Phase 3 of Compound Lane.**

**ACTION: Deferred to a future meeting.**

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

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

6. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning entering into a Contract with Weishuhn Engineering, Inc., for engineering services for the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) Regional Mitigation Program.**

**ACTION: Entered into a Contract with Weishuhn Engineering, Inc., for engineering services for the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) Regional Mitigation Program.**

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 6 Exhibit”

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

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

7. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in accepting and possibly awarding demolition bids for 845 Country Club Drive and 901 Country Club Drive.**

**ACTION: Deferred to a future meeting.**

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

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

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

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Josh Vandever, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

9. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action by adopting and signing a Resolution for the replacement or rehabilitation of a County bridge that is "off the state system", concerning the following Federal Off- System Bridge Program Project: Freyburg-Engle Road over Rocky Creek (Precinct 3).**

**ACTION: Adopted and Signed a Resolution for the replacement or rehabilitation of a County bridge that is "off the state system", concerning the following Federal Off-System Bridge Program Project: Freyburg-Engle Road over Rocky Creek (Precinct 3).**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

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

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

10. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the request from Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc., to bore under Klesel Road (Precinct 4), to extend service to the County Reserve subdivision.**

**ACTION: Approved the request from Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc., to bore under Klesel Road (Precinct 4), to extend service to the County Reserve subdivision.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Drew Brossmann**

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

11. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on a request submitted by the City of La Grange from SBA Investment Group, Inc to subdivide their two lots located on Hwy 71 & Von Minden Rd, currently Lot 1 – 4.551 acres & Lot 2 – 2.941 acres into Lot 1 – 5.244 acres & Lot 2 – 2.248 acres, said property lies within a 200’ radius of Fayette County property.**

**ACTION: Approved a request submitted by the City of La Grange from SBA Investment Group, Inc to subdivide their two lots located on Hwy 71 & Von Minden Rd, currently Lot 1 – 4.551 acres & Lot 2 – 2.941 acres into Lot 1 – 5.244 acres & Lot 2 – 2.248 acres, said property lies within a 200’ radius of Fayette County property.**

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 11 Exhibit”

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

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

12. **SUBJECT: Approve and sign an Order Designating Day of Week and Location of Regular Terms, and Setting Schedule of Fayette County Commissioners Court Regular Meetings for 2024.**

**ACTION: Approved and Signed an Order Designating Day of Week and Location of Regular Terms, and Setting Schedule of Fayette County Commissioners Court Regular Meetings for 2024.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 12 Exhibit"

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

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

13. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement for Detention Services with Lee County.**

**ACTION: Approved the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement for Detention Services with Lee County.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 13 Exhibit"

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

**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: Approve the following Juvenile contracts and agreements (*approved at Juvenile Board Meeting December 8, 2023*).**

- i. Secure Short-Term Detention of Juvenile Offenders with Rockdale Youth Academy**
- ii. Non-Residential Services with Gilliland Behavioral Health, PLLC**
- iii. Audit engagement letter with Trlicek & Co., P.C**

**ACTION: Approved the following Juvenile contracts and agreements (*approved at Juvenile Board Meeting December 8, 2023*).**

- i. Secure Short-Term Detention of Juvenile Offenders with Rockdale Youth Academy**
- ii. Non-Residential Services with Gilliland Behavioral Health, PLLC**
- iii. Audit engagement letter with Trlicek & Co., P.C**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 14 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Zachary Velasquez, Juvenile Probation**

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

15. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in giving two dispatchers the 5% Raise on their current salaries that were adjusted after the budget was approved. The raises were calculated at their old salary.**

**ACTION: Approved giving two dispatchers the 5% Raise on their current salaries that were adjusted after the budget was approved, using funds available in the Sheriff's budget. The raises were calculated at their old salary.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Paula Lewellen, Human Resources Manager**

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

16. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning request by County Judge to use unused salary from Department 101-401-1127 Commissioners Court salary – coordinators in the amount of \$2,708.52 to give a 7% salary raise to Department 101-402 Permitting and Inspections.**

**ACTION: No Action.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Judge Dan Mueller; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator**

**MOVED BY COMMR. \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY COMMR. \_\_\_\_\_**  
Commr. McBroom, vote for \_\_\_\_\_, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Sternadel, vote for \_\_\_\_\_, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for \_\_\_\_\_, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Commr. Brossmann, vote for \_\_\_\_\_, vote against \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Mueller, vote for \_\_\_\_\_, vote against \_\_\_\_\_

17. **SUBJECT: Authorize the following class requests: Jason Strickland, Constable Precinct 4, to attend 20 Hour Civil Process Seminar – January 28-31, 2024, in Corpus Christi.**

**ACTION: Authorized the following class request: Jason Strickland, Constable Precinct 4, to attend 20 Hour Civil Process Seminar – January 28-31, 2024, in Corpus Christi.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

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

18. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the agreement with Dewitt Poth & Son, Inc. for supplies and maintenance for the Tax Assessor/Collector copier.**

**ACTION: Approved the agreement with Dewitt Poth & Son, Inc. for supplies and maintenance for the Tax Assessor/Collector copier.**

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 18 Exhibit”

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

19. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action by approving the Grant FY2024 Routine Airport Maintenance Program between Fayette County, Texas, on behalf of the Fayette Regional Air Center, and the Texas Department of Transportation.**

**ACTION: Approved the Grant FY2024 Routine Airport Maintenance Program between Fayette County, Texas, on behalf of the Fayette Regional Air Center, and the Texas Department of Transportation.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 19 Exhibit"

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Novak, Assistant County Auditor**

**MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

20. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving an additional full time position for the Auditor's Office, with 2024 available funds.**

**ACTION: No Action.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None**

**MOVED BY COMMR. \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY COMMR. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

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

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

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

**21. SUBJECT: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action in appointing County Judge Pro-Tem for 2024.**

**ACTION: Appointed Commissioner Jason McBroom County Judge Pro-Tem for 2024.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Novak, Assistant 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 \_\_\_\_\_

VIII.

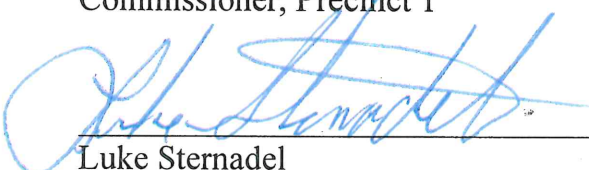
Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m., December 28, 2023, on motion by Commissioner Brossmann, seconded by Commissioner Berckenhoff, votes for 5, votes against 0.

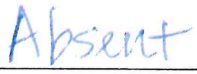
APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.



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

