

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I.

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

II.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Fayette County, Texas, Commissioners Court held in the Commissioners Courtroom (3rd 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 **Absent**
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, County Auditor;
Paul Zapalac, Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace; Debra Maddox, Airport Manager;
Clint Sternadel, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;
Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney;
Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator;
Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1

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 **9:01 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Brossmann**,
seconded by Commissioner **McBroom**, votes for **4**, votes against **0**.

AGENDA ACTION:

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

i. December 28, 2023 – Regular Meeting

ACTION: Approved minutes from the December 28, 2023 Regular Meeting.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk

MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

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 Public Comments from Mark Elvig and Rodney Read.

Closed Public Comments.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Mark Elvig; Rodney Read

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

3. **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 3 Exhibit"

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

MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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

**ACTION: Accepted all demolition bids for 854 Country Club Drive and 901 Country Club Drive.
Awarded bid to Straight Line Svc., LLC.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"

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

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

5. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in entering into an Agreement for Engineering Services with BEFCO Engineering, Inc., to provide engineering services for Fayette County Master Drainage Plan, FEMA HMGP, DR-4332, Hurricane Harvey, FEMA Project No. 4332-0153.**

ACTION: Entered into an Agreement for Engineering Services with BEFCO Engineering, Inc., to provide engineering services for Fayette County Master Drainage Plan, FEMA HMGP, DR-4332, Hurricane Harvey, FEMA Project No. 4332-0153.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 5 Exhibit"

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

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

6. **SUBJECT: Hear report from Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator & Grant Specialist.**

ACTION: Accepted report from Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator & Grant Specialist.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

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

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

7. **SUBJECT: Approve Fayette County EMS Provider License Renewal packet to be submitted to Texas Department of State Health Services and authorize the County Judge and EMS Director to sign all necessary paperwork.**

ACTION: Approved Fayette County EMS Provider License Renewal packet to be submitted to Texas Department of State Health Services; and

Authorized the County Judge and EMS Director to sign all necessary paperwork.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Josh Vandever, EMS Director; 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, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

8. **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: Gebhard Road over Haw Creek (Precinct 2).**

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: Gebhard Road over Haw Creek (Precinct 2).

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Luke Sternadel

MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

9. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge the fiber upgrade 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): Prihoda Rd, Minarcik Rd, Kovar Rd (two sections) (Precinct 2), Engle Cutoff Ln, Freyburg Engle Rd (Precinct 3), and Hranicky Rd (Precinct 4).**

ACTION: Acknowledged the fiber upgrade 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): Prihoda Rd, Minarcik Rd, Kovar Rd (two sections) (Precinct 2), Engle Cutoff Ln, Freyburg Engle Rd (Precinct 3), and Hranicky Rd (Precinct 4).

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

10. **SUBJECT:** Authorize the following class requests: Paul Zapalac, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, to attend the Justice of the Peace Civil Training Seminar April 17-19, 2024, in Austin; Cheryl Treybig, Clerk JP, to attend the Experienced Court Personnel Training seminar February 26-28, 2024 in Galveston; Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Manager, to attend the 36th Annual Texas Floodplain Management Association Conference March 19-22, 2024 in San Antonio; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator, to attend the County Court Assistants Training Conference February 14-16, 2024 in San Marcos; County Judge and Commissioners to attend the V.G. Young Institute of County Government School for Commissioners Court February 20-22, 2024 in Bryan.

ACTION: Authorized the following class requests: Paul Zapalac, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, to attend the Justice of the Peace Civil Training Seminar April 17-19, 2024, in Austin; Cheryl Treybig, Clerk JP, to attend the Experienced Court Personnel Training seminar February 26-28, 2024 in Galveston; Amber Hielscher, Floodplain Manager, to attend the 36th Annual Texas Floodplain Management Association Conference March 19-22, 2024 in San Antonio; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator, to attend the County Court Assistants Training Conference February 14-16, 2024 in San Marcos; County Judge and Commissioners to attend the V.G. Young Institute of County Government School for Commissioners Court February 20-22, 2024 in Bryan.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None

MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. Sternadel

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Berkenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

11. **SUBJECT: Authorize Debra Maddox, Airport Manager, to advertise for bids for the budgeted runway hump repair at Fayette Regional Air Center Airport.**

ACTION: Authorized Debra Maddox, Airport Manager, to advertise for bids for the budgeted runway hump repair at Fayette Regional Air Center Airport.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Debra Maddox, Airport Manager

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

12. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action in possibly entering in to a mineral lease with Tidal Petroleum, Inc. for mineral rights owned by Fayette County located under Pine Springs Cemetery.**

ACTION: Deferred to next scheduled meeting.

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

MOVED BY JUDGE Mueller, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Sternadel, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Commr. Berckenhoff, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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

ACTION: Amended the effective and expiration date on 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, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

14. **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 14 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, **Absent**

Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____

Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

VIII.

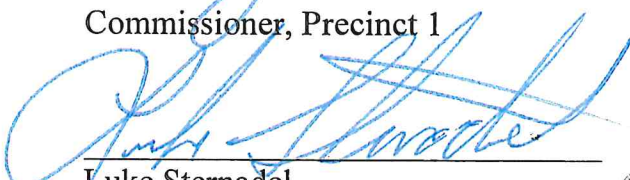
Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m., January 11, 2024, on motion by Commissioner McBroom, seconded by Commissioner Brossmann, votes for 4, votes against 0.


APPROVED this 25th 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

