

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **June 26, 2025**.

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, Clint Sternadel **Absent**
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; Donna Macik, Elections Administrator;
David Beyer, Lieutenant; Keith Korenek, Sheriff; Billy Roensch, Constable Precinct 1;
Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator;
Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Kelly Blackwell, Floodplain Manager;
Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff;
Randy Thumann, Sergeant; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager;
Cindy Havelka, County Auditor

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 **4**, votes against **0**.

AGENDA ACTION:

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

- i. **June 12, 2025 – Regular Meeting**
- ii. **June 16, 2025 – Special Meeting**

ACTION: Approved Minutes from the June 12, 2025 Regular Meeting and the June 16, 2025 Special Meeting.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk

MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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, **Absent**

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

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

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

**ACTION: Accepted all Public Comments.
Closed Public Comments.**

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Rodney Read, Ledbetter Fire Department

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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 Roads: West Parker Rd, Salem-Freyburg Rd and Farek-Loth Rd (Precinct 3). Accept comments and close public hearing.**

ACTION: Opened and Held Public Hearing concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Roads: West Parker Rd, Salem-Freyburg Rd and Farek-Loth Rd (Precinct 3).

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, **Absent**
Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

**ACTION: Accepted all Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.**

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None

MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff
Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**
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 an order concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Roads: West Parker Rd, Salem-Freyburg Rd and Farek-Loth Rd (Precinct 3).**

ACTION: Found and Determined that the prima facie speed limit concerning West Parker Rd, Salem-Freyburg Rd and Farek-Loth Rd (Precinct 3) is unreasonable or unsafe; and

Signed 3 orders setting the speed limit at 40 mph for each road.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Harvey Berckenhoff; Sheriff Keith Korenek

MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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 final plat for Brudder's LLC of the Bubela Subdivision located in Precinct 4.**

ACTION: Approved the Final Plat for Brudder's LLC of the Bubela Subdivision located in Precinct 4.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 5 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, **Absent**

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 following applications requesting the division of real property: John Larson located in Precinct 3.**

ACTION: Approved Application requesting the division of real property: John Larson located in Precinct 3.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator

MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann
Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**
Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

7. **SUBJECT: Approve Applications for Pipeline Public Road Bored Crossing Permits, submitted by ET Gathering & Processing LLC, for said pipelines to cross under Meiners Road and Schuster Road (Precinct 2), all public county roads located in Fayette County, Texas.**

ACTION: Approved Applications for Pipeline Public Road Bored Crossing Permits, submitted by ET Gathering & Processing LLC, for said pipelines to cross under Meiners Road and Schuster Road (Precinct 2), all public county roads located in Fayette County, Texas.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cassie Austin, Court Administrator

MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann
Commr. McBroom, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**
Commr. Berckenhoff, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

8. **SUBJECT:** Accept and approve the written plan of Housley Group, on behalf of Frontier Communications, to install a new buried fiber line upon and along the right-of-ways of Babylon Ln, Lloyd Ln, Frank Vacek Ln, Humplik Ln, Bilimek Rd, Oakland Rd, and Klesel Rd (Precinct 4) with Housley Group, on behalf of Frontier Communications, being required to be responsible for repairs, and/or being required to make repairs, of direct or collateral damage, if any, caused by Housley Group, on behalf of Frontier Communications, and/or its contractors, to the preceding road, and to other utilities utilizing the public right-of-ways.

ACTION: Accepted and Approved the written Plan of Housley Group, on behalf of Frontier Communications, to install a new buried fiber line upon and along the right-of-ways of Babylon Lane, Lloyd Lane, Frank Vacek Lane, Humplik Lane, Bilimek Road, Oakland Road, and Klesel Road (Precinct 4) with Housley Group, on behalf of Frontier Communications, being required to be responsible for repairs, and/or being required to make repairs, of direct or collateral damage, if any, caused by Housley Group, on behalf of Frontier Communications, and/or its contractors, to the preceding road, and to other utilities utilizing the public right-of-ways; including Vacek Loop in Precinct 4.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Drew Brossmann

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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

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

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

9. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge the fiber 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): Rabbs Prairie Rd, Kirkham Rd (Precinct 1), Schuster Rd, Round Top Rd (Precinct 2), Wolters Rd, and Berger Rd (Precinct 4).**

ACTION: Acknowledged the Fiber 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): Rabbs Prairie Road, Kirkham Road (Precinct 1), Schuster Road, Round Top Road (Precinct 2), Wolters Road, and Berger Road (Precinct 4).

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: None

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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 on going out for bids for the construction of a new bridge located in Precinct 2, and allowing the Auditor to publish in the newspaper, the bridge will be located on Minarcik Road.**

ACTION: Approved going out for Bids for the construction of a new bridge located on Minarcik Road in Precinct 2; and

Allowed the Auditor to publish in the newspaper.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator

MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. Brossmann

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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 concerning the Membership transfer for the Muldoon Park with Fayette Water Supply Corporation.**

ACTION: Approved the Membership Transfer to Fayette County for the Muldoon Park with Fayette Water Supply Corporation.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney

MOVED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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

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

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

12. **SUBJECT: Discuss and possibly approve a local disaster declaration pertaining to illegal immigration.**

ACTION: Approved a Local Disaster Declaration pertaining to illegal immigration.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 12 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator; Sergeant Randy Thumann; Sheriff Keith Korenek

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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

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

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

13. **SUBJECT: Authorize the following class requests: Donna Macik, Elections Administrator, Bernice Svec and Gale Mersiovsky, Elections Assistants, to attend the Secretary of State Seminar in San Marcos on July 14-15, 2025.**

ACTION: Authorized the following Class Requests: Donna Macik, Elections Administrator, Bernice Svec and Gale Mersiovsky, Elections Assistants, to attend the Secretary of State Seminar in San Marcos on July 14-15, 2025.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Donna Macik, Elections Administrator; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, SECONDED BY COMMR. McBroom

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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 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. Berckenhoff

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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 concerning renewal of Fayette County Employee Health, Dental & Vision Insurance for 2025 – 2026.**

ACTION: Approved the Renewal of Fayette County Employee Health, Dental & Vision Insurance for 2025 – 2026 as presented in the packet from the County Auditor's Office.

SUMMARY:

- **HRA 410 Plan:** Kept the current setup with a \$2,500 contribution from the County. This plan is now offered as the Buy-Up plan option.
- **PPO Plan:** This is now the Base plan. It was changed from the NG-1300 to the NG-1500 plan option, increasing the deductible from \$1,500 to \$2,500.
- **Premium:** Employee premiums were adjusted so that the cost is the same for each dependent coverage for both the Base and Buy-Up plans. This resulted in a variable increase across all options.
- **Dental Plan:** Plan stayed the same. Incurred a rate increase which is being adjusted accordingly for the County portion and applying the remaining increase to the employee-paid premium.
- **Vision Plan:** No changes to the plan or rates.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 15 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager; Clarissa Messinger, Texas Association of Counties

MOVED BY COMMR. McBroom, SECONDED BY COMMR. Berckenhoff

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

Commr. Sternadel, **Absent**

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 9:44 a.m., June 26, 2025, on motion by Commissioner Brossmann, seconded by Commissioner Berckenhoff, votes for 4, votes against 0.

APPROVED this 10th day of July, 2025.

Dan Mueller

Dan Mueller
Fayette County Judge

Jason McBroom

Jason McBroom
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Clint Sternadel

Clint Sternadel
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Harvey Berckenhoff

Harvey Berckenhoff
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Absent

Drew Brossmann
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Brenda Fietsam

Brenda Fietsam
County Clerk

Commissioners Court June 26, 2025