

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **January 22, 2026**.

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 **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; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator;
Donna Macik, Elections Administrator; Kelly Blackwell, Floodplain Manager;
Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;
Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Josh Vandever, EMS Director;
Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator;
Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney

V.

Persons in attendance during all or 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. January 8, 2026 – Regular Meeting

ACTION: Approved Minutes from the January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk

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 _____

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

ACTION: Opened Public Comments.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator

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 _____

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

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom; Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator

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 _____

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: Dozier Road (Precinct 3). Accept comments and close public hearing.**

ACTION: Opened and Held Public Hearing concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Road: Dozier Road (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, 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: Accepted All Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.**

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Harvey Berckenhoff

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: Consider and take appropriate action in making a finding and determination that the prima facie speed limit concerning the following named road is unreasonable or unsafe, and in making and in signing an order concerning an appropriate speed limit for the following County Road: Dozier Road (Precinct 3).**

**ACTION: Found and Determined that the Prima Facie Speed Limit concerning Dozier Road (Precinct 3) is unreasonable or unsafe; and
Signed an Order to set the speed limit at 35 mph.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 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 _____

5. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the following applications requesting the division of real property: Debbie Goedhart located in Precinct 2.**

ACTION: Approved Application requesting the division of real property: Debbie Goedhart located in Precinct 2.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 5 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting

MOVED BY COMMR. Sternadel, 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 _____

6. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action concerning the following applications requesting the division of real property: DOR Holdings, LLC located in Precinct 2.**

ACTION: Approved Application requesting the division of real property: DOR Holdings, LLC located in Precinct 2.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, 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: Hear monthly report from Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting regarding permits issued, completed inspections and divisions of property.**

ACTION: Accepted monthly Report from Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting regarding permits issued, completed inspections and divisions of property.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting

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 _____

8. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge Kelly Blackwell's Certified Floodplain Manager Certificate.**

ACTION: Acknowledged Kelly Blackwell's Certified Floodplain Manager Certificate.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 8 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Kelly Blackwell, Floodplain Manager; Amber Hielscher, 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 _____

9. **SUBJECT: Hear report from Donna Macik, Elections Administrator regarding replacement of presiding and alternates judges, Secretary of State website, voter registration cards and upcoming elections.**

ACTION: Accepted Report from Donna Macik, Elections Administrator regarding replacement of presiding and alternates judges, Secretary of State website, voter registration cards and upcoming elections.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 9 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Donna Macik, Elections Administrator

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, 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: Hear report from Fayette County Sheriff's Office regarding 4th quarter statistics of arrests, traffic stops and call volume.**

ACTION: Accepted Report from Fayette County Sheriff's Office regarding 4th quarter statistics of arrests, traffic stops and call volume.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff

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 _____

11. **SUBJECT: Hear report from Josh Vandever, EMS Director, regarding billing, financials and operations.**

ACTION: Accepted Report from Josh Vandever, EMS Director, regarding billing, financials and operations.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 Exhibit"

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

12. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action in approving and entering into an education reimbursement agreement with Maddi Welch, a Fayette County EMS employee, and recognizing Colorado Valley Communications for their contribution to this employee’s education.**

ACTION: Approved and Entered into an education reimbursement Agreement with Madeleine Welch, a Fayette County EMS employee, and Recognized Colorado Valley Communications for their contribution to this employee’s education.

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 12 Exhibit”

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Karen Gunkel, Colorado Valley Communications

MOVED BY COMMR. Brossmann, 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 _____

13. **SUBJECT: Discuss and approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of the Governor’s Operation Lone Star grant program.**

ACTION: Approved a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of the Governor’s Operation Lone Star grant program.

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 13 Exhibit”

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator; Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor

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 _____

14. **SUBJECT: Discuss and approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Comptroller’s Office for the Sheriff Immigration Law Enforcement Grant Program (SB 8).**

ACTION: Approved a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Comptroller’s Office for the Sheriff Immigration Law Enforcement Grant Program (SB 8).

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 14 Exhibit”

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

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 _____

15. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action in approving a renewed lease, included changes to the terms, with USDA for office space located at the Fayette County Agriculture Building.**

ACTION: Deferred to the next regular scheduled Meeting.

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 15 Exhibit”

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

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 _____

16. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action, including signing an Order, regarding a request by Scott Montgomery and Loren Bertsch, for Fayette County, on behalf of the County and the public, to disclaim an interest in, and to vacate the interest of the County and the public, and/or to abandon streets and alleys platted and which appear on a private, professional, sealed survey of property owned by Scott Montgomery and Loren Bertsch, in the Andrew Castleman League, A-30, in the community of Plum, Fayette County, Texas.**

ACTION: No Action Taken.

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

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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: Consider and take appropriate action in re-appointing Commissioner Jason McBroom as the Fayette County Commissioners Court Representative on the Combined Community Action Inc., Board of Directors.**

ACTION: Re-Appointed Commissioner Jason McBroom as the Fayette County Commissioners Court Representative on the Combined Community Action Inc., Board of Directors.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 17 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom

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 _____

18. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on possibly changing the 2026 Holiday schedule for Fayette County.**

ACTION: Amended the 2026 Holiday Schedule for Fayette County by adding a half day the day before Thanksgiving and a half day the day before Christmas Eve as part of the County Holidays.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 18 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Commissioner Jason McBroom; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk; Donna Macik, Elections Administrator; Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator

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 _____

19. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on bids of property not sold at Sheriff's Sale – Cause No. 3525 – La Grange ISD.**

ACTION: Rejected Bids of property not sold at Sheriff's Sale – Cause No. 3525 – La Grange ISD.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 19 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: 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, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Commr. Brossmann, vote for **X**, vote against _____
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

20. **SUBJECT:** Authorize the following class requests: Steven Svec, Courthouse Maintenance to attend the Texas Historical Commission's Real Places conference April 8th-10th in Austin, Constable Jason Strickland to attend Bill Blackwood LEMIT conference February 23rd 27th in Round Rock; Angela Hahn, EMC and Grants Specialist, to attend the Emergency Management Association of Texas Leadership Symposium March 8th-11th in College Station; Debra Maddox, Airport Manager, to attend the 44th Annual Texas Aviation Conference March 31, 2026 through April 3, 2026 in Frisco, TX; Linda Svrcek, District Clerk and Jessica Pietsch, Chief Deputy District Clerk to attend the 2026 County & District Clerks' Association Winter Conference to be held on February 10-13, 2026 in San Marcos, Texas; Amber Hielscher, County Inspector, and Kelly Blackwell, Floodplain Manager, to attend the Texas Floodplain Management Association's 38th Annual Meeting March 10th-13th in the Woodlands; conference; Judge Paul Zapalac, JP Precinct 4, and Cindy Havelka, County Auditor to attend 2026 basics of county investment course on February 3rd-6th in San Marcos; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor, Jacqueline Kohleffel and Candace Koether, Assistants, to attend the 2026 county management and risk conference March 30 - April 2 in Round Rock; Jody Janacek and Katie Anders, Assistants, to attend the Healthy County Boot Camp February 12th -13th in Georgetown.

ACTION: Authorized the following Class Requests: Steven Svec, Courthouse Maintenance to attend the Texas Historical Commission's Real Places conference April 8th-10th in Austin, Constable Jason Strickland to attend Bill Blackwood LEMIT conference February 23rd 27th in Round Rock; Angela Hahn, EMC and Grants Specialist, to attend the Emergency Management Association of Texas Leadership Symposium March 8th-11th in College Station; Debra Maddox, Airport Manager, to attend the 44th Annual Texas Aviation Conference March 31, 2026 through April 3, 2026 in Frisco, TX; Linda Svrcek, District Clerk and Jessica Pietsch, Chief Deputy District Clerk to attend the 2026 County & District Clerks' Association Winter Conference to be held on February 10-13, 2026 in San Marcos, Texas; Amber Hielscher, County Inspector, and Kelly Blackwell, Floodplain Manager, to attend the Texas Floodplain Management Association's 38th Annual Meeting March 10th-13th in the Woodlands; Judge Paul Zapalac, JP Precinct 4, and Cindy Havelka, County Auditor to attend 2026 basics of county investment course on February 3rd-6th in San Marcos; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor, Jacquelyn Kohleffel and Candace Koether, Assistants, to attend the 2026 county management and risk conference March 30 - April 2 in Round Rock; Jody Janacek and Katie Anders, Assistants, to attend the Healthy County Boot Camp February 12th -13th in Georgetown.

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 _____

21. **SUBJECT: Hear Presentation from Greg Trlicek with Trlicek & Company, PC. concerning the 2024 Financial Audit and Single Audit.**

ACTION: Accepted Presentation from Greg Trlicek with Trlicek & Company, PC. concerning the 2024 Financial Audit and Single Audit.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 21 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Greg Trlicek, Trlicek & Company, PC.; William Bernsen; Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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 _____

22. **SUBJECT: Hear report from the Auditor’s office and Human Resource office regarding budget reports and salary changes.**

ACTION: Accepted Reports from the Auditor’s office and Human Resource office regarding budget reports and salary changes.

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 22 Exhibit”

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator

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 _____

23. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving the Facilities Solutions Agreement with Cintas for uniform services for Road & Bridge Precinct 3 & 4.**

ACTION: Approved the Facilities Solutions Agreement with Cintas for uniform services for Road & Bridge Precinct 3 & 4; and

Included 2 Employees from the Recycling Center in Schulenburg to be added, after the agreement is reviewed by Human Resources & the County Attorney’s Office.

See attached hereto marked “Agenda Action 23 Exhibit”

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney; Commissioner Harvey Berckenhoff; 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 _____

24. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action in approving and signing the engagement letter from KM&L for the 2025 financial audit.**

ACTION: Approved and Signed the engagement Letter from KM&L for the 2025 financial audit.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 24 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; William Bernsen; Josh Vandever, EMS Director

See attached hereto marked "Exhibit B"

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 _____

25. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action, authorizing the County Judge to approve and sign the Texas Department of State Health Services, Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program, expenditure statement for counties.**

ACTION: Authorized the County Judge to approve and sign the Texas Department of State Health Services, Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program, expenditure statement for counties.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 25 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 _____

26. **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 26 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Josh Vandever, EMS Director

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 _____

27. **SUBJECT: Enter into closed (executive) session pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.074 (1)(a), to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, with final action to be taken in open session.**

ACTION: Entered into Closed Session at 10:53 a.m. to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, with final action to be taken in open session.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll Coordinator; Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; 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 _____

28. **SUBJECT: Return and reconvene to open meeting.**

ACTION: Reconvened into Open Meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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

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

29. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action deemed necessary, including a final action, decision or vote on the matters deliberated in closed session.**

ACTION: No Action Taken.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT:

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 _____

30. **SUBJECT: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action in approving the creation of a temporary full-time position including setting a salary, under the EMS Department not to exceed a period of six months.**

ACTION: Approved the creation of a temporary Full-Time position including setting a salary of \$18.05/hour, under the EMS Department, with the position not to exceed a period of six months, after which the said position will be brought back to Commissioners Court by the EMS Director.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Jacquelyn Kohleffel, Human Resources Manager/Payroll 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, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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

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

UNOFFICIAL

VIII.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m., January 22, 2026, on motion by Commissioner Brossmann, seconded by Commissioner Sternadel, votes for 5, votes against 0.

APPROVED this 12th day of February, 2026.

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

Drew Brossmann

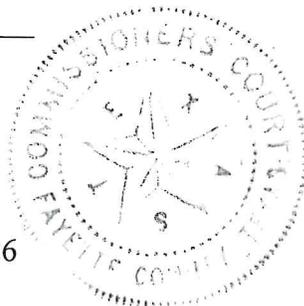
Drew Brossmann
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Brenda Fietsam

Brenda Fietsam
County Clerk

By: *Sandra Mendel*
Deputy Clerk



Commissioners Court January 22, 2026