MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

I.

Attached hereto is/are public notice(s) posted for the meeting of **May 14, 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 **Absent**
County Commissioner – Precinct No. 4, Drew Brossmann **Absent**

IV.

County Officials/County Personnel present during all or any part of the meeting:
Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk; Cindy Havelka, County Auditor;
Cindy Novak, Assistant County Auditor; Kelly Blackwell, Floodplain Manager;
Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting;
Angela Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator; Josh Vandever, EMS Director;
Gary Daniels, Assistant EMS Director; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney;
Roger Wunderlich, Constable Precinct 2; Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff;
Cassie Austin, Court Administrator; Donna Macik, Elections Administrator;
Neil Watkins, EMS; Karley Nagel, EMS; Conner Zeller, EMS; Paul Collins, EMS;
Samuel Brychta, EMS; Ben Gerik, EMS; Rebecca Spooner, EMS;
Matthew Machacek, EMS

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."

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VII.

Meeting opened at **9:00 a.m.** on motion by Commissioner **Sternadel**, seconded by Commissioner **McBroom**, votes for **3**, votes against **0**.

AGENDA ACTION:

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

   i. April 23, 2026 – Regular Meeting

   ACTION: **Approved Minutes from the April 23, 2026 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, **Absent**
   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: **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, **Absent**
Commr. Brossmann, **Absent**
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Commissioner Clint Sternadel**

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

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3. **SUBJECT: Sign a proclamation designating the week of May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Fayette County.**

ACTION: **Signed a Proclamation designating the week of May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Fayette County.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 3 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Gary Daniels, Assistant EMS Director; Neil Watkins, EMS; Karley Nagel, EMS; Conner Zeller, EMS; Paul Collins, EMS; Samuel Brychta, EMS; Ben Gerik, EMS; Rebecca Spooner, EMS; Matthew Machacek, EMS**

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

4. **SUBJECT: Sign a proclamation designating the month of May 2026 as Community Action Month in Fayette County.**

ACTION: **Signed a Proclamation designating the month of May 2026 as Community Action Month in Fayette County.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 4 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Karen Walpole, Communications Director, Ani-Meals on Wheels Director, Combined Community Action**

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

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5. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on request from Fayette County Semiquincentennial Commission, to use the Courthouse grounds, electrical plugs and Founders Park restrooms as listed on attached request form for the following event: Flag Day Celebration – Sunday, June 14, 2026 2:00pm – 5:00pm and 4th of July Celebration Saturday, July 4, 2026 4:30pm – 10:00pm.**

ACTION: **Approved Request from Fayette County Semiquincentennial Commission, to use the Courthouse grounds, electrical plugs and Founders Park restrooms as listed on attached request form for the following event: Flag Day Celebration – Sunday, June 14, 2026 2:00pm – 5:00pm and 4th of July Celebration Saturday, July 4, 2026 4:30pm – 10:00pm.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 5 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Larry Jackson**

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

6. **SUBJECT: Hear report from Donna Macik, Elections Administrator, concerning May 2, 2026 Subdivision Election.**

ACTION: **Accepted Report from Donna Macik, Elections Administrator, concerning May 2, 2026 Subdivision Election.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 6 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Donna Macik, Elections Administrator**

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

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7. **SUBJECT: Approve the final plat from Alvigrace Farm & Ranch, LLC, of M7 Subdivision located in Precinct 4.**

ACTION: **Approved the final Plat from Alvigrace Farm & Ranch, LLC, of M7 Subdivision located in Precinct 4.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 7 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting; Charles Tait, Befco Engineering, Inc.**

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

8. **SUBJECT: Hear monthly report from Amber Hielscher, County Inspector & Office of Development & Permitting regarding permits issued, completed inspections and divisions of property.**

ACTION: **Accepted 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 8 Exhibit"

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

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

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9. **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 9 Exhibit"

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

10. **SUBJECT: Discuss, consider and take appropriate action in entering into Billing Services Agreement with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc., and authorize the EMS Director and County Attorney's Office to complete all necessary steps to transfer of all medical billing, bill collection, and records services from Emergicon to EMS Management & Consultants, Inc.**

ACTION: **Entered into Billing Services Agreement with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc.; and**

Authorized the EMS Director and County Attorney's Office to complete all necessary steps to transfer of all medical billing, bill collection, and records services from Emergicon to EMS Management & Consultants, Inc.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 10 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Josh Vandever, EMS Director; Blake Watson, Assistant County Attorney**

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

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11. **SUBJECT: Acknowledge General and No Litigation Certificates of Fayette County, for the benefit of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, regarding Capital Area Housing Finance Corporation (CAHFC): Tax Exempt Obligations (Redwood Apartments – City of San Marcos), and authorizing the County Judge to sign all necessary paperwork.**

ACTION: **Acknowledged General and No Litigation Certificates of Fayette County, for the benefit of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, regarding Capital Area Housing Finance Corporation (CAHFC): Tax Exempt Obligations (Redwood Apartments – City of San Marcos); and**

Authorized the County Judge to sign all necessary paperwork.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 11 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, **Absent**
Commr. Brossmann, **Absent**
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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12. **SUBJECT: Authorize Road and Bridge Precinct 2 to purchase a used Case PT240D Pneumatic Roller, located at ASCO, 2800 Hwy 290 W, Brenham, Texas, 77833, Serial # DDDP240DNN3020957, for $72,000.00, using Precinct 2 Road & Bridge funds that are available and in the 2026 budget and allow County personnel to sign all paperwork.**

ACTION: **Authorized Road and Bridge Precinct 2 to purchase a used Case PT240D Pneumatic Roller, located at ASCO, 2800 Hwy 290 W, Brenham, Texas, 77833, Serial # DDDP240DNN3020957, for $72,000.00, using Precinct 2 Road & Bridge funds that are available and in the 2026 budget; and**

Allowed County personnel to sign all paperwork.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 12 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Commissioner Clint Sternadel**

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

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13. **SUBJECT: Authorize Road and Bridge Precinct 4 to purchase a used Case SV211E Single Drum Rollers, located at ASCO, 2800 Hwy 290 W, Brenham, Texas, 77833, Serial # DDDS211ENP3049050, for $91,722.00, allow County personnel to sign all paperwork; and authorize County Auditor to advertise for financing.**

ACTION: **Authorized Road and Bridge Precinct 4 to purchase a used Case SV211E Single Drum Rollers, located at ASCO, 2800 Hwy 290 W, Brenham, Texas, 77833, Serial # DDDS211ENP3049050, for $91,722.00; and**

Allowed County personnel to sign all paperwork; and

Authorized County Auditor to advertise for financing.

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 13 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Cindy Havelka, County Auditor**

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

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14. **SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Salvage and Surplus Property, in accordance with Local Government Code 263.152-158, with said property to be used as trade in value.**

ACTION: **Approved a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Salvage and Surplus Property, Vehicles and Radios, in accordance with Local Government Code 263.152-158, with said property to be used as trade in value.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 14 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Randy Noviskie, Chief Deputy Sheriff; 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, **Absent**
Commr. Brossmann, **Absent**
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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15. **SUBJECT: Accept and approve the written plan of Industry Communications, to install a new buried communications line upon and along the right-of-way of Ullrich Rd (Precinct 2) with Industry Communications being required to be responsible for repairs, and/or being required to make repairs, of direct or collateral damage, if any, caused by Industry Communications, and/or its contractors, to the preceding road, and to other utilities utilizing the public right-of-way.**

ACTION: **Accepted and Approved the written Plan of Industry Communications, to install a new buried communications line upon and along the right-of-way of Ullrich Rd (Precinct 2) with Industry Communications being required to be responsible for repairs, and/or being required to make repairs, of direct or collateral damage, if any, caused by Industry Communications, and/or its contractors, to the preceding road, and to other utilities utilizing the public right-of-way.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 15 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Commissioner Clint Sternadel**

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

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16. **SUBJECT: Authorize the following class requests: County Judge Dan Mueller to attend the Texas Association of Counties Judicial Education Roundtable May 20 in Columbus; Donna Macik, Elections Administrator, to attend the Certified Elections Registration Administrator (CERA) classes June 8-13 in Austin; Angela Hahn EMC, to attend T-PUB 4022 Texas Public Information Officer class May 20-22, 2026 in Austin.**

ACTION: **Authorized the following Class Requests: County Judge Dan Mueller to attend the Texas Association of Counties Judicial Education Roundtable May 20 in Columbus; Donna Macik, Elections Administrator, to attend the Certified Elections Registration Administrator (CERA) classes June 8-13 in Austin; Angela Hahn EMC, to attend T-PUB 4022 Texas Public Information Officer Class May 20-22, 2026 in Austin.**

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

17. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss and take appropriate action in accepting donation to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office.**

ACTION: **Accepted Donation to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 17 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, **Absent**
Commr. Brossmann, **Absent**
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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18. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding the request for price increases and extra surcharges for road materials, hauling, etc. from multiple vendors for their 2026 bids.**

ACTION: **Approved the Request for price increases and extra surcharges for road materials, hauling, etc. from multiple vendors for their 2026 bids.**

See attached hereto marked "Agenda Action 18 Exhibit"

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Cindy Havelka, County Auditor**

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

19. **SUBJECT: Consider, discuss and take appropriate action in approving a program from ClearGov for budgeting purposes.**

ACTION: **Deferred to the May 28, 2026 meeting.**

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT: **Cindy Havelka, County Auditor; 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, **Absent**
Commr. Brossmann, **Absent**
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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20. **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 20 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, **Absent**
Judge Mueller, vote for **X**, vote against _____

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VIII.

Meeting adjourned at **9:57 a.m.**, **May 14, 2026**, on motion by Commissioner **Sternadel**, seconded by Commissioner **McBroom**, votes for **3**, votes against **0**.

APPROVED this 28th day of May, 2026.

Dan Mueller
Fayette County Judge

Jason McBroom
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Clint Sternadel
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Harvey Berckenhoff
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Drew Brossmann
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Brenda Fietsam
County Clerk

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