

Minutes of the Clay County Commissioners' Court
held in **Henrietta, Texas, County of Clay** on November 14, 2022

[AUDIO I - II](#)
[AGENDA](#)

Be it known that a Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court was begun and holden on the above date, with the following members of said court present to-wit:

Richard Lowery, Precinct 1 Commissioner
Johnny Gee, Precinct 2 Commissioner
Retta Collins, Precinct 3 Commissioner
Chase Broussard, Precinct 4 Commissioner
Mike Campbell, County Judge
Sasha Kelton, County Clerk

Guests: Becky Mataska- Co. Judge's office, Kirk Horton and Josh Ferguson- Constable's office, Dr. Andy Wilson- ACP, Brandon Cope- Midway Companies, Gary & Heather Martin, Teresa Covert, Deborah Bachman- Clay County Leader, Jim & Nancy Lyde, Don Davis, Linda Burleson, Doyle Davis, LeeAnn Greer, Abby Brown, Bobby Alexander, Toby McClain, Rick Ramsey, Frank Douthitt, Laura Lee Brock- Co. Auditor, Renae Weaver- CCSO, Val McClain- EA, Jeff Lyde- Sheriff, Louis Crain- Rutledge Crain & Co., Keith Burch- EMC, numerous other guests standing in hall and seated in county courtroom viewing live stream

Court was opened at 9:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge and prayer led by Judge Campbell. The following orders were had to-wit:

Court entered into public hearing regarding Agenda Item no. 2.

Order No. 1

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Lowery and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve minutes of previous meeting.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 2

Motion made by Commissioner Lowery and seconded by Commissioner Gee and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve payment of Clay County Memorial Hospital Foundation [payroll](#).

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 3

Motion made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Broussard and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve payment of county [bills](#).

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 4

Motion made by Commissioner Lowery and seconded by Commissioner Gee and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve county [payroll](#).

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Court heard comments from the public:

Frank [Douthitt](#), Toby [McClain](#), Rick [Ramsey](#), Heather [Martin](#), Dr. Andy [Wilson](#)- ACP, and Brandon [Cope](#)- Midway Companies spoke regarding proposed sale of Clay County Memorial Hospital (CCMH)

Update from Judge Campbell, No action taken:

- Veterans Day last week, all schools had good programs
- Burn ban- no ban currently, EMC does not recommend reinstating ban

Order No. 5

Motion made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Collins and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve end public hearing at 10:00 am.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Order No. 6

Motion made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Collins and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve setting speed limit to 30 MPH on Dog Road in Pct. 2.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Order No. 7

Motion made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Lowery and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve County Clerk monthly reports for [Sept.](#) & [Oct.](#) and Justice of the Peace [report.](#)

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Order No. 8

Motion made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Collins and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve lease-purchase [agreement](#) Clay County and FNB Leasing for purchase of 2022 Ford Explorer 4-door AWD PPV for constable's department.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Order No. 9

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gee and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve [appointment](#) of county auditor Laura Lee Brock, for a two-year term to beginning Nov. 9, 2022, as executed by District Judge.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Order No. 10

Motion made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Broussard and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve Western Surety Company [Bond](#) of Sidney Kirk Horton, Constable.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Order No. 11

Motion made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Collins and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve Western Surety Company [Bond](#) of Laura Lee Brock, County Auditor.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 12

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gee and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve [addendum](#) to LESO (Law Enforcement Support Office) Program State Plan of Operation.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 13

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gee and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve Pitney Bowes ValuePoint FMV Lease [agreement](#).

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 14

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gee and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve [agreement](#) between Clay County Pct. 3 and Mark Hutchins for storage of county equipment in Arrowhead Ranch Estates.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 15

Motion made by Commissioner Lowery and seconded by Commissioner Broussard and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve 2023 County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Resolution [Program](#).

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 16

Motion made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Gee and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve [IGT](#) for CCMH in the amount of \$18,321.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 17

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Lowery and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve FY2023 SAVNS Maintenance Grant [Contract](#) No. 20222344900-336-01.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 18

Motion made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Gee and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve audit engagement [letter](#) from Rutledge Crain & Co. PC CPA- Annual Financial Report for year ended Sept. 30, 2021.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Motion to Discuss- No vote

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gee that the Court discuss jail camera system, jail fire alarm panel, deputy bullet proof vest replacement, new vehicle upfitting, and jailer/deputy pay scale for CCSO.

Order No. 19

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gee and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve purchase of jail fire alarm panel for CCSO, utilizing fiscal recovery funds.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Order No. 20

Motion made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Lowery and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve purchase of two vehicle upfitting for CCSO at a cost of \$9,697 each to be paid from sheriff office capital outlay budget line.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Motion- died for lack of second

Motion made by Commissioner Broussard that the Court take no action on Sheriff's CCSO employee salary request.

Motion- died for lack of second

Motion made by Commissioner Collins that the Court approve Sheriff's CCSO employee salary request.

Motion- died for lack of second

Motion made by Commissioner Collins that the Court approve payment of legal counsel for Sheriff Lyde in the upcoming suit filed by Paula Swenson for removal of office.

Motion- died for lack of second

Motion made by Commissioner Collins Court that the Court approve scheduling a hearing on the sale of Clay County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) to Midway Companies.

Motion- died for lack of second

Motion made by Commissioner Collins that the Court approve a referendum to be put before the taxpayers of Clay County regarding the sale of Clay County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) to Midway Companies

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Sasha Kelton, County Clerk, Clay County, Texas

