



THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Vern L. Lyssy
County Judge

John Martinez, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Ronald Best, Commissioner, Precinct 2

Joel Behrens, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Gary Reese, Commissioner, Precinct 4

MEETING MINUTES

The Commissioners Court of Calhoun County, Texas will meet on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse at 211 S. Ann Street, Suite 104, Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas 77979.

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Meeting was called to order by Judge Vern Lyssy at 10:00am

2. Invocation.

Commissioner Ronald Best

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

US Flag: Commissioner Reese

Texas Flag: Commissioner Behrens

4. Discussion of Public Matters and Public Participation.

Commissioner Reese wishes Judge Lyssy a Happy Birthday!

Judge Lyssy explained we are introducing Civic Plus to the public and asked that they bear with us as we perfect the system.

5. Approve Commissioner Court Minutes.

- a. a. September 10, 2025 Minutes
- b. September 17, 2025 Minutes
- c. October 29, 2025 Minutes

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

6. Presentation.

- a. Memorial Medical Center Monthly Report

Erin Clevenger gave the report.

7. Accept Reports from the following County Offices.

passed

8. Consider and take necessary action on budget adjustments.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

9. Approval of Bills and Payroll.

- a. MMC Bills:

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

b. County Bills:

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

10. Consider and take necessary action on insurance proceeds check from TAC in the amount of \$1,053.74 for damages to a Sheriff's Office vehicle on 8/24/25.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

11. Consider and take necessary action to approve a new lease with Great American Leasing for a new copier/scanner/fax machine for County Court at Law and authorize Judge Beeler to sign.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

12. Consider and take necessary action on the ballot for the election of the (5) five-member Calhoun County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027 term and authorize Commissioners' Court to sign the Resolution.

Court agreed to approve the ballot for election of Benjamin Boone, Kevin Hill, Vern Lyssy, David Pfeil and Jessie Rodriguez.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

13. Consider and take necessary action to accept a donation of \$200 for the Port O'Connor Community Center from the family of David Rogers. (GDR)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

14. Consider and take necessary action to accept the order appointing Lucy Dio as Auditor for Calhoun County.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

15. Approve the signatory resolution for all County grants from the Texas General Land Office, designating the County Judge, County Judge Pro-Tem, and Emergency Management Coordinator as contractual signatories; and the County Judge, County Auditor, First Assistant County Auditor, and County Treasurer as financial signatories. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Judge Vern Lyssy
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

16. Consider and take necessary action to update the EMS Job Descriptions for PARAMEDIC FIELD SUPERVISOR and PARAMEDIC CREW CHIEF (CREW LEADER).

Dustin Jenkins explained the updates.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

17. Consider and take necessary action on Enacting an Order Prohibiting Outdoor burning. (VLL)
18. Consider and take necessary action to authorize the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office to apply for the Bullet-Resistant Components for LE Vehicles FY2026. This will pay 100% of the cost if the county is awarded.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

19. Consider and take necessary action to approve Final Plat of Stella Place. (GDR)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

20. Consider and take necessary action to approve Engineering Amendment No, 3 for the MMC-HVAC & Roof Improvement Project and authorize Judge Lyssy to sign.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

21. Consider and take necessary action to accept payment from City of Seadrift for \$39,733.25 for roadwork on Oakland Avenue and have funds placed in Precinct 4 Road & Bridge 2025 budget; line item 570-53510 – Road & Bridge Supplies. (GDR)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

22. Consider and take necessary action to allow Commissioner Behrens to apply the final course of chip seal to West Alamo St. (approx. 400 ft.) in the City of Point Comfort. This project is performed per the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Point Comfort. The total cost of the project is \$2,616.00

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

23. Accept the Arbitrage report from Hilltop Securities for the period from October 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for the Combination Tax and Surplus Hospital Revenue Certificates of Obligation.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

24. Consider and take necessary action to amend the 2025 Salary Order.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

25. Consider and take necessary action for Magnolia Beach VFD to accept a grant from the Texas Forestry Service to be used towards the purchase of a new tender/tanker truck. This grant award is for 95% of the total cost, not to exceed \$300,000. The purchase of a new tender/tanker is approximately \$315,000.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

26. Consider and take necessary action to authorize a loan in the amount of \$315,000.00 from General Funds to Magnolia Beach Volunteer Project.

John Mayne thanked Commissioner Martinez for hard work.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez

27. Adjourn.

Court adjourned at 10:50am

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez