



THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

John Martinez, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Ronald Best, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Joel Behrens, Commissioner, Precinct 3
(Judge ProTem) Gary Reese, Commissioner, Precinct 4

MEETING MINUTES

The Commissioners Court of Calhoun County, Texas will meet on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 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 Commissioner Gary Reese 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 lets the public know the Extension Agents will be having Adulting 101 for High School Seniors.

5. Approve Commissioner Court Minutes.

a. March 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

6. Accept Reports from the following County Offices.
 - a. Texas Agrilife Extension Service - February, 2026
 - b. Justice of the Peace Pct 5 - January and February, 2026

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

7. Consider and take necessary action on budget adjustments.

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

8. Approval of Bills and Payroll.
 - a. MMC Indigent Report:

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

- b. MMC Bills:

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

c. County Bills/Payroll:

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

9. Consider and take necessary action to Proclaim April, 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. (VLL)

Jennifer Rose and Martha Perez expressed the importance of resources and Child Abuse Prevention Month and read the proclamation.

10. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation and recognize April as Fair Housing Month. (VLL)

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

11. Consider and take necessary action to appoint John B. Wright, M.D., New Chief of Staff for Memorial Medical Center, to the Memorial Medical Center Board of Managers, effective April 1, 2026. (VLL)

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

12. Consider and take necessary action to reappoint Shelia Dierschke and Dallas Franklin to the Memorial Medical Center Board of Managers, for a two-year term expiring March 2028. (VLL)

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

13. Consider and take necessary action to allow the Calhoun County Judge, Vern Lyssy to sign the Voting Equipment Lease between Calhoun County Elections and The City of Port Lavaca. (VLL)

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

14. Consider and take necessary action on a request by the Calhoun County EMS Director for authorization to apply for the Ed Rachal Foundation Grant in the amount of \$183,748.56 to replace eight aging LUCAS mechanical CPR devices. (VLL)

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

15. Consider and take necessary action to accept the Calhoun County Little League Organization's portion of the attached renovations and improvements located at Calhoun County Little League Park. (JAM)

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

16. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Specifications and Contract Documents for Bid Number 2026.06 - Little Chocolate Bayou Park Bridge – Public Access for Calhoun County, Texas and to authorize G & W Engineers, Inc. and the County Auditor to advertise for bids. A pre-bid meeting shall be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, April 16, 2026 at Little Chocolate Bayou Park Pavilion at West Austin St., Port Lavaca, Texas. Sealed Bids are scheduled to be due before 2:00:00 pm, Thursday, May 14, 2026 at the County Judge's Office. (JAM)

Scott Mason with G&W Engineers explained the Bid Package.

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

17. Consider and take necessary action to authorize G & W Engineers, Inc. to release any addenda necessary to the bidding documents if approved by County Judge that is related to the Bid Number 2026.06 - Little Chocolate Bayou Park Bridge – Public Access for Calhoun County, Texas (JAM)

Scott Mason with G&W Engineers explained the process.

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

18. Approve designation of the Bauer Community Center as a courtroom for the purpose of empaneling a jury on April 20, 2026. (VLL)

Arnold Hayden explained the District Clerk will be calling 350 people for Jury Selection.

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

19. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Inter-local agreement between Golden Crescent Regional Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and Calhoun County, and authorize Judge Lyssy to sign all documents. (VLL)

Katherine Runnels with SART explained the expanded, updated agreement.

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

20. Consider and take necessary action to declare the attached items from the Emergency Management office as Waste and Surplus/Salvage and from the Floodplain Administration office as Waste and remove from inventory. (VLL)

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

21. Consider and take necessary action to declare Inventory Item 401-0057, an Executive Leather Chair from Department 260 - County Judge, as waste and remove it from the Inventory. (VLL)

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

22. Consider and take necessary action to declare the attached list of phones from the EMS Department as waste. (VLL)

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

23. Consider and take necessary action to approve Final Plat of Koliba Subdivision. (GDR)

Terry Ruddick with Urban Surveying explained the Final Plan.

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

24. Consider and take necessary action to approve Final Plat of Driftwood Shores Lots 47 & 48 Resubdivision. (JMB)

Terry Ruddick with Urban Surveying explained the Final Plat.

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

25. Consider and take necessary action to approve Final Plat of Alamo Beach Subdivision, Blk 96, Resubdivision No. 2. (JAM)

Terry Ruddick with Urban Surveying explained the Final Plat.

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

26. Consider and take necessary action to approve Addendum 1 adding one (1) License for a Full Access User at \$160.00 per month for Justice Court Precinct 4 and Addendum 2 adding one (1) License for an Inquiry User at \$65.00 per month for Justice Court Precinct 1-5 (Auditor) on the current Local Government Solutions, L.P. Contract No. LGS20-0050. (VLL)

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27. Public hearing on an Application for Designation of Reinvestment Zone filed by Synergen Point Comfort, LLC. (VLL)

Public Hearing opened at 10:36am

Janis Titus with Victoria Economic Development explained.

Anne Marie Odefey explained the first step of the process and the project.

Shawn Polley explained he was available to answer any tax questions on behalf of Synergen.

Wesley Abraham, Michael Crain, Vicki Lilly, Deborah Schneider, Loretta Brown and Chip Green expressed their concerns.

Public Hearing closed at 11:08am

28. Consider and take any action deemed necessary to approve a Resolution of the Commissioners Court of Calhoun County, Texas Designating Synergen Point Comfort, LLC Reinvestment Zone #1. (VLL)

Anne Marie Odefey explained what the reinvestment zone means and expressed that this is only a preliminary step.

Synergen will have an open house at the Olivia Community Center next Tuesday at 5:30pm.

RESULT:	Failed
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	None

29. Adjourn.

11:21am

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