



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, April 15, 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 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.

Richard Parrish invited public to Area Go Texan BBQ Cook off this weekend.

Court wished Demi Cabrara a Happy Birthday!

5. Approve Commissioner Court Minutes.

a. April 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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. County Clerk - March, 2026
- b. Justice of the Peace Pct 3 - March, 2026
- c. Justice of the Peace Pct 4 - March, 2026
- d. Justice of the Peace Pct 5 - March, 2026
- e. Sheriff's Department - March, 2026
- f. District Clerk - March, 2026

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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.

2025:

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

2026:

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 Bills:

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

b. County Bills/Payroll:

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

9. Public Hearing regarding amending the 2025 and 2026 Calhoun County budgets. (VLL)

Public Hearing opened at 10:08am
Erica Perez read the amendments.
Lucy Dio explained reason for amendments.
Public Hearing closed at 10:14am

10. Consider and take necessary action to amend the 2025 and 2026 Calhoun County budgets. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 approve the Calhoun County Library's March donation, surplus/salvage and waste lists. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 allow Port Lavaca Autism Awareness Group—Bianca Salinas to reserve the Chocolate Bayou Park and Pavilion for an Autism Awareness Event on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm (JAM)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) and Calhoun County for Roll Off Containers for Recycling Center. (VLL)

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

14. Consider and take the necessary action to authorize Calhoun County Judge Vern Lyssy to sign a License Agreement for Access with Farwide Conservation Inc. d/b/a Farwide Conservation Trust granting ingress and egress access to and from county-owned land for a term of (5) years, for the consideration of Ten Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$10.00), effective April 15, 2026. (JAM)

Andy Stetter with the Aransas Wildlife Refuge explained the project is to clear and repair the levee.

Arnold Hayden explained the reason for the License Agreement.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 on insurance proceeds check from VFIS in the amount of \$388.95 for EMS vehicle breakdown towing charges incurred 4/16/25. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 accept an anonymous donation to the Sheriffs Office to be deposited into the Motivation account (2697-001-49082-679) in the amount of \$75.00. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 Approve the Final Plat of the Patel Subdivision (a replat of part of Outlot 3 in Outblock 13 of the Port O'Connor Townsite Outblocks recorded in Volume 2, Page 001 of the Calhoun County Plat Records) (GDR)

Henry Danysh with G&W Engineers explained the final plat.

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

18. Consider and take necessary action to accept payment from the City of Seadrift in the amount of \$3,547.15 for the rebuild of their jet machine and place funds in Precinct 4 R&B account 570-53210. (GDR)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 declare items Waste from Precinct 4 R&B and remove from asset list. (GDR)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 for the approval of funding from Calhoun County the purchase of Vent Hood for Memorial Medical Center. (VLL)

pass.

21. Consider and take necessary action to acknowledge and accept the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office application for the Flock Grant 2026, administered through the Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (VCAP). The grant funds 80% of the annual cost for specialized equipment used to locate, track, and reduce auto theft, with a total annual cost of \$48,500.00 and a County match of \$9,700.00. (VLL)

Sheriff Vickery explained the process and importance of the system. Court/Council asked the Sheriff to provide the formal policy for legal review.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 acknowledge and accept the 2026 Flock Grant resolution. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 the proposal by G&W Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Engineering Services associated with the Little Chocolate Bayou County Park Bridge Improvements and authorize the County Judge to sign. (JAM)

Scott Mason with G&W Engineers explained the proposal for the project.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, 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 accept the Certificate of Completion, the asbuilt drawings and authorize the release of retainage for fun abounds, Inc. - Payton Palmer-Newton for Bid No. 2024.08 - Infrastructure at Little Chocolate Bayou County Park Playground Improvements Phase 2 Project - GLO Contract No. 20-065-064-C182 and authorize the County Judge and Commissioner Martinez to sign all necessary documents. (JAM)

pass.

25. Consider and take necessary action on Amendment – Number One (1) for Contract No. 095: King Fisher Pier Project with Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust to extend the original Contract Period; the funding amount will not change; any and all expenditures of funds under this Amendment shall comply with all requirements under the original Contract, the terms and conditions herein, and the attachments hereto and authorize Judge Lyssy to sign all documents. (GDR)

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

26. Recognize Calhoun County EMS for their contribution to saving lives in our community with the American Heart Associations "2026 Mission: Lifeline -EMS-Gold with Target: Stroke Honor Roll and Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll Achievement Award." (VLL)

pass.

27. Consider and take necessary action to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Memorial Medical Center HVAC & Roof Improvements project and authorize the County Judge to sign. (JBM)

Scott Mason with G&W Engineers explained the Change Order No. 2.

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

28. Consider and take necessary action to grant a discretionary exemption to the competitive bid requirements outlined in Chapter 262 of the Local Government Code and allow payment to Lester Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$121,125.00 for invoice no. 2602301 for \$110,625 and invoice no. 2802801 for \$10,500. Commissioner Reese was previously authorized by Commissioners Court to utilize GOMESA funds in the amount of \$200,000 for underground drainage and pavement repair at Froggie's Boat Ramp. Lester Contracting was initially hired for a portion of the project with an estimated cost of no more than \$100,000. However, unforeseen damage discovered after construction began led to an invoiced amount that exceeded this estimate. If approved, this purchase will be authorized under Local Government Code sec. 262.024(a)(3) as necessary due to unforeseen damage to public property. (GDR)

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

29. Consider and take the necessary action to approve the Final Plat of Caracol Lots 37R, 39 and 40 Resubdivision. (GDR)

Terry Ruddick with Urban Surveying explained the final

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

30. To acknowledge and accept the NRA Grant Fund — Grant #26TXS007 in the amount of \$5,699.86. To be deposited into NRA Grant Fund. (VLL)

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

31. Adjourn.

10:56am

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