



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

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The Commissioners Court of Calhoun County, Texas will meet on Wednesday, May 20, 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.

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### 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.

Frederick with SBA explained that the April 24th storm puts us under the disaster area category and gave loan information for home and business damage. The deadline to apply is July 6th.

5. Approve Commissioner Court Minutes.

a. May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

6. Accept Reports from the following County Offices.

- a. Floodplain - April, 2026
- b. Justice of the Peace Pct 3 - April, 2026
- c. Justice of the Peace Pct 4 - April, 2026
- d. Justice of the Peace Pct 5 - April, 2026

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

7. Consider and take necessary action on budget adjustments.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

8. Approval of Bills and Payroll.

a. MMC Indigent Report

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

b. MMC Bills paid from MMC Operating Account

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

c. County Bills/Payroll

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

9. Accept Memorial Medical Center's 2025 Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements. (VLL)

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10. Consider and take appropriate action to adopt a proclamation recognizing National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, observed May 17–23, 2026, honoring the dedication, professionalism, and lifesaving service of Calhoun County EMS personnel. (VLL)

Dustin Jenkins gave recognition to the EMS Staff and read the proclamation.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Judge Vern Lyssy                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

11. Consider and take the necessary action to approve the Account Application with Life-Assist for a Medical Supplies Vendor and have EMS Director sign. (VLL)

Clint Macek explained the need for the additional account.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Judge Vern Lyssy                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

12. Consider and take necessary action to authorize EMS Director to sign the 2026 Maintenance Contract with Hurts Wastewater Management for the EMS South Station Septic. (VLL)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens                                                                                                                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

13. Consider and take necessary action to accept the check from National General in the amount of \$3,639.00 and authorize its use for repairs to the EMS Supervisor's truck. (VLL)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez                                                                                                                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

14. Consider and take necessary action to approve Change Order No. 2 for Bid Number 2025.09 - Calhoun County Bill Sanders Park - Swan Point Paving & Sidewalk Improvements and allow Commissioner Reese to sign all necessary documents. (GDR)

Matt Glaze with Urban Engineers explained the change order.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez                                                                                                                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

15. Consider and take necessary action to approve the updated By-laws for the Calhoun County Parks Board. (VLL)

Allen Berger explained the updates.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Judge Vern Lyssy                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez                                                                                                                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

16. Consider and take necessary action to re-appoint the following individuals to the Calhoun County Parks Board. (VLL)

- Kieth Hubbard - 2 year term: ending May 2028
- Allan Berger - 2 year term: ending May 2028

Court approved with the change from May of 2028 to February of 2028.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens                                                                                                                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

17. Consider and take necessary action to close Water Street, between 13th Street and the POC Fishing Center west of 15th Street and 14th Street between Commerce Street and Water Street Friday, July 24, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 p.m. – Midnight and Saturday, July 25, 2026 1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Port O'Connor, Texas. (GDR)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

18. Consider and take necessary action to cancel the Invitation to Bid for the Calhoun County, Magnolia Beach Volunteer Fire Station (MBVFD), Texas General Land Office (GLO) Contract No. 24-065-152-F011. This bid received no responsive proposals, and therefore, the County will rebid. (VLL)

Scott Mason explained the requirement to cancel the Invitation to Bid.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

19. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Specifications and Contract Documents for Bid No. 2026.11 - Rebid Magnolia Beach Fire Station Project – GLO CDBG MIT-MOD Contract No. 24-065-152-F011 and FEMA Project No. DR-4485-0067 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, June 11, 2026 at the existing Fire Station at 873 Margie Tewmeyer Rd #1, Port Lavaca, Texas. Sealed Bids are scheduled to be due before 2:00:00 pm, Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at the County Judge's Office. (JAM)

Scott Mason explained the rebid.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

20. Consider and take necessary action to authorize G & W Engineers, Inc. to release any addenda necessary to the bidding documents if approved by County Commissioner Martinez that is related to the Bid No. 2026.11 - Rebid Magnolia Beach Fire Station Project – GLO CDBG MIT-MOD Contract No. 24-065-152-F011 and FEMA Project No. DR-4485-0067 for Calhoun County, Texas. (JAM)

Scott Mason explained why this is necessary.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Judge Vern Lyssy                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

21. Consider and take necessary action to approve the proposal by G&W Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$97,000.00 for Engineering Services associated with the Roof Replacement for the Calhoun County Adult Detention Center and authorize the County Judge to sign. (VLL)

Scott Mason explained the proposal.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

22. Consider and take necessary action to amend the Calhoun County Policy of Compliance to update the County's procedures under Texas Government Code § 2252.908. (VLL)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

23. Consider and take necessary action on the correspondence received from Clayton Moore, Sales Representative for Cleveland Asphalt Products, Inc. requesting a price increase on Primer Oil, RC-250 and CRS-2. On November 19, 2025, Cleveland Asphalt Products Inc. was awarded the Annual Supply Contract for 2026 (Bid Number 2026.03) for Primer Oil and CRS-2; they were not awarded the contract for RC-250. (VLL)

Demi explained the reason for the cost increase.  
No action taken.

24. Consider and take necessary action to approve a new lease with Great American Leasing for a new copier/scanner/fax machine for Calhoun County Library and authorize the Library Director, Dina Sanchez to sign all necessary documents.(VLL)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

25. Consider and take necessary action to declare attached items as waste from the Calhoun County Tax Assessor/Collector's office and remove them from the asset list. (VLL)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |

26. Adjourn.

10:45am

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | Approved                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                       |