



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, July 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.

None.

5. Approve Commissioner Court Minutes.

- a. July 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
NAYS:	None

6. Accept Reports from the following County Offices.
 - a. Sheriff's Department - June 2026
 - b. Texas Agrilife Extension Service - June, 2026
 - c. Justice of the Peace Pct 3 - June, 2026
 - d. Justice of the Peace Pct 4 - June, 2026
 - e. District Clerk - June, 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
NAYS:	None

7. Consider and take necessary action on the 2026 budget adjustments.

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
NAYS:	None

8. Approval of Bills and Payroll.
 - a. MMC Bills: (Paid from MMC Operating Account):

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
NAYS:	None

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
NAYS:	None

9. After hearing from Hanna Concrete & Oil Field Services, consider and take the necessary action to award Bid No. 2026.10 - King Fisher Pier Extension Project - King Fisher Beach, Port O'Connor, Texas. (VLL)

Scott Mason with G&W Engineers explained the concern about an unbalanced bid.

Darrell Machacek with Machacek Marine on behalf of Hanna Concrete & Oil Field Services explained that he has the materials and is confident he can perform the task.

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
NAYS:	None

10. Consider and take necessary action to declare the attached list of items as waste and remove them from the EMS Inventory List. (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
NAYS:	None

11. Consider and take necessary action to declare the following items waste and remove them from Elections inventory. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
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
NAYS:	None

12. Consider and take necessary action to award qualified bidder on Bid No. 2026.13 – Seadrift Drainage Improvements Project Phase II – GLO Contract No. 22-085-014-D245 for Calhoun County, Texas. (GDR)

Scott Mason with G&W Engineers explained, and the Court agreed to award the bid to Lester Contracting.

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
NAYS:	None

13. Consider and take necessary action to approve a donation to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office Motivation account (2697-001-49082-679) for the Back to School Benefit from the Port O'Connor Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$500.00. (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
NAYS:	None

14. 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 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
NAYS:	None

15. Consider and take necessary action to accept anonymous donation to the Sheriff's 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 2 Ronald Best
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
NAYS:	None

16. Consider and take necessary action to accept a donation from Deanna Schmidt in the amount of \$500.00 to be deposited into the EMS Motivation account. (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
NAYS:	None

17. Consider and take necessary action to accept a donation from the Port O'Connor Service Club for Emergency Equipment at the Port O'Connor Community Center, the Port O'Connor Community Center Pavilion, and the Port O'Connor Service Club's Donation Center with a value of \$3,566.56. (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
NAYS:	None

18. Consider and take necessary action to authorize Commissioner Reese to utilize funds from GOMESA, not to exceed \$50,000, to complete the King Fisher Beach Restroom Project, MBMT Contract No. 123, due to cost overages. (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
NAYS:	None

19. Consider and take necessary action to authorize Bartenders4You, LLC to provide and sell/serve alcoholic beverages, in accordance with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission regulations, for the Lone Star Shootout—Billfish Tournament, July 21–26, 2026 from 8 am - 1 am daily at the Port O'Connor Community Center & Pavilion, located at 3674 Adams Ave, Port O'Connor, TX 77982 and authorize Judge Lyssy to sign the permit. (GDR)

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
NAYS:	None

20. Consider and take necessary action on entering into a MOU with White Trash Services & Calhoun County Recycle Center and allow Commissioner Best to sign. (RB)

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
NAYS:	None

21. Consider and take necessary action to approve the following annual generator maintenance agreements with Loftin Equipment Company and have County Judge, Vern Lyssy sign.

- Q-04066 Courthouse \$2,610.00
- Q-04067 Adult Detention Center \$2,873.63
- Q-04567 IT/Emergency Communication Center \$1,807.83
- Q-04568 Communications Tower (Fairgrounds) \$1,554.88

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
NAYS:	None

22. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Calhoun County Library's June donation, surplus/salvage and waste lists.

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
NAYS:	None

23. Adjourn.

10:46

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
NAYS:	None



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12.

To: Commissioners Court
From: April Townsend, Office Manager
Meeting Date: July 15, 2026
Department/Office: Commissioner Pct 4

Summary:

Consider and take necessary action to award qualified bidder on Bid No. 2026.13 – Seadrift Drainage Improvements Project Phase II – GLO Contract No. 22-085-014-D245 for Calhoun County, Texas. (GDR)

Recommended Action:

Award Qualified Bidder

Budget Line Item: Fund/Dept/GL/Grant

Attachments:

1. Ltr of Rec - Phase II Seadrift Drainage - D245
2. Bid Opening Table - Phase II Seadrift Drainage
3. Bid Itemized Table - Phase II Seadrift Drainage
4. Bid Received from Lester Contracting
5. Bid Received from Staff Concrete

G&W ENGINEERS, INC.

205 W. Live Oak • Port Lavaca, TX 77979 • p: (361)552-4509 • f: (361)552-4987
TBPE Firm Registration No. F04188

July 6, 2026

Honorable Vern Lyssy, County Judge
Calhoun County Courthouse
211 S. Ann St., 3rd Floor, Suite 301
Port Lavaca, TX 77979

RE: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
Bid No. 2026.13 – Seadrift Drainage Improvements Project Phase II
GLO Contract No. 22-085-014-D245 for Calhoun County, Texas

Dear Honorable Judge & County Commissioners,

Bids for construction of the above referenced project were received at the County Judge's office until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at which time Bids were publicly opened and read aloud.

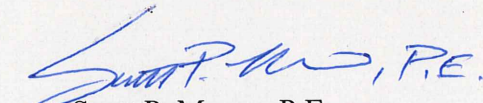
The enclosed Bid Opening Table and Bid Itemized Table indicate there were a total of two (2) bidders submitting bids with the "Apparent Low Bidder" being Lester Contracting, Inc.

We have worked with Lester Contracting, Inc. on previous projects and they have proven to be qualified and capable of performing the required work. Therefore, we recommend that the Construction Contract be awarded to Lester Contracting, Inc. for the Total Base Bid of \$846,500.00.

If the County concurs with this recommendation, and upon your direction, we will prepare a Construction Contract package immediately and deliver it to Lester Contracting, Inc.

Please call me @ (361) 552-4509 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
G & W Engineers, Inc.



Scott P. Mason, P.E.

Enclosures: Bid Opening & Bid Itemized Tables

cc: *Katy Sellers, KSBR-LLC*
file 5310.013a

BID OPENING TABLE

Bid No. 2026.13 – Seadrift Drainage Improvements Project Phase II
GLO Contract No. 22-085-014-D245 for Calhoun County, Texas

Bidders	Bid Bond	Acknowledges Addendum No. 1	Calendar Days	Total Base Bid
Lester Contracting, Inc.	Yes	Yes	120	\$846,500.00
Keith Staff Concrete	Yes	Yes	120	\$881,000.00

ITEMIZED BID TABULATION

BID NO. 2026.13 – SEADRIFT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASE II – GLO CONTRACT NO. 22-085-014-D245 FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, TEXAS

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY.	Lester Contracting, Inc.		Staff Concrete Construction	
				UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	Mobilization and demobilization	LS	1	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
2	Insurance and bonds	LS	1	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
3	Project barricading	LS	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
4	CDBG temporary acknowledgement sign	LS	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
5	Implementation, enforcement, and maintenance of TPDES requirements for duration of project (SWPPP)	LS	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
6	Removal and disposal of the top 4" layer of vegetation/earth material	CY	1000	\$33.00	\$33,000.00	\$45.00	\$45,000.00
7	Installation of 4" reinforced concrete lined ditch	SY	9000	\$80.00	\$720,000.00	81	\$729,000.00
8	Installation of 12" Rock Rip-Rap	CY	60	\$300.00	\$18,000.00	\$250.00	\$15,000.00
9	Allowance No. 1 - Testing Contingency to be used only as directed by Engineer for Owner's purposes and only by Change Orders / Allowance Authorization that indicate amounts to be charged to the Owner's Contingency	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
TOTAL BASE BID (Items 1 – 9)				\$846,500.00		\$881,000.00	
Calendar Days				120		120	

July 7, 2026

Gary Reese, Calhoun County Commissioner Precinct 4

PO Box 177

Seadrift, TX 77983

Dear Commissioner Reese:

As part of our commitment to enhance Life in the Port O' Connor Community through our ongoing Service Projects, the Ladies of the POC Community Service Club have unanimously decided to donate emergency equipment to Calhoun County for Emergency/First Aid Stations at the POC Community Center, the POC Community Center Pavilion, and the POC Service Club's Donation Center. The Club has purchased extra Adult AED pads for the existing LIFEPAK 1000 DEFIBRILLATOR at the Community Center; 2 HeartStart OnSite AED's (Automated External Defibrillators), along with Pedi and Adult pads, and 2 metal wall mounted cabinets to house them- 1 each for the Community Center Pavilion and Service Club's Donation Center. We have also purchased "Stop The Bleed" Kits with wall mounted cabinets: and 3 red V-sided "AED" and 3 red V-sided "First Aid" display signs to be mounted above the equipment in all 3 buildings. We purchased the AED's, pads, wall cabinets, "Stop the Bleed" Kits, and AED Signage through Bound Tree Medical representative, Craig Gray, who was recommended by Nathan O' Neill because Calhoun County has an account with them, and has purchased AED's and equipment from them in the past. By doing this, the new AED's will be covered under Bound Tree's Maintenance Program as is the County's other AED's, with yearly inspections and maintenance by representatives from Bound Tree. The Club purchased the 3 First Aid Kits, First Aid Signage, and "Stop The Bleed" Wall Mount Cabinets through Amazon because Bound Tree did not carry those. The Club has spent a total of \$3,566.56 for the 3 Emergency/First Aid Stations, and is proud to donate them to Calhoun County to enhance the safety and wellbeing of POC citizens and visitors in the event of emergency health situations. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity!! All the equipment has been delivered and is ready to be installed. The only thing that we will need to ask of you in return, is if you can possibly have the equipment mounted to the walls in each building by your maintenance staff so that proper installation is ensured. Our Contact Person is Alane Haardt 281-416-6028 or alanehaardt@yahoo.com.

Sincerely-

The Ladies of the POC Community Service Club

Marie Hawes, President

Alane Haardt, Vice President

Nancy Ladshaw, Secretary

Melanie Martinez, Treasure



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19.

To: Commissioners Court
From: April Townsend, Office Manager
Meeting Date: July 15, 2026
Department/Office: Commissioner Pct 4

Summary:

Consider and take necessary action to authorize Bartenders4You, LLC to provide and sell/serve alcoholic beverages, in accordance with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission regulations, for the Lone Star Shootout—Billfish Tournament, July 21–26, 2026 from 8 am - 1 am daily at the Port O'Connor Community Center & Pavilion, located at 3674 Adams Ave, Port O'Connor, TX 77982 and authorize Judge Lyssy to sign the permit. (GDR)

Recommended Action:

Authorize Permit

Budget Line Item: Fund/Dept/GL/Grant

Attachments:

1. Lone Star Shootout Bartenders4You LLC Alcohol Permit Letter
2. Lone Star Shootout - TABC Letter-Signed

Owner of Property Authorization Letter

Date: July 15, 2026

TO: Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
Attention: Licensing Division
4203 Woodcock Dr. Ste. 120
San Antonio, TX 78228

FROM: Vern Lyssy – Calhoun County Judge
(Authorized Venue Representative)

Venue Name: Port O'Connor Community Center hereby authorizes:

PERMIT No: **200145822** TRADE NAME: **Bartenders4You, LLC**
to sell mixed beverages at the following:

Event Description: Lone Star Shootout – Billfish Tournament

Date(s) of Function: July 21 – 26, 2026

Time(s) of Function: 8 am – 1 am

Room(s) Community Center & Pavilion

Location: Port O'Connor Community Center

Location Address: 3674 Adams Ave.

City and County: Port O'Connor, TX 77982 – Calhoun County

Print Name of Property Owner: Calhoun County

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to call. Our Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm.

Name and Title: Vern Lyssy, County Judge

Signature: _____

Contact Phone Number: (361) 553-4600

Contact Email: vern.lyssy@calhouncotx.org

debby.vickery@calhouncotx.org