



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, August 12, 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.

Janet Weaver and Jamie Weaver expressed concern about Flock Cameras.

5. Approve Commissioner Court Minutes.

a. August 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

6. Accept Reports from the following County Offices.
 - a. Justice of the Peace Pct 1 - July, 2026
 - b. Justice of the Peace Pct 2 - July, 2026
 - c. Justice of the Peace Pct 3 - July, 2026
 - d. Justice of the Peace Pct 5 - July, 2026
 - e. District Clerk - July, 2026
 - f. Texas Agrilife Extension Service - July, 2026
 - g. Sheriff's Department - July, 2026
 - h. Calhoun County Tax Assessor/Collector - May, 2026
 - i. Calhoun County Tax Assessor/Collector - June 2026
 - j. County Auditor-2026 Q1 Tax Office Audit Letter, 2026 Q2 DA Hot Check Fee & Restitution, District Clerk, Extension Service, & Museum Audit Letters, 2026 Q3 Floodplain & Sheriff Office Fund Audit Letters, & 2026 Q3 Cash Count Letters (Multiple Departments)

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

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

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
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

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

10. Consider and take necessary action to declare the attached list of items for Calhoun County Juvenile Probation as waste. (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

11. Consider and take necessary action to declare certain items listed for Precinct 3 assets as waste and remove them from inventory. (JMB)

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

12. Consider and take necessary action to declare the attached list of items from EMS Department as salvage. (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

13. Consider and take the necessary action to declare the item listed on the attached inventory sheet as waste and authorize its removal from the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 inventory. (VLL)

**Correction should reflect Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

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

14. Consider and take necessary action to accept Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant No. F26AF01438-00, for Calhoun County-Olivia Haterius Park Boat Ramp. And utilize GOMESA funds not to exceed \$83,333.00 for the County match. (JMB)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
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

15. Consider and take necessary action to award the contract to the lowest and best responsive bidder of Noble Building & Development, LLC 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. (JM)

Scott Mason with G&W Engineers Inc recommends continuing with the lowest and best responsive bidder.

John Mayne expressed gratitude to the court and David Hall for helping this along.

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
NAYS:	None

16. Consider and take necessary action on Preliminary Plat of Hrnrcir Subdivision located on SH 185, outside of Seadrift, Texas (GDR)

Russell Hrnrcer with Edgewater Enterprises LLC explained the Preliminary plat.

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

17. To acknowledge and accept the updated FLOCK grant cost presented to the court on April 15, 2026. Following the May FLOCK Workshop, the total cost has been revised to include travel expenses, updating the total from \$48,500 to \$50,175.00, with the county's portion adjusted from \$9,700.00 to \$10,035.00, and allow Judge Lyssy to sign. (VLL)

Sheriff Vickery addressed the concerns regarding the security systems. The sheriff, chief and Investigation Division are the only eyes on the cameras and it is not constantly monitored. The state has their own Flock, and we have no authority or acces to them.

Judge Lyssy asked the Sheriff to bring statistics back annually to see how they are working to see if they are worth it.

The court acknowledged and accepted the update and added that constraints will be reviewed by council and available to the public.

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
NAYS:	None

18. Consider and take necessary action to approve the specifications and agricultural lease agreement for Bid Number 2026.14: Agricultural Lease of Langdon Tract, 60 acres, for dry land farming that is solely for planting, raising, and harvesting row crops and authorize the County Auditor to advertise for bids. The term of the agricultural lease agreement will be for three years with the option to renew for an additional one(1) three-year term upon Commissioners Court approval. Bids will be due before 2:00:00 PM, Thursday, September 10, 2026. (RB)

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

19. Consider and take necessary action to allow the Sharkies Bar & Grill to sell Beer, Wine, and Mixed Beverages September 26, 2026 at the Give Domestic Violence the Boot Fundraiser at the King Fisher Beach Park Pavilion in Port O'Connor, TX and authorize County Judge to sign letter of approval to the TABC. (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

20. Consider and take necessary action to approve the specifications and agricultural lease agreement for Bid Number 2026.15: Agricultural Lease of the Event Center Premises, 194.16 acres, for dry land farming that is solely for planting, raising, and harvesting row crops and authorize the County Auditor to advertise for bids. The term of the agricultural lease agreement will be for three years with the option to renew for an additional one(1) three-year term upon Commissioners Court approval. Bids will be due before 2:00:00 PM, Thursday, September 10, 2026. (RB)

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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

21. Consider and approve an Order Increasing the Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2027. (VLL)

\$1.50 license plate for child safety.

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

22. Acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Calhoun County Certified Tax Appraisal Roll from the Chief Appraiser on July 23, 2026. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Judge Vern Lyssy
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

23. Receive and file the Calhoun County proposed budget for Calendar Fiscal Year 2027 as required by Texas Local Government Code §111.004. (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

24. Consider and take action to authorize publication of the proposed increases in 2027 salaries, expenses, or allowances for elected county and precinct officers as required by Texas Local Government Code §152.013. (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

25. Consider and take action to set and publish the proposed 2026 Calhoun County tax rate pursuant to Texas Tax Code §26.05. (VLL)

Proposed rate for

Maintenance & Operations(M&O) 0.5872 per \$100 valuation.

Debt Tax Rate:.00350 per \$100 valuation.

Total Proposed Tax Rate 0.6222 per \$100 valuation.

The tax rate will stay the same as last year and the year before.

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
NAYS:	None

26. Consider and take necessary action to set the date, time, and place for the public hearing on adopting the proposed 2026 Calhoun County tax rate pursuant to Texas Tax Code §26.05. (VLL)

****Public Meeting**

September 2, 2026 at 10am in the Calhoun County Courthouse.

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
NAYS:	None

27. Consider and take necessary action to set the date, time, and place for the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 County Budget pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §111.007. (VLL)

September 2, 2026 at 10am in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Calhoun County Courthouse.

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

28. Adjourn.

Adjourned 11:02am

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