

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ANGELINA**

Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Angelina County Courthouse Annex, Commissioners' Courtroom, 606 East Lufkin Avenue, Lufkin, Texas with the following members present:

Rodney Paulette	Commissioner Precinct #1
Kermit Kennedy	Commissioner Precinct #2
Terry Pitts	Commissioner Precinct #3 and County Judge Pro-Tem
Steve Smith	Commissioner Precinct #4

1. Terry Pitts called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with all members present except for Judge Lymbery.
2. Opening prayer by Rev. Elton Musick, Grace Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Flag of the State of Texas.
4. Public Forum: None
5. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Court Minutes for March 8, 2022. Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
6. The Court opened a Public Hearing at 10:10 A.M. in accordance with the requirement of Section 251.152 of the Texas Transportation Code to consider and receive public comment on a proposal to reduce the speed limit on the following residential county roads or streets, which are located in Precinct Number Two, Angelina County, Texas: Fredonia Avenue, Mary Avenue, Nada Street, Virginia Road and Jo Ann Avenue.  
  
No public comments
7. The Court closed the Public Hearing at 10:11 A.M.
8. Rodney Paulette made a motion to reduce the maximum speed limit to 20 mph on the following residential county roads or streets, which are located in Precinct Number Two, Angelina County, Texas: Fredonia Avenue, Mary Avenue, Nada Street, Virginia Road and Jo Ann Avenue; with proper signatures. Steve Smith seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
9. Steve Smith made a motion to approve the final plat of Pearson's FM 58 Subdivision, Lot No. 1-B Revised in Precinct #4. Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

10. Steve Smith made a motion approve the final plat of Jennings Road Subdivision in Precinct #4. Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

11. Rodney Paulette made a motion approve the final plat of Box Car Road Place No. 3 in Precinct #1. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

12. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve the request from the Sheriff's Office to apply for a "Domestic Marijuana Eradication" Grant for Fiscal Year 2022. Steve Smith seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

13. Steve Smith made a motion to accept a donation from the Kurth Foundation in the amount of \$4,000.00 dedicated to be used for the purpose of training and any equipment and supplies needed for the Angelina County Sheriff's Department K9 Program. Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

14. Steve Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer Monthly Report month ending February 28, 2022. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

15. Rodney Paulette made a motion to appoint Mr. Roger Russell, owner/operator of Russell Water Well Drilling Company, to the "at large" position on the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District. Steve Smith seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

16. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve Terri Jordan, Election Administrator, to purchase a DS200 Precinct Scanner from Election Service Contract Fund. Steve Smith seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith

Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

17. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to create a 2022 budget for the Election Security Grant:

Transfer from:	Fund Balance	059-000-3100	\$92,694.69
Transfer to:	Software Maintenance	059-153-4183	\$20,000.00
	Capital Outlay	059-153-4995	\$72,694.69

Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

18. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve a 2022 budget transfer for Election Services Contract Fund:

Transfer from:	Fund Balance	014-000-3100	\$20,000.00
Transfer to:	Capital Outlay	014-114-4995	\$20,000.00

Steve Smith seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

19. The Court entered into Executive Session at 10:27 A.M.

20. The Court returned to Open Meeting at 11:13 A.M. Terry Pitts made a motion to remove Chuck Walker from his appointed position as Road Engineer for Angelina County, Texas, with the removal being effective in 30 days, with written notice provided in Section 252.307 of the Texas Transportation Code. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: Rodney Paulette  
Motion carried.

21. The Court entered into Executive Session at 11:15 A.M.

22. The Court returned to Open Meeting at 11:25 A.M. Steve Smith made a motion to appoint Keith Wright as the Acting Angelina County Judge, with the signatures of the Commissioners Court, and after taking an official oath and executing a \$1,000.00 bond. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

23. Steve Smith made a motion to set the Acting Angelina County Judge's salary at \$61,912 annually, plus \$7,500 annual travel allowance, and other benefits to which the position is entitled. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

24. Steve Smith made a motion to amend the approved budget for 2022 for the position of the Acting County Judge to reflect the base salary of \$61,912, travel allowance of \$7,500, and benefits, with appropriate signatures. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

25. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve a 2021 budget transfer for the Parks Department:

Transfer from:	Park Maintenance	022-122-4317	\$1,400.00
Transfer to:	Capital Outlay	022-122-4995	\$1,400.00

Steve Smith seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

26. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve a 2022 budget transfer for Election/Voter Registration:

Transfer from:	Election Expense	010-032-4420	\$3,965.25
Transfer to:	Software Maintenance	010-032-4183	\$3,965.25

Steve Smith seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

27. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve a budget transfer from Ambulance Services to VFD Association:

Transfer from:	Ambulance Services	010-035-4103	\$50,000.00
Transfer to:	Contribution - VFD	010-075-4213	\$50,000.00

Steve Smith seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

28. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve the miscellaneous and routine items from the Unit Road System, Tax Assessor-Collector, Justice of the Peace Precincts #1 and #3 and AgriLife Extension. Steve Smith seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
29. Steve Smith made a motion to pay the bills as submitted by the County Auditor. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
30. Rodney Paulette made a motion to adjourn at 11:34 A.M. Steve Smith seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

I, Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners' Court Minutes for March 22, 2022 on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2022.



  
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Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk