

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ANGELINA**

Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 13, 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:

Keith Wright	Acting County Judge
Rodney Paulette	Commissioner Precinct #1
Kermit Kennedy	Commissioner Precinct #2
Terry Pitts	Commissioner Precinct #3
Steve Smith	Commissioner Precinct #4

1. Judge Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with all members present.
2. Opening prayer by Rev. Bryan Lipscomb, Providence 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: Robert Flournoy spoke on items #10, #12, #14, #16 and #39.
5. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the Commissioners Court Minutes for August 23, 2022. Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
6. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve the Commissioners Court Minutes for August 30, 2022. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
7. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the final plat of Harley Golden Road Subdivision No. 2, in Pct. #3. Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
8. Steve Smith made a motion to approve the final plat of Grimes Cemetery Road Subdivision No. 2, in Pct. #4. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
9. Rodney Paulette made a motion to accept the renewal proposals for the following insurance policies:

Property  
Auto  
Law Enforcement Professional Liability  
Public Officials Liability  
Data Breach/Cyber Liability

General Liability  
Inland Marine  
Employment Practices Liability  
Umbrella Liability

Terry Pitts seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

10. The Court opened a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 at 10:16 A.M.

Steve Dubose and Tracy Pinkerton spoke regarding the budget.

11. The Court closed the Public Hearing at 10:23 A.M.

12. The Court opened a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate Increase for Fiscal Year 2022 at 10:23 A.M.

13. The Court closed the Public Hearing at 10:25 A.M.

14. Terry Pitts made a motion that property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.42712, which is effectively a 5.50 percent increase in the tax rate". Steve Smith 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 ratify the proposed tax rate. Steve Smith seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

16. Terry Pitts made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for Angelina County, with the following changes:

Increase the CCL1 Court Recorder to match the CCL2 Court Recorder

Increase the Inmate Medical by \$50,000

Increase the contribution to the Appraisal District by \$25,000

Unit Road System:

Provide an Administrative Assistant at \$35,360

Eliminate the Assistant Road Administrator position

Change a Foreman to Lead Foreman and increase salary by \$8,991

Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

17. Terry Pitts made a motion to adopt the Angelina County Certified Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023, with the changes noted in the approved budget.

Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

18. Steve Smith made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Angelina County and the Deep East Texas Council of Government to participate in the Regional Emergency Notification Project; authorized Judge Wright to sign. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

19. Died for lack of motion.

20. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve renewing Secure Rural School Election 85/15 ratio. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

21. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve the Resolution on the Airport Layout Plan with appropriate signatures. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

22. The Court opened a Public Hearing in reference to the Angelina County Clerk's 2023 Archival Plan at 11:04 A.M.

23. The Court closed the Public Hearing at 11:04 A.M.

24. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the Angelina County Clerk's 2023 Archival Plan. Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

25. Steve Smith made a motion to approve the Sheriff's and Constable's Fees for Civil Process and other services for Fiscal Year 2023. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

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

26. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve the donation of old light bars from retired patrol vehicles to the Central Volunteer Fire Department in Angelina County. Kermit Kennedy 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 the Sheriff's Office to receive funds through the Tobacco Enforcement Program to conduct controlled buy/stings and follow ups involving the use of minors. Rodney Paulette 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 a request of financial assistance for Inmate Medical Care for the Angelina County Jail from the COVID Cares Fund. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.

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

29. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve the following renewal agreements in reference to the County Employee Benefits Plan, with Judge Wright's signature:

Claims Administration Agreement Addendum with Imagine 360  
Core Services Agreement Amendment #1 with ELAP Services, LLC  
Core Services Agreement Amendment #1 and Cost-Containment & Guide Services Agreement #1 with ELAP Services, LLC  
Wellness Addendum to the Employee Health & Welfare Benefit Plan Claims Administrator Agreement

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 approve the Services Agreement with Appriss Insights, LLC for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS). Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

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

31. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) grant for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$17,505.23. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

32. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve a contract with DRG Architects, LLC for the planning, design, and construction oversight services for a proposed expansion of the Angelina County Jail utilizing funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

33. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve a budget transfer for the County Extension Office:

Transfer from:	Office Supplies	010-040-4615	\$500.00
Transfer to:	Demonstration Materials	010-040-4605	\$500.00

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

34. Rodney Paulette made a motion to approve a budget transfer for Angelina County Landfill:

Transfer from:	Capital Outlay	080-180-4995	\$80,000.00
Transfer to:	Gas & Oil	080-180-4307	\$80,000.00

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

The Court took a break from 11:23 A.M. until 11:29 A.M.

35. The Court entered into Executive Session at 11:29 A.M.

36. The Court returned to Open Session at 11:58 A.M.

37. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve a Resolution to use American Rescue Plan Act funds for a capital expenditure project to purchase and improve a building to address needs related to court backlogs, indigent health care services and emergency operations. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rodney Paulette, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Steve Smith

Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried

38. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the miscellaneous and routine items from the County Treasurer, Tax Assessor-Collector, Justice of the Peace Precinct #3 and County Extension Office. Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.

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

39. Terry Pitts made a motion to pay the bills as submitted by the County Auditor. Rodney Paulette seconded the motion.

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

40. Judge Wright made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 P.M. Terry Pitts 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 September 13, 2022 on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.



  
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Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk