

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ANGELINA**

Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Angelina County Courthouse Annex, Commissioners Courtroom, 606 East Lufkin Avenue, Lufkin, Texas with the following members present:

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| Keith Wright | County Judge |
| Kent Walker | Commissioner Precinct #1 |
| Kermit Kennedy | Commissioner Precinct #2 |
| Terry Pitts | Commissioner Precinct #3 |
| Kenneth Jeffrey | Commissioner Precinct #4 |

1. Judge Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with all members present.
2. Opening prayer by Pastor Jack Knox, First Christian 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 September 12, 2023. Kent Walker seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
6. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve a contract between Angelina County and Kofile Technologies, Inc. for the preservation and archival imaging of public indexes in the County Clerk's Office. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
7. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve a 4-year agreement with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, to act as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent taxes as provided for in the Texas Property Tax Code of Criminal Procedure and authorize the County Judge to execute the agreement.
Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
8. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve a 4-year agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, to act as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid fines, fees and court cost as provided for in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and authorize the County Judge to execute agreement. Kent Walker seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.

9. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve a Resolution approving contracts with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
10. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve the Optional Health Care Services Notification provided to the Texas Health and Human Services. Kent Walker seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
11. Kenneth Jeffrey 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 in accordance with the Subchapter H.161, Texas Health and Safety Code. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
12. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve the Treasurer Monthly Report, month ending August 2023. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
13. The Court opened a Public Hearing at 10:19 A.M. on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024. No public comments were made.
14. The Court closed the Public Hearing at 10:22 A.M. Terry Pitts made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Angelina County. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Keith Wright, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
15. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget for Angelina County, Texas, as required by Section 111.008(c) of the Local Government Code. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Keith Wright, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

16. Terry Pitts made a motion to adopt the Angelina County Certified Salary Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2024. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Keith Wright, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
17. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve a Resolution for the acquisition and remodeling of new office space for the Angelina County Appraisal District. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion. Kent Walker and Terry Pitts abstained.
Voted For: Kermit Kennedy, Keith Wright and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
18. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to amend the Canon Solutions America copier lease to trade-in the copier in the Sheriff's Dispatch office for a larger copier at a cost of \$117.00 per month. Kent Walker seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
19. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to add electric meters for Airport Hangars 101, 102 and 103 to the TXU Energy contract. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
20. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve the First Contract Renewal of the Services Agreement with Appriss Insights, LLC, for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS). Kent Walker seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
21. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Insurance Committee to amend the Employee Benefit Plan to include the use of Virtual Cash Card when deemed necessary. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
22. Died for lack of motion. (Discussion/action on a request from the District Attorney for the County to pay the benefit match for the DA Apportionment Fund Salary supplements paid annually September to August)

23. Request withdrawn. (Discussion/action on a request from IT Department to use unused salaries in the current 2023 budget to increase the salaries of two (2) positions)
24. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve assigning Judge Wright to sign a Termination of Lease between Angelina County Civic Center Authority and Angelina County Exposition Center, Inc., effective December 31, 2023. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.
 Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
 Voted Against: (None)
 Motion carried.

25. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve a budget transfer for the Angelina County Airport:

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| Transfer from: | Capital Outlay | 083-183-4495 | \$8,000.00 |
| | Cost of Fuel Sales | 083-183-4304 | \$2,600.00 |
| Transfer to: | R&M Equipment | 083-183-4408 | \$8,000.00 |
| | Vehicle Gas & Oil | 083-183-4307 | \$2,000.00 |
| | Parts & Shop Supplies | 083-183-4318 | \$ 600.00 |

Terry Pitts seconded the motion.
 Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
 Voted Against: (None)
 Motion carried.

26. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve a budget transfer for County Court at Law #1:

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| Transfer from: | Visit Court Reporter | 010-009-4157 | \$1,000.00 |
| Transfer to: | Office Supplies | 010-009-4615 | \$1,000.00 |

Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.
 Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
 Voted Against: (None)
 Motion carried.

27. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve a budget transfer from contingency to cover the cost of an awards banquet for county employees:

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| Transfer from: | Contingency | 010-075-4647 | \$5,000.00 |
| Transfer to: | Miscellaneous | 010-075-4645 | \$5,000.00 |

Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.
 Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
 Voted Against: (None)
 Motion carried.

28. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve a budget transfer from Emergency Management:

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| Transfer from: | Capital Outlay | 010-038-4995 | \$301.00 |
| Transfer to: | Office Supplies | 010-038-4615 | \$301.00 |

Terry Pitts seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

29. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve a budget transfer for Road & Bridge:

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| Transfer from: | Train Personnel | 035-135-4248 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| | Bridge Repair | 035-135-4801 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| | Hard Top Roads | 035-135-4803 | \$20,000.00 |
| Transfer to: | Repair/Maint. Equip | 035-135-4311 | \$30,000.00 |

Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

30. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve Road & Bridge to advertise and hold an online auction for surplus equipment. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

31. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the departmental reports and routine items.

Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

32. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to pay the bills as submitted by the County Auditor.

Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

33. Judge Wright made a motion to adjourn at 10:46 A.M. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

I, Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners Court Minutes for September 26, 2023 on this 28th day of September, 2023.



Amy Fincher

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