

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ANGELINA**

Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the Angelina County Commissioners Courtroom and Annex, 211 East Shepherd Avenue, Room 106, Lufkin, Texas with the following members present:

Rocky Thigpen	Commissioner Precinct #1
Kermit Kennedy	Commissioner Precinct #2
Kenneth Jeffrey	Commissioner Precinct #4

1. Kermit Kennedy, Judge Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. County Judge, Keith Wright, and Tom Berry, Commissioner Precinct #3, were absent from the meeting.
2. Opening prayer by Michael Parker.
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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Consider approval of the minutes of December 19, 2024 Regular Session of Commissioners Court Meeting;
6. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for the Angelina County Jail from the 2024 budget:

Transfer from:	Ground Upkeep	#010-025-4308	\$ 6,000.00
	Garden Expense	#010-025-4404	\$ 2,000.00
	Utility Nat. Gas	#010-025-4703	\$25,000.00
	Electricity	#010-025-4702	\$ 5,000.00
	Capital Outlay	#010-025-4995	\$10,000.00
Transfer to:	Supplies	#010-025-4613	\$13,000.00
	Inmate Food	#010-025-4403	\$20,000.00
	R&M Facilities	#010-025-4303	\$15,000.00

7. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for Angelina County Landfill from the 2024 Budget:

Transfer from:	Shop Heater Gas	#080-180-4706	\$ 35.00
Transfer to:	Steam Heater Gas	#080-180-4707	\$ 35.00

8. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for the Angelina County Judge:

Transfer from:	Training	#010-007-4248	\$ 500.00
Transfer to:	Due/Publications	#010-007-4226	\$ 500.00

9. Discussion/action on budget transfer for the IT Department:

Transfer from:	R&M Network	#010-065-4313	\$31,075.00
Transfer to:	Capital Outlay	#010-065-4995	\$31,000.00
	Uniforms	#010-065-4454	\$ 50.00
	Supplies Office	#010-065-4615	\$ 25.00

10. Discussion/action on budget transfer for Road and Bridge from the 2024 budget:

Transfer from:	Capital Outlay	#035-135-4995	\$ 1,875.00
Transfer to:	Water/Sewer	#035-135-4704	\$ 625.00
	Property Ins.	#035-135-4506	\$ 1,250.00

11. Discussion/action on budget transfer for HR Department from 2024 budget:

Transfer from:	Capital Outlay	#010-041-4995	\$ 400.00
Transfer to:	Training/Person	#010-041-4248	\$ 400.00

12. Discussion/action on budget transfer for the Expo Center:

Transfer from:	R&M Facilities	#088-188-4303	\$ 4,400.00
Transfer to:	Contract Services	#088-188-4123	\$ 4,400.00

13. Discussion/action on budget transfer for the Tax Office:

Transfer from:	R&M Equipment	#010-019-4316	\$ 25.00
Transfer to:	Utilities & Phone	#010-019-4701	\$ 25.00

14. Discussion/action on budget transfer for 217th District Court from the 2024 budget:

Transfer from:	Capital Outlay	#062-362-4995	\$ 8,000.00
Transfer to:	Contractual/Prof	#062-362-4123	\$ 8,000.00

15. Discussion/action on budget transfer for 159th District Court from the 2024 budget:

Transfer from:	Capital Outlay	#069-369-4995	\$ 7,000.00
Transfer to:	Contractual/Prof	#069-369-4123	\$ 7,000.00

16. Discussion/action on budget transfer for Constable, Pct. #2 from the 2024 budget:

Transfer from:	Dues/Publication	#010-021-4226	\$ 244.28
Transfer to:	Telephone	#010-021-4701	\$ 244.28

17. Discussion/action on budget transfer for Law Library Fund from the 2024 budget:

Transfer from:	Books/Publications	#020-120-4609	\$ 1,000.00
Transfer to:	Electronic Research	#020-120-4672	\$ 1,000.00

18. Discussion/action on budget transfer for the Sheriff Dept. from the 2024 budget:

Transfer from:	R&M Facilities	#010-030-4303	\$ 8,000.00
	R&M Radio	#010-030-4326	\$ 4,000.00
	Stockman Travel	#010-030-4249	\$ 2,900.00
	Ground Upkeep/Eq.	#010-030-4308	\$ 1,400.00
	Premiums/Bonds	#010-030-4502	\$ 500.00
	Courthouse Security	#010-030-4619	\$ 850.00
Transfer to:	Employee Evaluation	#010-030-4606	\$ 400.00
	Capital Outlay	#010-030-4995	\$ 8,000.00
	R&M Radio Tower	#010-030-4323	\$ 6,900.00
	Office Supplies	#010-030-4615	\$ 1,900.00
	Patrol Supplies	#010-030-4453	\$ 1,250.00

19. Discussion/action on budget transfer for the County Auditor from the 2024 budget:

Transfer from:	Capital Outlay	#058-158-4995	\$97,225.00
Transfer to:	Admin Fees	#058-158-4041	\$70,725.00
	Professional Fees	#058-158-4158	\$26,500.00

20. Discussion/action on budget transfer for Justice of the Peace, Pct. #3:

Transfer from:	Natural Gas	#010-078-4703	\$ 396.81
Transfer to:	Telephone	#010-078-4701	\$ 396.81

21. Consider approval of any departmental reports and routine items;

22. Discussion/action on approval and authorization for payment of the bills as submitted by the County Auditor;

Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

23. Rocky Thigpen made a motion to approve Chad Wilson, Constable Precinct #3, to transfer the current Precinct #1 Deputy Constables to the Precinct #3 Constable Office. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

24. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve the Resolutions to submit Grant Applications for the 159th District Court and 217th District Court Drug Programs for Angelina County. Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

25. Rocky Thigpen made a motion to approve a \$7,800.00 contract with KSA, funded from Covid Cares Fund, to update the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for a 6000 feet runway design for State/FAA approval to meet the Federal Grant process. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

26. Item #26 was not considered.

27. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve a proposed Economic Development Grant Program agreement between Angelina County and Sumitomo Machinery Corporation of America for the construction of an office building at their existing industrial gear manufacturing facility, located on U.S. Highway 69 North, with an estimated cost of \$3,500,000.00. Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

28. Rocky Thigpen made a motion to adopt the IRS standard mileage reimbursement rate of \$.70 per mile, effective January 1, 2025. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

29. Rocky Thigpen made a motion to approve adding a new electric meter for the Sheriff Department located at 2311 E. Lufkin Ave. to the TXU Energy contract. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

30. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve reserving the Angelina County Expo Center for Lufkin Texas Horse Sale/Carson Ray for January 17 -18, 2025. Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

31. Rocky Thigpen made a motion to approve reserving the Angelina County Expo Center for 5 Star Bonus Series for January 24-26, 2025. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

32. The Court entered into Executive Session at 10:18 A.M. and returned to Open Session at 10:30 A.M.
33. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 A.M. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Rocky Thigpen, Kermit Kennedy 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 January 14, 2025 on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.



*Amy Fincher*  
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Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk