

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ANGELINA

Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 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:

Keith Wright	County Judge
Tim Sprinkle	Commissioner Precinct #1
Kermit Kennedy	Commissioner Precinct #2
Tom Berry	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 Rev. David Hunt, Vice President of Texas Bible College, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Consider approval of the minutes of August 25, 2026 Regular Session of Commissioners Court Meeting;
6. Consider approval of the minutes of August 31, 2026 Special Session of Commissioners Court Meeting;
7. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for Road & Bridge:

Transfer from:	Contingency	#035-135-4647	\$3,900.00
Transfer to:	Training Personnel	#035-135-4248	\$3,900.00

*For Engineer continuing education

8. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for the Auditor's Office:

Transfer from:	Training	#010-015-4248	\$ 150.00
Transfer to:	Dues & Publications	#010-015-4226	\$ 150.00

*To cover the cost of the bi-annual Local Government Code book

9. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for the Angelina County Jail:

Transfer from:	Utilities-Electricity	#010-025-4702	\$4,000.00
Transfer to:	Uniforms	#010-025-4454	\$4,000.00

*An increase in staff at the Angelina County Jail required an additional cost in uniforms that surpassed what was already budgeted

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

Transfer from:	Capital Outlay	#010-065-4995	\$25,000.00
Transfer to:	R&M Networking	#010-065-4313	\$25,000.00

*To cover increasing our cloud storage capacity

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

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

Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Tim Sprinkle seconded the motion.

Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

BUSINESS AGENDA

13. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve option #4 on the renewal proposals for the following insurance:

Property, Auto, Inland Marine, Public Officials Liability, General Liability, Law Enforcement Professional Liability, Employment Practices Liability and Data Breach/Cyber Liability

2026 Option 1-\$1,459,878.00

- Co-broker with McGriff & Morgan Agencies
- Same coverage as Expiring Policies, including last year's coverage limit increase to \$2,000,000 of Law Enforcement, Public Officials & Employment Practices Liability.
- Move Property from CrossCross cover to AmRisc.
- Improved Windstorm/Hail deductible structure. Currently is 3% per building deductible (3% of total of limit for each damaged structure), with a \$100,000 minimum. Going forward from 9/16/2026, deductible is reduced to 2%, with a \$50,000 minimum.
- 16 month policy term, to expire January 1, 2028. Three lines of coverage, GL, Auto and Cyber, will require cancellation/rewrite on 1/1/2027 to achieve a January 1 anniversary date for All lines of coverage. Extended 16 month term premium is estimated at \$1,468,491.
- ANNUAL PREMIUM: For comparison only, \$8,379.00 less than 9/16/2025 issued premium. \$154,117.00 less than annualized 2025-2026 premiums accounting for increased Property, Inland Marine and Law Enforcement exposure. (Budgeted for 5% increase)

2026 Option 4-\$1,482,192.00

- Same as Option 1, but include the following:
 - o Change coverage from Actual Cash Value (ACV) to Replacement Cost (RC) on roofs older than 2005. Additional ANNUAL premium - \$13,112.00. Estimated additional extended term premium - \$17,432.00.
 - o Eliminate Cosmetic Damage Exclusion -- ANNUAL premium - \$3,672.00. Estimated additional extended term premium - \$4,882.00.

Tom Berry seconded the motion.

Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

14. The Angelina County Commissioners Court opened a Public Hearing at 10:24 A.M., on the proposed 2027 Fiscal Year Budget for Angelina County, Texas: Michael McCracken and David Stua spoke in regards to the proposed budget. The public hearing was closed at 10:29 A.M.
15. Judge Wright explained some of the budget increases that were questioned, including the IT Department budget, the Judge's salaries and special projects. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to adopt the proposed 2027 Fiscal Year Budget for Angelina County, Texas. Tim Sprinkle seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry, Kenneth Jeffrey and Keith Wright
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
16. The Angelina County Commissioners Court opened a public hearing at 10:37, regarding the property tax increase reflected in the 2027 Fiscal Year Budget for Angelina County, Texas. Amy Mitchell spoke against the increase. Judge Wright explained the process leading to the increase. The public hearing was closed at 10:44 A.M.
17. Kenneth Jeffrey made the following motion "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .459041, which is effectively a 6.66% increase in the tax rate". Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
18. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to adopt the Angelina County Certified Salary Schedule for 2027 Fiscal Year. Tim Sprinkle seconded the motion.
Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.

19. The Angelina County Commissioners Court opened a public hearing at 10:46 A.M., regarding the 2027 Archival Plan for the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Archives. Amy Fincher, County Clerk, presented the proposed plan. The public hearing was closed at 10:49 A.M.
20. Tom Berry made a motion to approve the 2027 Archival Plan for the County Clerk. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
21. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve Amendment #3 to the County Employee Benefit Plan. Changes include an address change for Imagine360, increasing MRI benefits, adding 3D Mammography & Ultrasound coverage under preventive services, and adding the Partners Direct Health (PDH) to the network. Tom Berry seconded the motion.
Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
22. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve \$12,500 to be paid from contingency for the renovation on the Denman Building for the District Attorney's offices. Tim Sprinkle seconded the motion.
Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
23. Tim Sprinkle made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Office to apply for State Senate Bill 8 Grant program that supports Sheriff's in their statutory duties to participate in immigration agreement with Federal authorities. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
24. Tim Sprinkle made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Office to apply for 2026 Department of Justice BIDEN Grant. Tom Berry seconded the motion.
Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
25. Died for lack of motion (Discussion/action to approve the purchase of a motor for a tractor in the price of \$31,530.01).
26. Judge Wright made a motion to adjourn at 10:54 A.M. Tom Berry seconded the motion.
Voted For: Tim Sprinkle, Kermit Kennedy, Tom Berry 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 8, 2026 on this 10th day of September, 2026.



Amy Fincher
Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk