

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ANGELINA**

Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Angelina County Courthouse Annex, Commissioners Courtroom, 211 East Shepherd Avenue, Room 106, Lufkin, Texas with the following members present:

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

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1. Judge Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with all members present.
2. Opening prayer by Rev. Stephen Pinkney, New Beginning 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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Consider approval of the minutes of August 27, 2024, Regular Session of Commissioners Court Meeting;
6. Discussion/action on budget transfer for District Clerk:

Transfer from:	Capital Outlay	010-050-4995	\$1,000.00
Transfer to:	Premium Bonds	010-050-4502	\$1,000.00

\*To cover the cost of the new District Clerk's bond.
7. Consider approval of any departmental reports and routine items;
8. Discussion/action on approval and authorization for payment of the bills as submitted by the County Auditor;

Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

9. Kent Walker made a motion to approve the designation of the new Commissioners Courtroom, located in the Angelina County Courthouse Annex, at 211 East Shepherd Avenue, Room 106, in Lufkin, Texas, as the official site at which terms of court will henceforth be held by the Angelina County Commissioners Court. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
10. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the suite assignments in the Angelina County Commissioners Courtroom and Annex. Kenneth Jeffrey 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 having the Zavalla Trash Day on September 21, 2024, from 7 A.M. until 11 A.M. at the County Barn in Zavalla. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
12. The Angelina County Commissioners Court opened a public hearing on the proposed 2024 tax rate at 10:13 A.M. No public comments were made. The public hearing was closed at 10:15 A.M.
13. Kent Walker made the following motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.449041, which is effectively an 8.02 percent increase in the tax rate". Terry Pitts seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Keith Wright, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.
14. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the insurance proposal, option #2, from McGriff for the following:  
  
Property  
General Liability  
Auto  
Inland Marine  
Law Enforcement Professional Liability  
Public Officials Liability  
Employment Practices Liability  
Data Breach/Cyber Liability

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

15. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lufkin for the provision of public parking. Kent Walker seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Kent Walker, Keith Wright, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: Kermit Kennedy  
Motion carried.

16. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve a change fund in the amount of \$400 for the Angelina County Expo Center. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

17. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Insurance Committee to increase the Cobra premium rates for the County Employee Benefit Plan. Kent Walker seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

18. Kent Walker made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Insurance Committee regarding changes to the County Employee Benefit Plan. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

19. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve a service agreement between Angelina County and Optimum Business to provide cable service; authorized the County Judge to sign. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.  
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey  
Voted Against: (None)  
Motion carried.

20. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve the following:

Amended Order of Special Election  
Notice of Elections for November 5, 2024 General Election  
Order of Appointment of Election Judges and Alternate for the November 5, 2024  
General Election

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 and authorize the Judge's signature on the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles RTS Workstation Lease Agreement in order for the Angelina County Tax Office to obtain 2 additional RTS workstations. Kent Walker seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

22. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve a contract between Ark-LA-TX Longhorn show and Angelina County for October 24-27, 2024. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

23. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve a contract between Region V Jr. High School Rodeo Associate and Angelina County for November 8-10, 2024. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

24. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve a contract between First United Methodist Church-Evening in Old Bethlehem and Angelina County for December 13 & 14, 2024. Kent Walker seconded the motion.

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

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

25. Judge Wright made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. Terry Pitts 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 10, 2024 on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.



*Amy Fincher*  
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Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk