

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ANGELINA**

Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 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:

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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 Rev. David Hunt, Eastview United Pentecostal, Lufkin, TX.
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 November 12, 2024 Regular Session of Commissioners Court Meeting;
6. Consider approval of the minutes of November 18, 2024 Special Session of Commissioners Court Meeting;
7. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for County Attorney;

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| Transfer from: | Dues & Publications | #010-012-4226 | \$2,000.00 |
| Transfer to: | Training Personnel | #010-012-4248 | \$2,000.00 |

*For additional training

8. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for Maintenance Department;

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| Transfer from: | Capital Outlay | #010-070-4995 | \$8,600.00 |
| Transfer to: | Natural Gas | #010-070-4703 | \$4,650.00 |
| | Water & Sewer | #010-070-4704 | \$3,950.00 |

*Due to increase usage in Service

9. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for Expo Center;

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| Transfer from: | Capital Outlay | #010-188-4995 | \$5,000.00 |
| Transfer to: | Rental/Lease Equip | #010-188-4407 | \$1,000.00 |
| | Shavings Expense | #010-188-4550 | \$4,000.00 |

*Cost increase

10. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for Road and Bridge;

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| Transfer from: | Hard Top Roads | #035-135-4803 | \$10,000.00 |
| Transfer to: | Culverts | #035-135-4802 | \$10,000.00 |

*Due to needed Culvert replacement in road maintenance

11. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for Human Resources;

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| Transfer from: | Contingency | #010-075-4647 | \$2,000.00 |
| Transfer to: | Miscellaneous | #010-075-4645 | \$2,000.00 |

*Cover costs of Building decorations

12. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for Indigent Health Care;

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| Transfer from: | R&M Office Equip | #010-035-4316 | \$ 250.00 |
| | Printing & Forms | #010-035-4611 | \$ 100.00 |
| Transfer to: | Office Supplies | #010-035-4615 | \$ 350.00 |

*Due to relocation expenses

13. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for Emergency Management;

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| Transfer from: | Capital Outlay | #010-038-4995 | \$ 600.00 |
| Transfer to: | Office Supplies | #010-038-4615 | \$ 600.00 |

* (Burn Ban Signs)-Auditor requirements for Capital Outlay

14. Discussion/action on a budget transfer for Justice of the Peace, Pct. #4;

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| Transfer from: | Training | #010-080-4248 | \$ 765.00 |
| Transfer to: | Supplies Office | #010-080-4615 | \$ 400.00 |
| | Postage | #010-080-4616 | \$ 365.00 |

*Due to increase in office supplies and postage

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

16. 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

17. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve the changes for insurance coverage on Angelina County mobile equipment. 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 final plat of John Brown Road Subdivision No. 2 in Precinct #1. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
19. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve a Gas Rights Agreement with VBM Angelina, LLC for the sale and purchase of landfill gas. Kent Walker 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 Treasurer Monthly Report, Month Ended October 2024. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
21. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve a Resolution of Support for County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
22. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve the installation of an aerobic sewage system at the Precinct #1 Barn-1002 FM 706, Lufkin, Tx 75904. Kent Walker seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
23. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve a Resolution on nominees to the Angelina County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion, Kent Walker abstained.
Voted For: Keith Wright, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.

24. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve nominating Kenneth Jeffrey to serve on the Angelina County and Cities Health District Board, replacing Ricky Conner, effective January 1, 2025. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
25. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the confirmation of Kermit Kennedy, the longest serving Commissioner as of January 1, 2025, will serve as Judge Pro Tem of the Court in the absence of the County Judge. Kent Walker seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
26. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve a request from County Maintenance to have the County Landfill to place dumpsters at the old Annex (606 E. Lufkin Ave.) and in the back of the old County Jail (112 Second Street). Terry Pitts seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
27. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the IT department to place security cameras at the barns when funds become available. Kent Walker seconded the motion.
Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey
Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.
28. Kermit Kennedy made a motion to approve an Agreement between KSA, Angelina County and Lufkin Economic Development for an airport planning study for \$50,000.00. Lufkin Economic Development will pay \$25,000.00 and Angelina County will pay \$25,000.00 to complete the study, the funds will be appropriated from the Covid Cares Funds. Kent Walker 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 Resolution to apply for a 2025-2026 CDBG Community Development Grant through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Kenneth Jeffrey 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 a request from the Sheriff's Office for authorization to seek competitive bids for the purchase of a full body scanner suitable for law enforcement use at the Angelina County Jail. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

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

31. The Court entered into Executive Session at 10:40 A.M.

32. In accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Angelina County Commissioners Court will enter into a Closed Meeting for the following purpose:

Consultation with Attorney: To seek the advice of its attorney about pending litigation and about settlement offers in the following lawsuit: County of Angelina v. Allergan PLC, MDL PRETRIAL CAUSE NO. 2018-63587, IN THE 152d District Court of Harris County, Texas, removed to MDL 2804, N.D. OH.

33. The Court returned to Open Session at 10:58 A.M. Kent Walker made a motion to approve the County Judge to execute the settlement participation and release forms regarding settlement offers from Kroger in the matter of Texas opioid multi-district litigation for the County in the matter of County of Angelina v. Allergan PLC, et al. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

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

34. Judge Wright made a motion to adjourn at 10:59 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 November 26, 2024 on this 26th day of November, 2024.





Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk