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ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS

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NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Erath County Commissioner's Court will meet in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the 2nd floor Commissioner's Courtroom at the Erath County Courthouse, Stephenville, Texas, to consider the following agenda items for discussion and possible action:

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Invocation
3. Public Comments.
4. Discussion and action to approve Proclamation for Stop the Silence with Cross Timbers Family Services.
5. Discussion and action to terminate the current contract for the collection of delinquent justice court fines and fees.
6. Discussion and action to approve a resolution to enter into a contingent fee contract with the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, P.C. for the collection of delinquent justice court fines and fees pursuant to Tex. Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 103.0031(b).

In Accordance with Texas Government Code, section 2254.1036(a)(1), the County of Erath, Texas provides written notice to the public of their consideration of the following:

1. Erath County is seeking the legal services of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, P.C., a delinquent fines and fees collection law firm, to collect justice court delinquent fines and fees owed to Erath County. The desired outcome of the legal services would be for Erath County to collect the delinquent justice court fines and fees that its justice court is owed in as short a time period as is possible.
2. McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, P.C. have been competently collecting delinquent fines and fees for over sixteen-years and currently represents hundreds of Texas cities and counties in the collection of delinquent fines and fees. McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, P.C. is a competent, qualified, and experienced delinquent fines and fees collection law firm.
3. The legal services desired by Erath County that are the subject of the contract cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of Erath County.
4. The legal services desired by Erath County that are the subject of the contract cannot be reasonably obtained from attorneys in private practice under a contract providing for the payment of hourly fees without contingency because Erath County does not have funds in its budget to pay the estimated hourly fees and other costs incurred to implement an effective delinquent fines and fees collection program under a contract providing only for the payment of hourly fees and costs. Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 103.0031 allows a county to recover a penalty to defray the costs of collecting delinquent fines and fees, only if the county has entered into a contract with a private attorney or public or private vendor pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 103.0031.
5. To defray the costs of collecting delinquent fines and fees as provided by Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 103.0031, and to save money and ensure that the collection of delinquent fines and fees is diligently pursued for Erath County, a contingent fee contract with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, P.C. is in the best interests of the residents of Erath County.

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7. Discussion and action to approve ROW permits from Atmos Energy for County Roads 110, 116, 119, 120, 121, 419, 435.
8. Discussion and possible action to research options for call-in pay for county employees.
9. Discussion and action on options for time clock intervals.
10. Discussion and action to approve matching funds for Rifle Resistant Body Armor.
11. Discussion and action to surplus the District Attorney's Expedition via GovDeals.
12. Discussion and action to renew contract between Erath County and CivicPlus for the CivicClerk Agenda and Minutes Management services.
13. Discussion and action to approve a yearly service contract for Web Accessibility with CivicPlus.
14. Discussion and action to allow participation with the City of Stephenville in the Electronics Recycle Event and split the costs of \$4,800.00.
15. Discussion and action to approve budget adjustment transfers.
16. Discussion and action to approve invoices presented for regular and recurring payment as presented by the County Auditor and issue order to the County Treasurer to disburse the funds. (K Reeves)
17. Presentation of Treasurer's Report March 2025.
18. Discussion and action on burn ban.
19. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meeting Act, *Tex. Govt. Code 551.071 through 551.086*, to discuss:
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Legal Matters
 - c. Real Estate
 - d. Reconvene
20. Discussion and action on items discussed in closed executive session.
21. Discuss any new business.
22. Adjourn.

[Signature]

County Judge
Erath County, Texas



For Public Comments:

A Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk prior to the time that the agenda item (or items) you wish to address are discussed before the Court. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes and only 6 speakers will be allowed to speak on any given agenda item. Members of the public are reminded that the Erath County Commissioners Court is a Constitutional Court, with both judicial and legislative powers, created under

Article V, Section 1 and Section 18 of the Texas Constitution. As a Constitutional Court, the Erath County Commissioners Court also possesses the power to Issue a Contempt of Court Citation under Section 81.024 of the Texas Local Government Code. Accordingly, members of the public in attendance at any Regular, Special and/or Emergency Meeting of the Court shall conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum in speaking to, and/or addressing the Court; in participating in public discussions before the Court; and in all actions in the presence of the Court.

Erath County Reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), subsection 551.071(2) (Consultation with Attorney on legal matters that are not related to litigation), §551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Personnel or Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §551.088 (Deliberation regarding Test Item), and 551.089 (Deliberation regarding Security Devices or Security Audits).

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