

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Lamar County Commissioners Court will be held on the 10th day of November, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom located on the first floor of the Lamar County Courthouse, 119 North Main Street, Paris, Texas, at which time there will be discussion and/or action on the following subjects:

1. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag. – Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
2. Citizens' input –
Persons desiring to address the Lamar County Commissioners Court must limit their presentation to no more than five minutes. Unless an item is posted on the Agenda, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Court from responding to any comments other than to refer the matter to a future agenda, to an existing policy, or to a staff person with specific factual information. Claims against the Lamar County Commissioners Court, elected officials or employees are not appropriate for citizens' input. – Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
3. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court to:
 - (1) **adopt a Proclamation** declaring the week of December 7th, 2025 through December 13th, 2025 "Tree of Angels" week in Lamar County, Texas. Proclamation No. P2025-007. Everyone is invited to attend the 23rd Annual "Tree of Angels" ceremony at the Central Presbyterian Church, located at 309 South Church Street in Paris, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2025.
 - (2) **to grant permission to display flyers within the courthouse** informing the public about "Tree of Angels" event held on Thursday, December 4, 2025.
 - (3) **to consider and allow the "Tree of Angels" Christmas tree to be set up in the basement floor** of the Lamar County Courthouse, where the tree will stay through the month of December. Families and friends may place an "Angel" ornament on the Christmas tree.

For more information contact 903-491-1322. – Doris Sanford or Wanda Bayley with People Against Violent Crime; Darrell Bruce, Lamar County Juvenile Probation Department; Jane Adams, Victim Assistance Coordinator for Lamar County, or Stephanie Graham, Deputy Clerk JP 5-2. – Darrell Bruce, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Lamar County Juvenile Probation; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge

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4. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court to receive an update from Lisa Archer, Chairman for Lamar County Historical Commission regarding upcoming activities and events. – Lisa Archer; Lamar County Historical Commission; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
5. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court to receive a presentation from Alex Putnam, District 6 City Council Member, and Carolyn Patterson, President of Paris Area Arts Alliance, regarding the possibly of relocating the Paris Eiffel Tower to downtown Paris. - Alex Putnam, Paris City Council; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
6. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court to approve and enter into a one-year renewal of the Space License Agreement for the temporary use of facilities to The American National Red Cross located in the county building at 2673 North Main. This lease is for approximately 802 SF of office space consisting of 4 offices and storage and parking for 2 fleet vehicles. This renewal lease is from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026. – Karen Holt, Executive Director, East Texas Chapter American Red Cross; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
7. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court to approve and execute a subscription agreement with The Fire Horn, Inc. and Lamar County. This will replace the current contract with Emergency Services Marketing Corp., Inc (ESMC) (license provider of IamResponding.com) that will expire in January 2026. By approving this contract, this will allow the Lamar County Volunteer Fire Departments to be dispatched through their app as well as a page or other standard devices. – Quincy Blount, Lamar County Emergency Management Coordinator; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
8. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court to consider issuing a burn ban regarding the prohibition of outdoor burning in the unincorporated portions of the county per Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code. Due to ongoing hot and dry conditions across Lamar County, vegetation moisture levels are decreasing, resulting in an increased risk of wildfire ignition. - Quincy Blount, Lamar County Fire Marshall; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
9. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court to consider and approve the final plat for *Cedar Meadow Estates*, which is part of the William Bludell Survey #49 located in Precinct 2. All parties agree that Private Roads constructed in private subdivisions, are maintained by the Owner/Developer; or maintained by the private residents/homeowners; not by the County. – Abraham and Helena Neufeld, Owner/Developer; Lonnie Layton, Commissioner, Precinct 2

10. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court to consider and approve the final plat for Meadow Lake Estates, which is part of the University Lands Section 6 Williams W. Bailey Survey #151 and the L.W. Ross Survey #824 located in Precinct 3. All parties agree that Private Roads constructed in private subdivisions, are maintained by the Owner/Developer; or maintained by the private residents/homeowners; not by the County. – Juan Lowen, Owner/Developer; Ronnie Bass, Commissioner, Precinct 3
11. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court canvassing of votes for the 2025 Special Election held on November 4th, 2025. – Tricia Johnson, Elections Administrator; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
12. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court to allocate 972 votes based on the 2024 levy, by resolution for the nominees for the Board of Directors of the Lamar County Appraisal District for a two-year term to begin January 1, 2026. – Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
13. Discussion and/or action by the Lamar County Commissioners Court to allow use of the county courtroom by the local chapter of Turning Point USA, for a public meeting to be held on November 13th, 2025 at 6:00 pm. – Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
14. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court receiving an update and status on repairs, and needed repairs, in the courthouse and/or other county property. The item contemplates Lamar County Commissioners taking reasonable action as needed to repair and/or maintain county property. – Kerry Washington, County Maintenance Supervisor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
15. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court to consider possible changes to the holiday pay policy for part time employees including any necessary updates to the Employee Handbook. –Ronnie Bass, Commissioner Pct. 3
16. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court to approve and receive the “Official Bond and Oath” for Lamar County Constable Precinct 4, Tyler Anderson, for the term beginning August 28, 2025 and ending August 28, 2029. – Ruth Sisson, Lamar County Clerk; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge

17. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court receiving the County Treasurer Report for the periods of July, August and September 2025. – Camey Boyer, Lamar County Treasurer; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
18. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court receiving the Third Quarter Investment Report covering July, August and September 2025. - Camey Boyer, Lamar County Treasurer; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge

Consent Agenda - Items 19-26

Items on the Consent Agenda are approved by a single action of the Lamar County Commissioners' Court, with such approval applicable to all items appearing on the Consent Agenda. A Commissioner Court Member may request any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item

19. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court receiving from the County Auditor's Office certification of money from a new source not anticipated in the amount of \$300.00 as per Section 111.0108 of the Texas Local Government code. This revenue represents funds received from jury donations to Veterans Services. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
20. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court adopting a special budget for the limited purpose of spending money from a new source not anticipated in the amount of \$300.00 utilized by Veterans services for veteran services expenses. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
21. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court receiving from the County Auditor's Office certification of money from a new source not anticipated in the amount of \$20,855.00 as per Section 111.0108 of the Texas Local Government code. This revenue represents funds received from Oncor Electric Delivery Company for road damages in Road and Bridge Precinct 2. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
22. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court adopting a special budget for the limited purpose of spending money from a new source not anticipated in the amount of \$20,855.00 utilized by the County toward road material expenses. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge

23. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court receiving from the County Auditor's Office certification of money from a new source not anticipated in the amount of \$203.00 as per Section 111.0108 of the Texas Local Government code. This revenue represents funds received from Red River Recycling as proceeds for sale of scrap metal. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
24. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court adopting a special budget for the limited purpose of spending money from a new source not anticipated in the amount of \$203.00 utilized by the R&B Pct 1 towards departmental expenses. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
25. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court receiving from the County Auditor's Office certification of money from a new source not anticipated in the amount of \$21,000.00 as per Section 111.0106 of the Texas Local Government code. This revenue represents funds received from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Homeowner Reconstruction Program – HOME Grant #561337. These funds will be used for payment of grant expenses. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge
26. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court adopting a special budget for the limited purpose of spending money from a new source not anticipated in the amount of \$21,000.00 to be utilized for the payment for HOME grant expenses. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge

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27. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court to execute a contract with Function 4 for a copier lease in the in the County Auditor's Office. - Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor
28. Discussion and/or action regarding Lamar County Commissioners Court to receive the County Auditor's monthly financial report for the period ending September 2025. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor
29. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court regarding line-item transfers for various offices. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge

30. Discussion and/or action by Lamar County Commissioners Court to approve payment of claims, payroll, and other bills. – Kayla Hall, Lamar County Auditor; Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge

31. Approval of Minutes. – Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge

32. ADJOURN

Dated this the 4th day of November, 2025

By B. Bell
Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Lamar County, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above-named Commissioners Court was filed in my office this the 4th day of November, 2025

Given under my hand and seal this the 4th day of November, 2025

Ruth Simon, Lamar County Clerk

By _____, Deputy



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