

Lamb County Commissioner's Court Order

**POLICY FOR SPENDING BY CERTAIN COUNTY
AND PRECINCT OFFICIALS**

Section 130.908 Texas Local Government Code

Effective immediately, The Lamb County Commissioners Court has ordered the following statements to be the official policy of Lamb County regarding bills incurred by outgoing County and Precinct Officials pursuant to:

Texas Local Government Code Section 130.908. APPROVAL OF SPENDING BY CERTAIN COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS. If an incumbent county or precinct officer is not renominated or is not reelected to the county or precinct office of a county, during the time following the date the results of the official canvass of the primary or election returns are announced, the commissioners court must approve any expenditure by the incumbent county or precinct officer who was not renominated or reelected that is over the amount set by the commissioners court.

Added by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg, ch. 793, Sec. 1, eff Aug. 26, 1991

Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 592, Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2003

Amount: The amount for purposes of this statute is set at: For the first quarter of the new budget year, expenditures by an incumbent county or precinct officer, who was not renominated or reelected, may not exceed the quarterly pro-rated budget amount for any individual line item.

Pre-approval: Any expenditure that will exceed the amount set above must be approved by Commissioners Court prior to the expenditure. Any financial obligation incurred by an outgoing Precinct or County Officer that exceeds the limit set above without prior approval from the Commissioners Court will be the personal responsibility of the outgoing Precinct or County Officer.

Officers: County or Precinct Officers who shall comply with this policy and State Statute are:

County Judge

County Commissioner

Treasurer

County Clerk

County/District Attorney

District Clerk

District Judge

Justice of The Peace

Sheriff

Tax Assessor Collector

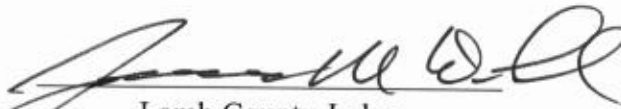
It is the expectation of the Commissioner's Court that Appointed Department Heads be required by their respective elected officials to follow the same policy.

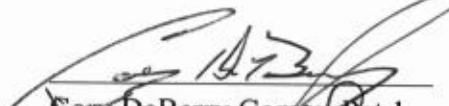
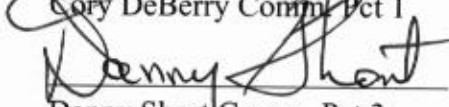
Separate Bills: Bills, invoices, statements, quotes, purchase orders, etc. may not be divided into separate or smaller transactions for the purpose of avoiding this policy. In the event this occurs, all requests for spending for the remainder of the term of office will become subject to prior approval by the Commissioners Court.

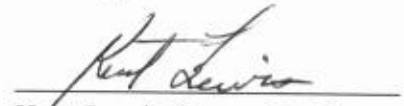

Delayed Bills: Bills may not be held or delayed for payment with the intention of avoiding this policy.

Compliance verification: The County or Precinct Official who was not renominated or reelected will provide documentation to the Commissioners Court, upon receipt, to ensure compliance with this policy and statute. The County Auditor or County Treasurer will notify the Commissioners Court of any known discrepancies or pending expenditures subject to this policy.

Entered this the 9th day of December, 2024

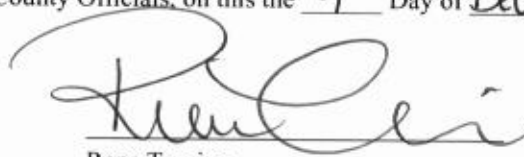

Lamb County Judge


Cory DeBerry Comm. Pct 1

Danny Short Comm. Pct 3


Kent Lewis Comm. Pct 2

Lee Logan Comm. Pct 4

Subscribed and acknowledged before me by said County Officials, on this the 9th Day of December, 2024




Rene Trevino,
Lamb County Clerk

- F. Elected Officials are responsible for monitoring and ensuring proper use of County credit cards.
- G. Detailed receipts must be provided to the employee's Elected Official each time a County credit card is used for a purchase. Failure to submit receipts may result in an employee being personally responsible for the purchase, and disciplinary action up to and including termination.

9.10 BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

- A. Use of County buildings, premises, and vehicles by employees shall be in compliance with state law and with County policies regarding authorized use.
- B. Because of the confidential nature of the work done by and records kept or generated in many Departments, the County's policy is video/audio recording in any manner (e.g., electronic, photographic, etc.) is expressly prohibited. Each Elected Official maintains discretion to designate certain areas of work space as being limited access, and may prohibit video/audio recording as necessary to comply with all state and federal laws, regulations, guidelines, and rules requiring confidentiality and protection of confidential records and information.

9.11 COUNTY-ISSUED UNIFORMS

Some Departments may provide uniforms to their employees with the approval of Commissioners Court. Uniforms must be properly cared for by employees and will be returned when employment ceases. Upon separation, employees are responsible for the replacement costs of any uniforms issued that have become lost or irreparably damaged.

9.12 SPENDING BY CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS

- A. If an incumbent County Elected Official is not reelected, during the time following the date the results of the official canvass of the primary or election returns are announced, certain expenditures by the incumbent who was not renominated or reelected over must first be approved by the Commissioners Court:
 - 1. If the expenditure is greater than \$1,000; and/or
 - 2. If the expenditure will exceed the quarterly pro-rated budgeted amount for any individual line item.
- B. It is considered a violation of this policy for an official to intentionally or knowingly make or authorize separate, sequential, or component purchases to avoid the policy's requirements and restrictions. Bills, invoices, receipts, purchase orders, and the like may not be held or delayed for payment with intent to violate this policy.
- C. The Treasurer and Auditor shall notify the Commissioners Court of any suspected violations of this policy.
- D. If an official makes or authorizes a purchase in violation of this policy, or authorizes or allows their Department Heads or other employees to violate this policy, their pay will be subject to withholding per County policy (See Section 12.11), as the expenditure/debt will be classified as an individual debt of the official.