

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17, 2024**

The Commissioners' Court of Van Zandt County met at the above-named date and time in the County Courtroom in the Van Zandt County Courthouse in Canton, Texas. Members present were County Judge Andy Reese, Commissioner Pct. #1 Chad LaPrade, Commissioner Pct. #2 Virgil Melton Jr., Commissioner Pct. #3 Keith Pearson and Commissioner Pct. #4 Brandon Barton. Notice was given by posting in compliance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code on all the following before the Court for consideration:

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM. 9:02 All were present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) None

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION.

THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS THE COUNTY JUDGE, OR A COMMISSIONER REQUESTS AN ITEM BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

A.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING(S) OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AND APPROVAL OF SAME FOR DECEMBER 20, 2023, JANUARY 3, 2024, AND JANUARY 8, 2024.

B.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFYING OF COUNTY'S BILLS AS SUBMITTED

C.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FY2024 LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS

D.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MONTHLY REPORTS SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND APPROVAL ENTRY OF SAME IN THE COURT'S MINUTES AS A MATTER OF RECORD.

E.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF PIPE AND/OR UTILITY LINES

- 2228 VZCR 3211

- VZCR 4220

Motion to approve items A-E by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM NO THRU TRUCKS ON MOST OR ALL COUNTY MAINTAINED PUBLIC ROADS IN PRECINCTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 AS DEFINED BY 251.152 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE. Open 9:03am
Close 9:05am. Commissioner Keith Pearson Spoke.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM NO THRU TRUCKS ON MOST OR ALL COUNTY MAINTAINED PUBLIC ROADS IN PRECINCT 1 AS DEFINED BY 251.152 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE. Motion to approve all roads by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and second by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM NO THRU TRUCKS ON MOST OR ALL COUNTY MAINTAINED PUBLIC ROADS IN PRECINCT 2 AS DEFINED BY

251.152 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE. Motion to approve all roads by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM NO THRU TRUCKS ON MOST OR ALL COUNTY MAINTAINED PUBLIC ROADS IN PRECINCT 3 AS DEFINED BY 251.152 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE. Motion to approve all roads by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM NO THRU TRUCKS ON MOST OR ALL COUNTY MAINTAINED PUBLIC ROADS IN PRECINCT 4 AS DEFINED BY 251.152 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE. Motion to approve all roads by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS DURING THE TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2024, TO MARCH 2, 2024. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and second by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SIGNING A STATE APPLICATION FOR REPAIRS ON CEDAR CREEK SITE 101 LOCATED ON VZCR 3908, PRESENTED BY THE KAUFMAN-VAN ZANDT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. Owen Cantrell spoke; Commissioner Keith Pearson motioned to authorize County Judge Andy Reese to sign the application and Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr to Manage everything and sign the application and Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR ESD #1 (Pct. 2) Ross Hamilton, Tom Troll to serve 2-year term. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MEETING LOCATION FOR VAN ZANDT HISTORICAL COMMISSION. Put on January 31, 2024, agenda. Motion to Table by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND APPROVE REAPPLYING FOR THE VOCA GRANT TO FUND THE VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE PROJECT FOR THE 2024 – 2025 TERM. 1) Motion to table by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor. 2) Motion to un table by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and second by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor. 3) 80/20 match grant. Motion by Commissioner Brandon Barton for County Judge Reese to sign resolution and second by Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HARMONIOUS RV PARK PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 2112 IN PRECINCT 2 Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SELLING A 1998 INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTOR TRUCK, VIN 1HTSCABN9WH525411 FOR \$25,000.00 FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 4 TO ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 1. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE SALE OF A 1999 INTERNATIONAL HAUL TRUCK VIN #2HSFRAMR6XC058669, VZ ID 9236, FOR \$5,500.00 FROM ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 3 TO ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 1. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A 2009 INTERNATIONAL PRO STAR VIN #2HSCUAPR59C091839 FOR \$24,000.00 FOR ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OVER 45 DAY TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY CLERK ELECTION DEPARTMENT (EMILEE BELL). Susan Strickland spoke. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE SHERIFF TO CREATE TWO DEPUTY CADET POSITIONS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DISCUSS HOW THEY WILL BE FUNDED.

Motion to table by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS SUBMITTED Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.072 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY. 9:38am close.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS

DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:58am open. 1) Motion by Commissioner Chad LaPrade to Authorize County Judge to sign contract for Pct2 for tower site property and approve Treasurer's office to issue \$500 check to title company for earnest payment from AARPA interest funds, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

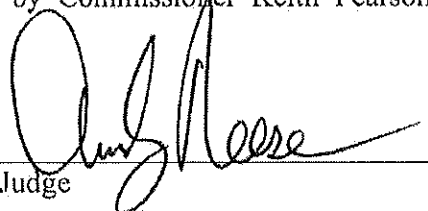
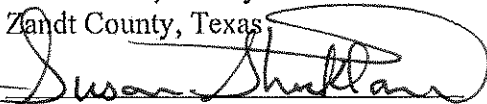
2) Motion made by Commissioner Keith Pearson to Approve surveys of Pct 2 tower site property & easement and East Annex to be paid out of AARPA interest funds and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE LEASE CONTRACT WITH TILLMAN INFRASTRUCTURE LLC FOR THE P25 RADIO SYSTEM. Motion to Table by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and second by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor. Put on January 31, 2024, agenda.

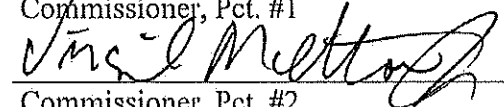
ADJOURNMENT 10:04am. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

BY:




County Judge

Commissioner, Pct. #1


Commissioner, Pct. #2

ABSENT

Commissioner, Pct. #3



Commissioner, Pct. #4