

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 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. 9:03AM All were present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Town Hall meeting on 02/15/2024 in Wills Point. Rene Bates Auction starts 2/16

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) Sandra Jones spoke on items 6,7,8,9 and 12.

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 JANUARY 31, 2024 AND FEBRUARY 7, 2024.

B.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS SUBMITTED.

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

D.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FY2024 LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS. Motion to change the dates to 2/14 by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. Commissioner Keith Pearson pull to discuss.

E.) 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.

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

- 400 PR 7357
- 4206, 4210, 4211 & 4218

Item A.) February 7, 2024 removed and placed on next session. Motion by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

Item D.) to be pulled for discussion by Commissioner Keith Pearson. Line items to be split for better tracking. IT and DA forfeiture money. Motion to change the dates to 2/14 by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.
Motion to approve consent agenda by Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING ESD #4 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. Motion to accept audit report by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A CHECK FROM THE CITY OF FRUITVALE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FOR PAYMENT OF SERVICES RENDERED PER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SIGNING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH KAUFMAN COUNTY TO HOUSE INMATES AT THEIR FACILITY. Sheriff Joe Carter spoke and stated this is for a one year contract. Van Zandt County is responsible for transportation, cost is \$60.00 per day per inmate. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SIGNING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH HOPKINS COUNTY TO HOUSE INMATES AT THEIR FACILITY. Motion to table by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR PROGRAM. If someone fails to appear, DPS can refuse renewal of DL. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE ROAD AND BRIDGE MATERIALS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2024, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE FUEL FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2024, THROUGH MAY 31, 2025. Motion to approve and begin bid process by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COUNTY JUDGE SIGNATURE ON PRO RATA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 FILING. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

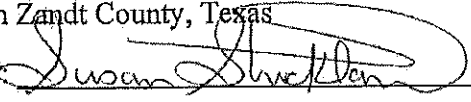
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOND FOR MICHELLE KENNY, FIRST ASSISTANT AUDITOR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

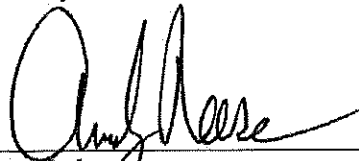
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MOU FOR USE OF THE P25 RADIO SYSTEM BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REPLAT OF LOTS 17 AND 18 MEADOW OAKS ESTATES LOCATED ON VZCR 3839 IN PRECINCT 3. Lot line adjustment-mobile home encroached on neighbors' property. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

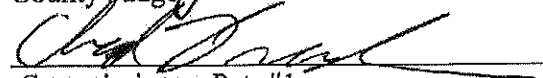
ADJOURNMENT 9:34am. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

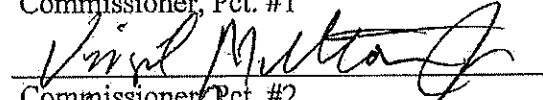
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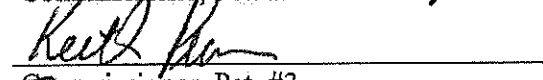
County Judge



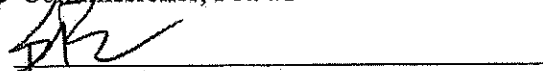
Commissioner, Pct. #1



Commissioner, Pct. #2



Commissioner, Pct. #3



Commissioner, Pct. #4