

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY March 13, 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. 9:01 A.M. All present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Ms. Ann Nelson spoke on item # 13

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 content 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 February 14, 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
 - VZCR 1502, 1503, 1505 1507, 1512, 1516
 - VZCR 4105 and VZCR 4102
 - VZCR 4106, 4109, 4110, 4112, 4113, 4118
 - VZCR 4106 & 4404
 - VZCR 4112
 - VZCR 4803
 - VZCR 4818
 - VZCR 4823, 4824
 - VZCR 4912, 4930

Motion to approve items A-E by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING – to discuss and consider closing, vacating, or dedicating portions of road to the public.

The road, or portions thereof, to be closed, vacated, or dedicated, are described as County Road 1502 from its intersection with Wyoming St in the city of Van, south to its intersection with County Road 1527, also known as Florida St.

Open 9:03 A.M.

Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, John DeSha, Chris Gosset, and Keith Pearson spoke during public hearing.
Closed 9:27 A.M.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CLOSING, VACATING, OR DEDICATING PORTIONS OF ROAD TO THE PUBLIC. THE ROAD, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, TO BE CLOSED, VACATED, OR DEDICATED, ARE DESCRIBED AS COUNTY ROAD 1502 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH WYOMING ST IN THE CITY OF VAN, SOUTH TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH COUNTY ROAD 1527, ALSO KNOWN AS FLORIDA ST. District Attorney Tonda Curry spoke.

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

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER VAN ZANDT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023. Motion to table by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY SARA NORMAN LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD. William Howell Sr. spoke and gave Courtney Roark and Dan Macy as new appointments. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PLAT ZREY RV RESORT ON VZCR 3810 WILLS POINT, TEXAS LOCATED IN PRECINCT 3. Motion to table by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR COUNTY MOTOR TAX EXEMPTIONS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. Commissioner Keith Pearson opposed.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A DONATION OF A NEW WHEELCHAIR FOR THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY COURTHOUSE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY JUDGE SIGNING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH HOPKINS COUNTY FOR HOUSING INMATES. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN VAN ZANDT COUNTY AND ANIMAL PROTECTION LEAGUE. Shelia Phillips spoke. This is for free spay and neuter services, contract is from April 1, 2024 -September 30, 2025 . Motion to approve using the voucher system for up to \$1,000.00 per month by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PARTIAL PAYMENT OF MILESTONE B.1.4 – HARDWARE DELIVERY FROM L3 HARRIS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE (3) 3 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL AGREEMENTS AND PAYMENT CONCERNING BELLY DUMP TRAILERS FROM BRAZOS TRAILERS FOR PRECINCT 1. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH LONE STAR SECURITY SERVICES FOR ALARM SYSTEMS IN VAN ZANDT COUNTY RADIO BARN IN WILLS POINT. Motion to approve amended contract term from 36 months to 12 months by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR SENATE BILL 22 GRANT. This is through fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION in compliance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code,
(1) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or
(2) To hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

Start time 10:12 A.M.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION in compliance with Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code, to conduct a closed meeting to deliberate business and financial issues relating to a contract being negotiated.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION to consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session 11:20A.M.

Motion to approve paying change order to L3 Harris from ARPA by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson.

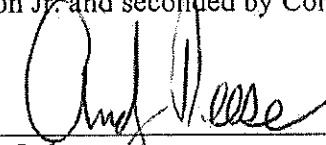
Motion to approve County Judge to sign contract for Tower in Pct. 2 by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS SUBMITTED. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

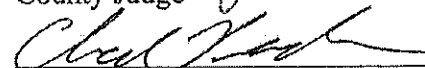
ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor. 11:23 A.M.

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

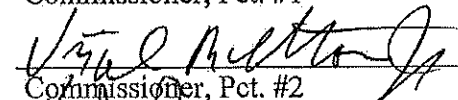
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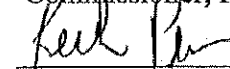
County Judge



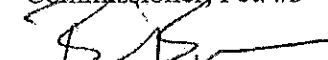
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Commissioner, Pct. #2



Commissioner, Pct. #3



Commissioner, Pct. #4