

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY March 27, 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. Commissioner's all present, County Judge Andy Reece appeared by zoom.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. recognized Mrs. Frances Hyde for her 28 years of service at Pct. 2 County Barn.

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 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 28, 2024 and March 13, 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
- 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 acceptance of February 2024 Financial & Investment Report of County Treasurer to be entered into the Minutes of Commissioners Court
- g.) Discuss and consider approval of Proposed Installation of Pipe and/or Utility Lines
 - VZCR 1710, CR 1711, CR 1712, CR 1713, and CR 1714
 - VZCR 4803
 - VZCR 4806, CR 4810, CR 4812, CR 4813, CR 4814
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Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Bartori and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor. Commissioner Keith Pearson also commented that all reports had been received.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR LOT SIZE VARIANCE ON A 3-LOT SUBDIVISION LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WILLS POINT ETJ ON BROADMORE ST. IN PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR DRAINAGE VARIANCE FOR ZREY RV PARK PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 3810 IN PRECINCT 3. Brian Capps (engineer) spoke about the water being routed and that the neighbor had no problem with it. It is recommended to get a agreement letter from the neighbor. Motion to table until letter is received by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

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. Motion by Brandon Barton to not vacate road, fix drainage and road repairs in the near future seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FOR JUAN C. GARCIA AND LUDIVINA T. RODRIGUEZ D/B/A SMART CHOICE ENTERPRISES, INC. OF 3909 MICAN DRIVE, DALLAS, TEXAS TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOTIVE WRECKING AND SALVAGE YARD LOCATED AT 12848 INTERSTATE 20, CANTON, VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER VAN ZANDT COUNTY ADOPTING PR 8700 AS VAN ZANDT COUNTY ROAD 4719. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. Commissioner Keith Pearson voted against, Commissioner Chad LaPrade voted against, County Judge voted against by zoom. Motion fails.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SELLING EQUIPMENT FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 2 USING RENE BATES AUCTIONEERS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY PRECINCT 2 TRANSFER STATION. Amount is to be \$75.00. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN SERVICE ORDER AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE FOR INSTALLING INTERNET IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 2 BARN. \$99.00 install fee and \$64.99/monthly this is a month to month contract. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ADDENDUM 2 AND ADDENDUM 3 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS CONTRACT LGS19-0093 ADDING LICENSES FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ADDENDUM 4 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS CONTRACT LGS19-0093 ADDING TWO VIEW ONLY LICENSES FOR THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH XEROX TO REPLACE THE SOON TO EXPIRE COPIER LEASE FOR THE AGRILIFE DEPARTMENT AT THE ANNEX. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH FOR EXPANDING INTERNET BANDWIDTH IN THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. Increase from 50x50 to 100x100 for \$400.00 monthly. Contract to be amended to 24 months from 36 months. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. 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
Entered at 9:39 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

10:35 A.M. NO ACTION

ADJOURNMENT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon
Barton. All in favor. 10:36 A.M.

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

BY: Susan Strickland

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County Judge

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Commissioner, Pct. #1

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Commissioner, Pct. #2

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Commissioner, Pct. #4