

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY  
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY APRIL 10, 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 members present.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. thanked all the Fire Departments that assisted on the two house fires. Judge Andy Reese spoke about the upcoming William Travis plaque dedication on April 12, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Here at the Court House.

**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 February 28, 2024 and March 27, 2024.
- b.) Discuss and consider ratifying of County's bills as submitted
- c.) Discuss and consider approval of FY2024 Line Item Transfers. **Commissioner Keith Pearson explained that Pct. 3 was moving \$5,000.00 from contingency fund to purchase equipment; Pct. 3 is moving money to Pct. 1 for Paver.**
- 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
  - 2980 VZ County Road 4907
  - VZCR 4909

County Judge asked to make a correction on the minutes dated February 28, 2024 correct mortar joints to mortar joints. Motion to approve with correction by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE MONTH OF APRIL TO BE SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade Jr. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE MONTH OF APRIL TO BE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AWARENESS MONTH.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SABRE MILESTONE PAYMENT.** Amount is \$72,485.18. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REPLAT OF PART OF LOT 12, BLK 2 SPRING LAKE ESTATES LOCATED ON VZCR 1225 IN PRECINCT 1.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR LOT SIZE VARIANCE ON A 2-LOT SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF VZCR 2118 AND VZCR 2121 IN PRECINCT 2.** Two acre lot to be split into one acre lots. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. second by Commissioner Brandon Barton Commissioner Keith Pearson voted against due that it would bring lots to .82 acres for each lot. Motion Passes due to votes in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLAT OF WOODS 3908 ADDITION #2 LOCATED ON VZCR 3908 IN PRECINCT 3.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor. One lot subdivision with existing home.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR DRAINAGE VARIANCE FOR ZREY RV PARK PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 3810 IN PRECINCT 3.** Signed letter received from neighbor agreeing to the extra water shed. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ZREY RV RESORT ON VZCR 3810 WILLS POINT, TEXAS LOCATED IN PRECINCT 3.** Motion to approve 40 RV spots by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER VAN ZANDT COUNTY ADOPTING PR 8700 AS VAN ZANDT COUNTY ROAD 4719.** Motion to table by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor to table.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING CHIPPER FROM ETCOG FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 3.** This item cannot be sold due to grant program it came from and we must do maintenance on it. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SIGNING FY2024 SOLID WASTE GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.** This is with ETCOG. Dates are April 19, 2024 and April 20, 2024. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DONATION FROM TODD CROSBY OF SCREENINGS OF LIMESTONE ROCK TO ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 3.** Donation will be used for County Road 3804 and 3813. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LICENSE FOR DAVID FAUGHT D/B/A MAJESTIC TOWING AND RECOVERY OF 25154 STATE HIGHWAY 64, CANTON, TEXAS TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOTIVE WRECKING AND SALVAGE YARD LOCATED AT 25154 STATE HIGHWAY 64, CANTON, VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS.** Motion to Table by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor to table.

**PROPOSITION 2, APPROVED BY THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, AUTHORIZES COUNTIES AND CITIES TO GRANT A 50%-100% PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO QUALIFYING CHILD-CARE FACILITIES. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER VAN ZANDT COUNTY ADOPTING THIS EXEMPTION.** No action taken.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY CLERK TO MOVE FUNDS WITHIN ELECTION BUDGET. FUNDS TO BE MOVED FROM ELECTION EXPENSES INTO PERSONNEL COSTS.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. Commissioner Keith Pearson voted opposed. Motion passes.

**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.  
9:45 A.M.

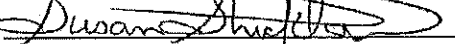
**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** in compliance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to seek advice of its attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation or consultation with its attorney regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.


**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** to consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session  
10:10 A.M. Motion to approve change order w/Sabre and pay with ARPA interest funds. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

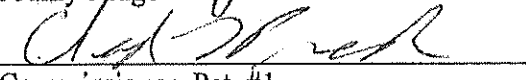
**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS SUBMITTED .**  
Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

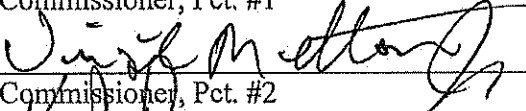
**ADJOURNMENT.** 10:12 A.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

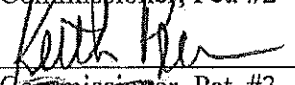
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Van Zandt County, Texas

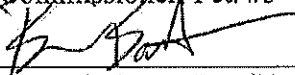
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