

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 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 A.M.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Commissioner Keith Pearson gave clarification about the Wills Point Fire Station. The ESD owns the Fire Station and the equipment.

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 April 24, 2024 and April 25, 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 approval of Proposed Installation of Pipe and/or Utility Lines
 - VZCR 1415 & VZCR 1514
 - VZCR 1517

Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

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 Virgil Melton Jr. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH BUDGET FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION CEDAR CREEK 126 AND CEDAR CREEK 135 PROJECTS. This is a fully funded grant from the Texas State Soil Conservation Board. We will pay the invoices and turn them in for a full refund. Site 126 will cost 573,510.00 and site 135b will cost 670,530.00. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FOR SANTOS LUNA D/B/A SANTOS TOWING, LLC OF 2924 THISTLEWOOD DR., SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOTIVE WRECKING AND SALVAGE YARD LOCATED AT 30782 STATE HWY 64, WILLS POINT, VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE (2) 6 MONTH LEASE AGREEMENTS AND PAYMENT CONCERNING BELLY DUMP TRAILERS FROM BRAZOS TRAILERS FOR PRECINCT 3
Motion to authorize to sign by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING CHECK FROM WINN UNDERGROUND SERVICES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,161.70 FOR DAMAGES TO VZCR 4210 LOCATED IN PRECINCT 4
Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING CHECK FROM WINN UNDERGROUND SERVICES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445.00 FOR DAMAGES TO VZCR 4210 LOCATED IN PRECINCT 4
Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER VAN ZANDT COUNTY ADOPTING PR 8700 AS VAN ZANDT COUNTY ROAD 4719. This is .25 miles that will be a Van Zandt County Road.
Motion to adopt .25 miles by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. Commissioner Keith Pearson voted against, Commissioner Chad LaPrade voted against, County Judge Andy Reese voted in favor. Motion passes.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENEWAL OF COUNTY PAID STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE. Ms. DeeAnn Miller presented information about the \$326.00 increase for all positions filled. This is a 5% increase and this rate is locked in for a two year contract. Beginning October 1, 2024.
Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ELECTRICAL EASEMENT REGARDING VZCSO TOWER SITE 5. This is a Communication Tower site at the Sheriff's Office. This is at no cost.
Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

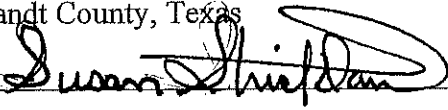
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.0725 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO DELIBERATE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL ISSUES RELATING TO A CONTRACT BEING NEGOTIATED.
9:22am

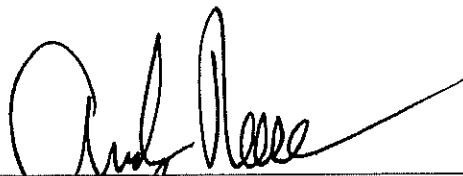
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO SEEK ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR CONSULTATION WITH ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING MATTERS PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
No action taken. 10:08am


ADJOURNMENT
10:09am Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

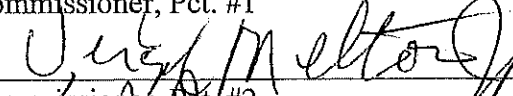
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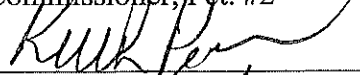
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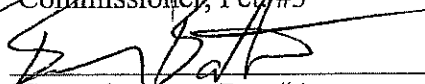
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Commissioner, Pct. #2



Commissioner, Pct. #3



Commissioner, Pct. #4