

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., TUESDAY MAY 21, 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- 9:01AM

General Announcements: County Clerk Susan Strickland stated 90 voters on May 20th: Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. speaks on Memorial Day event at 10am on Memorial Day.

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 May 8, 2024 and May 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 April 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 1507, 1514, 1515, 1517, 1518, 1524
 - VZCR 4912, 4930

Commissioner Keith Pearson motion to approve A-C and E-G and Commissioner Chad LaPrade second.

Commissioner Keith Pearson-pull to discuss Sheriff Office transfer moving salaries to other places; grant money can be used for salaries/equipment.

Commissioner Keith Pearson states all reports are received, thank you.

Discuss and consider the approval of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year ended 9/30/2023 presented by Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP from Waco, Texas. Travis Rogers presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

Discuss and consider Extending Disaster declaration of May 16, 2024. Extend by 30 days. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

Discuss and consider allowing the purchase of a ticket printer for the Pct. 3 Constable using Justice Court Technology Funds pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 102.0173. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

Discuss and consider acceptance of survey of South boundary line of Van Zandt County Precinct 2 Barn property. Cannot block ingress/egress of neighbor-Tonda May 8th survey. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton All in favor.

Discuss and consider awarding Road and Bridge Material bids for "Delivered" on SSM, ASPPM & CPR-4 the contract period of May 22, 2024 thru April 30, 2025. Texas Materials submitted bids. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

Discuss and consider approval of bond for Sandy Hill, County Auditor, in the amount of \$5,000 payable to the District Judge. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

Discuss and consider the renewal of the bond for Deputy Treasurer, April Tawater, for \$5000 for the term beginning June 8, 2024 and ending June 8, 2025. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. All in favor.

Discuss and consider the renewal of the bond for Chief Deputy Treasurer, Irma Hayes, for \$5000 for the term beginning June 19, 2024 and ending June 19, 2025. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

Discuss and consider moving the July 17th Commissioners Court meeting date due to a lack of quorum. Suggested new meeting date is Thursday July 11th at 9:00a.m. N&E CJCA Conference schedule conflict. Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

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. 9:34am-10:40am

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. 10:40am – 11:07am

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION to consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session. Authorize Judge to sign sales agreement and lease agreement for property at 24625 St Hwy 64 Canton TX 75103. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor. 11:12am

Adjournment- Motion to approve by Commissioner Virgil Melton Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor. 11:13am

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

BY: Susan Strickland

Andy Allen
County Judge

Chad Laprade
Commissioner, Pct. #1

Commissioner, Pct. #2

Keith Pennington
Commissioner, Pct. #3

Tommye D. Smith
Commissioner, Pct. #4