

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
3:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY JUNE 12, 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. #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. 3:10 P.M. Members present were County Judge Andy Reese, Commissioner Pct. #1 Chad LaPrade, Commissioner Pct. #3 Keith Pearson and Commissioner Pct. #4 Brandon Barton.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. COUNTY Judge Andy Reese announced information on the funeral arrangements for Commissioner Pct. #2 Virgil Melton Jr. Also announced the flag is to be flown at half-staff on June 17, 2024 AND 18, 2024. There will be a special presentation on the next Commissioners Court for Virgil Melton Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) Ann Nelson on Item # 7.

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 MAY 21, 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 1707

Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

PRESENTATION BY TAC BENEFIT CONSULTANT JONATHAN COLLANDER ON HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS PLAN RENEWAL AND DISCUSS AND APPROVE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN RENEWAL CONTRACT. Johnathan Collander spoke. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDITS FROM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FOR USE BY COUNTY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MANDATING SEMI-ANNUAL TRAINING FOR ALL ELECTION WORKERS. Motion to table by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. Discussion was to set up meeting including County Clerk, Party Chairs and Commissioner Keith Pearson as Commissioner's Court Representative to discuss if mandatory training would be feasible or other option available to election workers for state documents to be completed correctly on day of election and election equipment knowledge. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING THE PURCHASE OF A TICKET PRINTER FOR THE PCT. 1, PCT. 2 AND PCT. 4 CONSTABLES USING JUSTICE COURT TECHNOLOGY FUNDS PURSUANT TO CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE 102.0173. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE (2) 6 MONTH LEASE AGREEMENTS AND PAYMENT CONCERNING BELLY DUMP TRAILERS FROM BRAZOS TRAILERS FOR PRECINCT 1. LEASE WILL TERMINATE IN DECEMBER AND NOT CARRY OVER. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL TO NAME CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE CEDAR CREEK SITE 126, STRUCTURAL REPAIR OF THE DAM. THE CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT. Auditor Sandy Hill spoke. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COMPENSATING COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE USE OF PERSONAL PHONES DURING DECLARED DISASTER COUNTY REPORTING. No action.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADDING AMENDING LGS CONTRACT TO INCLUDE UNLIMITED STORAGE SPACE. District Attorney Tonda Curry spoke; cost will be an additional \$167.00 per month; with no contract end date. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATIONS OF MAY16TH AND MAY28TH FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR GREEN DEBRIS COLLECTION AND REMOVAL AS THE RESULT OF THE RECENT STORMS. Motion to table by County Judge Andy Reese and second 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. 3:35 p.m.

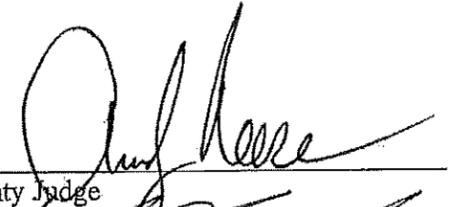
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO SEEK ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR CONSULTATION WITH ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING MATTERS PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

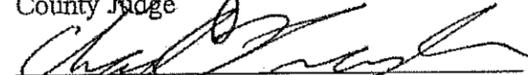
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. 4:53 P.M. (1.) Motion to authorize District Attorney to charge Attorney fee's for Bond Forfeiture at a 5% rate. Motion to approve by County Judge Andy Reese and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor. (2) Motion by County Judge Andy Reese to sign sale or lease agreement for property at 24625 State Hwy 64 Canton TX 75103 and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT. 4:55 P.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

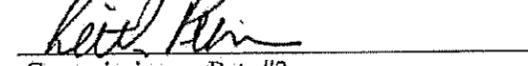
Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

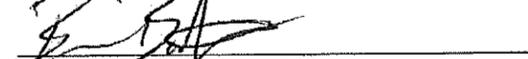
BY 


County Judge


Commissioner, Pct. #1

Commissioner, Pct. #2


Commissioner, Pct. #3


Commissioner, Pct. #4