

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY JULY 31, 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. 9:01 A.M. All Present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Judge Andy Reese recognized Chad LaPrade for session 10-3 Leadership Academy. Judge Andy Reese stated that Van Zandt County received the list of who was awarded historical grant. Van Zandt County is on the list.

RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS. County Auditor recognized April TaWater for 10 years of service.

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 JUNE 18, 2024, JUNE 26, 2024, JULY 3, 2024 AND JULY 11, 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 THE SAME IN THE COURT'S MINUTES AS A MATTER OF RECORD.

F.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE 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 1701, 1702, 1704
- VZCR 4609, 4809, 4807, 4611
- VZCR 4828, 4829, 4821, 4833

Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

PRESENT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION. Judge Andy Reese presented award to the Historical Commission.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SIGNING A STATE APPLICATION FOR REPAIRS ON CEDAR CREEK SITES 103, 104, 131, 137, 139 PRESENTED BY THE KAUFMAN-VAN ZANDT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. Mr. Owen Cantrell presented information on each site. Motion includes Commissioner Keith Pearson as the signing agent. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA GRANT PROCESSING THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR. Motion by Judge Andy Reese. Motion fails due to lack of votes.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #3 FOR A MATTER OF RECORD TO BE ENTERED INTO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES. Motion for acceptance only of financial statement by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MILESTONE PAYMENT #730510A TO SABRE INDUSTRIES. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH DBR ENGINEERS TO DO AN EVALUATION OF THE COURTHOUSE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS. Judge Andy Reese asked that this be tabled, and no action needed at this time.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO GARY R. TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NO. CDV23-0273 BETWEEN VAN ZANDT COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) REGARDING THE 2024 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS. APPROXIMATELY \$60,000.00. This does not cost the County any money. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO STEPHENS ENGINEERING, FOR EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NO. CDV23-0273 BETWEEN VAN ZANDT COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) REGARDING THE 2024 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CANTON NORTH ESTATES PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 2118 & VZCR 2121 IN PRECINCT 2. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEADOWVIEW ESTATES PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 2141 IN PRECINCT 2. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TWO STEP ESTATES PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 3439 IN PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SIGNING THE AMENDED CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS TO INCLUDE A QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL. This would be for 15 hours every two weeks, roughly 30 hours a month, onsite nurse with an increase of contract in the amount of \$2000.00 per month. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH TRI-LAM ROOFING & WATERPROOFING TO REMOVE THE EXISTING FELT, MASTIC COATING, AND FLASHING FROM WALL 56' LONG AND 5'TALL ON COURTHOUSE ROOF AND REPLACE WITH NEW. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH KNOWBE4 FOR SECURITY AWARENESS SUBSCRIPTION. This for email security, contract will begin October 1, 2024. We can start using it now without extra charge. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FUND 133 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO MOVE EXCESS PERSONNEL FUNDS FROM VACANT POSITIONS TO EQUIPMENT FOR PURCHASE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT. ANY EXCESS FUNDS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, WILL HAVE TO BE RETURNED TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH FREE STATE SEWER SERVICE AND WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION FOR SERVICE AT COUNTY FACILITIES IN BEN WHEELER. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND PROPOSE ANY INCREASE IN SALARIES OR ALLOWANCES FOR ELECTED COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICIALS PER LGC 152.013(B). Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SELLING EQUIPMENT FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 1 USING RENE BATES AUCTIONEERS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. Motion is amended to include pending Brandon Barton's review on the RAM flatbed. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE P25 RADIO PROJECT. Motion to establish a Committee by Judge Andy Reese. Motion dies due to lack of second.

ADJOURNMENT. 9:50 A.M. 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,

BY: Susan Strickland

Andy Reese
County Judge

ABSENT
Commissioner, Pct. #1

Commissioner, Pct. #2

Keith Pearson
Commissioner, Pct. #3

Chad LaPrade
Commissioner, Pct. #4