

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY  
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14, 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. #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.** 9:03 A.M. Commissioner Chad LaPrade absent due to training.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Judge Andy Reese Announced that the Precinct 2 County Chairs made the decision and nominated Cliff Williams for Commissioner for Pct. 2. Judge will appoint him sometime in September.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** (on Agenda items only). Sheriff Joe Carter gave Jail inspection update; Inspector urged that a new jail would be helpful and needed.

**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 July 31, 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 4702, 4501, 4500
- VZCR 4817

Auditor, Sandy Hill gave update on Precinct 2 Contingency line amount used in vacancy. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING HEATHER HAIMES AND JORDIN SHILLING TO THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

**CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET (REJECT, ACCEPT, MODIFY) LGC 111.007 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.** Public Meeting opened at 9:10 A.M. Mr. David Dunigan spoke. Public Meeting Closed at 9:13 A.M. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TAX RATE 2024 (FY 2025), TAKE RECORD VOTE AND SET DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE. PROPOSED TAX RATE .429019 and no new revenue at .404834.** Public Hearing to be set on September 11, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING SALARIES FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS PER LGC 152.013(C).** Motion is amended to set salaries for Van Zandt County Officials as printed in the Van Zandt Newspaper. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

**APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT # 1 FOR A MATTER OF RECORD TO BE ENTERED INTO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES.** Motion by Keith Pearson is to accept the Financial Statement for ESD # 1; The Court does not approve the report they only accept the report seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING THE 2024 DMV OPTIONAL COUNTY FEES.** Motion by Commissioner Brandon Barton to set the fees same as last year and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR TDEM ADMINISTERED GRANT AWARDS.** This allows Van Zandt County to receive money from FEMA. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING TEXANS FEEDING TEXANS (MEALS ON WHEELS MINISTRY, INC.) HOME-DELIVERED MEAL GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 (OCT 1, 2024 – SEPT 30, 2024).** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATE JUDGES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL ELECTION.** The Party Chairs choose the Judges and Alternate Judges. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL TO RATIFY THE AUCTION OF A 2010 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, VIN: 2FABP7BV5AX107043 AND A 2010 CHEVROLET TAHOE, VIN: 1GNFK13089R261723 USING RENE BATES AUCTIONEERS.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE SALE OF A 2020 DODGE RAM 1 TON FLATBED VIN # 3C7WRSBJ8LG 110220, VZ ID 9291, FOR \$38,000.00 FROM ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 1 TO ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 4.** 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 CONTRACT AMENDMENT # 1 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 TEXA3-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS.** This includes pages that were left out from the last time. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. 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 Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A CHECK FROM THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,176.80 FOR PAYMENT OF SERVICES RENDERED PER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.** Motion to accept donation by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING BULLARD BROTHERS PROPERTIES TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO VAN ZANDT COUNTY ROAD 3123. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY 1,230 FT LONG.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WARREN ANGUS FERRIS ESTATES – LOT 1 PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 1603 IN PRECINCT 1.** Motion is to waive final subdivision filing fee and accept for filing by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTRY COTTAGES OF GRAND SALINE PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 1110 IN PRECINCT 1.** Motion is to waive final subdivision filing fee and accept for filing by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LASTING LEGACY ESTATES – PHASE 1 PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 2624 & VZCR 2623 IN PRECINCT 2.** Motion is to waive final subdivision filing fee and accept for filing by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

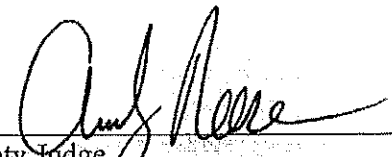
**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 1A & LOT 1B, BLOCK 1 OF KEYS ESTATES ADDITION REPLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 3411 IN PRECINCT 3.** Motion is to waive final subdivision filing fee and accept for filing by Commissioner Keith Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

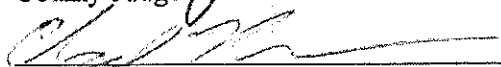
**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TBD VZCR 4714 TRACT 1 BEN WHEELER, TX 75754 FOR FILING PURPOSES ONLY.** Contract was signed on 6/12/2024 before new subdivision rules took effect. This property is grandfathered in. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

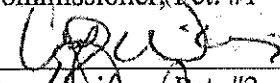
**ADJOURNMENT, 9:34 A.M.**  
Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

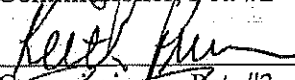
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Van Zandt County, Texas

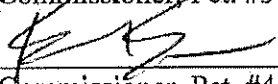
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