

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Cliff Williams, 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

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM. 9:03 A.M. All members present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. None

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 AUGUST 22, 2024 AND AUGUST 28, 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 4807, 4810, 4812, 4813, 4814, 4816 & 4826**

Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2024. 9:08 A.M. Mr. David Dunagan spoke. .4058960 is the proposed rate. No New Revenue .4048340 and Voter approved is .4290200. Public Hearing closed at 9:11 A.M.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY BUDGET FOR FY2025 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All in favor. Record vote is Commissioner Pct. 1 Chad LaPrade voted for, Commissioner Pct. 2 Cliff Williams voted for, Commissioner Pct. 3 Keith Pearson voted for, Commissioner Pct. 4 Brandon Barton Voted for and County Judge Andy Reese voted for. Motion passes.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2024 TAX RATE FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY AND ORDER SETTING TAX RATE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor. Record vote is Commissioner Pct. 1 Chad LaPrade voted for, Commissioner Pct. 2 Cliff Williams voted for, Commissioner Pct. 3 Keith Pearson voted for, Commissioner Pct. 4 Brandon Barton Voted for and County Judge Andy Reese voted for. Motion passes.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN FY2025 BUDGET (LGC 111.008). Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE FY2025 BUDGET POLICY. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #2 FOR A MATTER OF RECORD TO BE ENTERED INTO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR YEAR-END SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. Motion to accept by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Chade LaPrade All in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE AWARDED CONTRACT FOR DISASTER DEBRIS RECOVERY CONSULTING SERVICES. Motion to not award contract by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUING OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL. Motion by Brandon Barton to get Proposal by Precinct and seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE PURCHASE FOR DRONE SENSE FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE. Annual fee is \$1,700.00. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A DRAFT OF PROPOSED PROCESS AND FORM TO ADDRESS SUBDIVISION GUIDELINE EXEMPTIONS. The Committee will consist of Mr. Dennis Vogt, Commissioner Keith Pearson, and Commissioner Cliff Williams. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INTERLOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH WILLS POINT ISD. Motion to table by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM ROB & KAREN MARTIN FOR \$2000.00, THOMAS E. PAULLUS FOR \$1000.00, DYLAN J. BERNHAGEN FOR \$1000.00, AND BERNHAGEN PROPERTY FOR \$1000.00 IN THE SUM AMOUNT TOTALING \$5000.00 FOR THE WORK ON VZCR 3412 LOCATED IN PCT. 3. This consists of half a mile section. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER LETTER OF EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED ON VZCR 1927 IN PRECINCT 1. District Attorney Tonda spoke and explained why this property may meet the exemption qualifications. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade for District Attorney to draft letter of exemption seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A FAMILY CEMETERY AT VZCR 3607 IN PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ONE-TIME EXEMPTION/VARIANCE FROM PLATTING REQUIREMENTS FOR JIM BRIGGS ON 9.55 ACRES LOCATED ON VZCR 3414. THIS IS FOR (1) 2.75 ACRES. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ONE-TIME EXEMPTION FROM PLATTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIAN ALLEN ON 1.11 ACRES LOCATED ON VZCR 4106. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPLAT OF LOT 5A, 5B, 6A, & 6B BLOCK 3 OF KICKAPOO ESTATES LOCATED ON VZCR 4207 IN PRECINCT 4. Must be posted for 30 days. Public hearing will be October 23, 2024. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All in favor.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,

(1) TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE; OR

(2) TO HEAR A COMPLAINT OR CHARGE AGAINST AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

9:43 A.M.

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.


RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10:56 A.M. No ACTION.

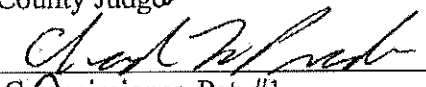
ADJOURNMENT. 10:57 A.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All in favor.

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

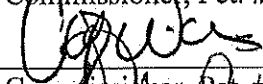
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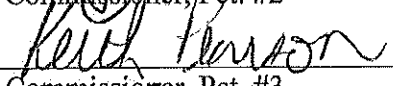
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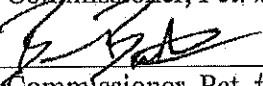
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Commissioner, Pct. #3



Commissioner, Pct. #4