

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 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, 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. 9:02 A.M. Commissioner Keith Pearson absent.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. New AG Life Extension will be Mr. Leon Watson. Starting date is 11/01/2024.

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 September 25, 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 approval of FY2025 Line Item Transfers
- f.) 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.
- g.) Discuss and consider approval of Proposed Installation of Pipe and/or Utility Lines

- VZCR 2606

Commissioner Brandon Barton mentioned the purchase of Road and Bridge trucks for Pct. 3 and Pct. 4. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FORM FOR ONE-TIME EXEMPTION FROM PLATTING REQUIREMENTS. Motion to table by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor except Commissioner Cliff Williams voted Nay. Motion passes to table.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ONE-TIME EXEMPTION FROM PLATTING REQUIREMENTS FOR DORTHA MUNNS ON 4.51 ACRES SOLD OUT OF 22 ACRES LOCATED ON STATE HIGHWAY 19. Motion to table by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE REGARDING CANTON VESSELS PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 2318 & VZCR 2323 IN PRECINCT 2. Mr. Al Michels spoke. The Variance is for a ranch house instead of a service building. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FOSTER ADDITION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 3535 IN PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE REGARDING 9 TREE RV PARK PLAT LOCATED ON FM 858 IN PRECINCT 4. Mr. Kyle Averitt spoke, and Mr. Michael Canon spoke (Attorney for Mr. Kyle Averitt). Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams. Motion fails due to lack of second. Commissioner Brandon Barton does not want to move forward without the District Attorney being present. No action on item.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ETCOG AND VAN ZANDT COUNTY FOR (SERI) 2025. (\$180,000.00 for extra repeater for on radio tower for schools) this is at no additional cost to the County. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASING ADDITIONAL RADIOS FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. Motion was amended by Commissioner Cliff Williams to include allocating remaining ARPA funds to purchase additional radios. Second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING PUBLIC EVENTS TO OCCUR AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 13TH AND SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH. ST. Teresa Catholic Church on October 13, 2024. The Van Zandt County Republican Club on October 27, 2024. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH APPRISS INSIGHTS, LLC AS THE STATEWIDE VENDOR TO PROVIDE SAVNS FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING CORRECTIONS TO FY25 SALARY BUDGET FOR PART TIME WORKERS HOURS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OFFICER. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton. Discussed 25 hrs. a week instead of 30 hrs a week. This would change the hourly pay. Commissioner Brandon Barton withdraws his motion. No action.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SALARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FY25. Correction officers and deputies paid only with the grant. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER VAN ZANDT COUNTY'S CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP WITH EAST TEXAS HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION. Motion by Commissioner Cliff Williams to remove Van Zandt County and no longer be a part of and deny contract second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. all voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND PAYMENT OF A 2024 GMC SIERRA 1500 TRUCK VIN # 3GTUUAED6RG422046 FOR \$46,401.50 AND THE TRADE IN OF A 2007 FORD F150 VIN# 1FTRX12W37NA74679 FOR ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND PAYMENT OF A 2024 GMC SIERRA 1500 TRUCK VIN # 3GTUUAED1RG421919 FOR \$47,901.50 FOR ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 4 Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

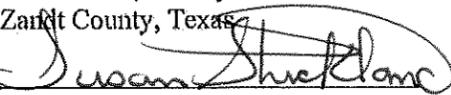
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING COUNTY JUDGE TO REQUEST EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO NOVEMBER 21, 2025 FOR THE FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION GRANT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams. Discussion was that we should have a full court for this item. Motion fails. No Action.

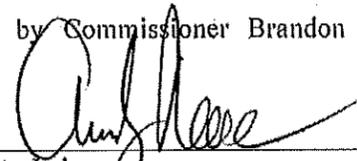
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO LEASE CONTRACT WITH TILLMAN INFRASTRUCTURE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor. This is at no cost to the County.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER WITH L3HARRIS. Cost is \$12,330.00 for 13 months of rent. Abatement to offset cost. Paid for from ARPA interest. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

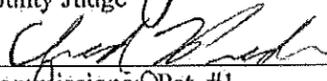
ADJOURNMENT. 10:20 A.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

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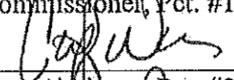
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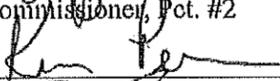
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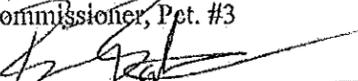
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Commissioner, Pct. #2



Commissioner, Pct. #3



Commissioner, Pct. #4