

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 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. 9:04 A.M. All present

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Emergency Management introduced Erin Jones with TDEM. County Clerk Susan Strickland gave an update on early voting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Public wanting to speak about item number 17 were Mr. Gary Hayes, Angela Hill, Ann Nelson, Bob Reese and Tim West.

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 OCTOBER 9, 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 ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER TO BE ENTERED INTO THE MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT**
- h.) **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF PIPE AND/OR UTILITY LINES**

Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM VAN ZANDT FIRE MARSHALL TO IMPLEMENT A COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN. Fire Marshal Sean Davis introduced new employee Andrew Rapp. Burn ban put in place for 60 days. Motion includes for Fire Marshal to lift burn ban when conditions improve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR DISTRICT COURT STAFF. District Judge Chris Martin spoke. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by Judge Andy Reese. Commissioner Pct. 1 Chad LaPrade voted against, Commissioner Pct. 4 Brandon Barton voted against, and Commissioner Pct. 3 Keith Pearson voted against. Motion fails.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MILESTONE PAYMENT #734400A2 AND #736173A TO SABRE INDUSTRIES. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN QUITCLAIM DEED FOR PROPERTY ABANDONED BY VAN ZANDT COUNTY THROUGH COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2018. Motion to Table by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT JUDGE ANDY REESE TO THE ANDREWS CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD THRU 10/31/2026. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2024 TAX ROLL AS PROVIDED BY THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT. \$23,766,749.46. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGES TO VAN ZANDT COUNTY SUBDIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER 4, 2024 REGULAR SESSION. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TRU ESTATES PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 2718 IN PRECINCT 2. Motion to approve for filing purposes by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPLAT OF LOT 5A, 5B, 6A, & 6B BLOCK 3 OF KICKAPOO ESTATES LOCATED ON VZCR 4207 IN PRECINCT 4. Motion to approve for filing purposes by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATION OF JAIL ARCHITECTURAL SELECTION COMMITTEE TO HIRE AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM. Committee recommends hiring Burns Architect's LLC. Motion to by Commissioner BRANDON BARTON seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN ANNUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN SOFTWARE FOR 2024-2025. THIS IS THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SOFTWARE; 1 % INCREASE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade seconded by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SPECIAL ROAD USE INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND PERMIT. Motion to table by Commissioner Brandon Barton seconded by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor. Schedule a workshop for the future.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION GRANT AWARDED TO VAN ZANDT COUNTY FOR FULL RESTORATION OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, OR REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO NOVEMBER 21, 2025 FOR THE FUNDING AGREEMENT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams seconded by County Judge Andy Reese. Commissioner's voting against are Keith Pearson, Commissioner Chad LaPrade, Commissioner Brandon Barton. Motion does not pass.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:04 AM 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.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.072 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY

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.

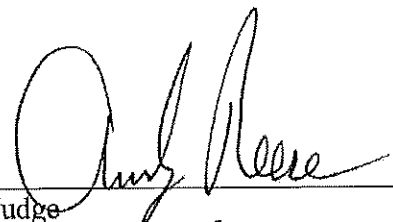
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 12:01 PM. TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion by Commissioner Brandon Barton to appoint a committee to explore options for land acquisition second by Cliff Williams. Committee consist of Kenny Edwards, Tonda Curry, Joe Carter, Keith Pearson, Brandon Barton, Chris Martin, Kevin Bridger. All voted in favor.

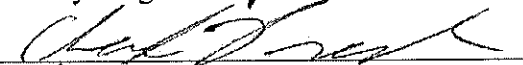
ADJOURNMENT. 12:19 PM. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Keith Pearson seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

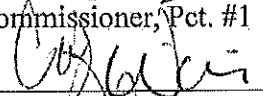
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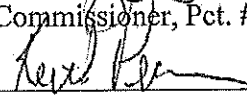
County Judge




Commissioner, Pct. #1



Commissioner, Pct. #2



Commissioner, Pct. #3



Commissioner, Pct. #4