

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY  
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 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.** 9:03 A.M. All present

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Election update; Fire Marshall Sean Davis gave his resignation last day will be January 11, 2025; burn ban lifted .

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY).** Mrs. Debra Johnson spoke on item number 8.

**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 OCTOBER 17, 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**

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

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN VAN ZANDT COUNTY AND ANIMAL PROTECTION LEAGUE.** Motion to approve 50% of the cost to pet owners instead of free by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 4 TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR A YOUTH DIVERSION CASE MANAGER.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF LEON WATSON BY THE TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE AS CEA-AGNR AGENT FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY. Motion to approve by Commissioner Chad LaPrade and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted 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 16, 2018. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH BURNS ARCHITECTURE LLC FOR POTENTIAL JAIL DESIGN. Contract is \$150,000.00 includes a conceptual design, detailed construction drawings. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Keith Pearson. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPDATE ON STORM DEBRIS. No action.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE (2) 6 MONTH LEASE AGREEMENTS AND PAYMENT CONCERNING BELLY DUMP TRAILERS FROM BRAZOS TRAILERS FOR PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WIDE OPEN SPACES PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 2311 & VZCR 2312 IN PRECINCT 2. Motion to approve for filing purposes only by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Keith Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH CITY OF EDGEWOOD, CITY OF WILLS POINT, CITY OF CANTON, CITY OF FRUITVALE AND CITY OF GRAND SALINE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Chad LaPrade. All voted in favor.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO SEEK ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR CONSULTATION WITH ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING MATTERS PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE. 9:35 A.M.

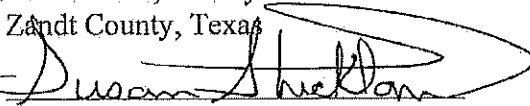
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.0725 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO DELIBERATE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL ISSUES RELATING TO A CONTRACT BEING NEGOTIATED.

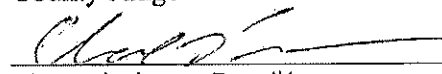
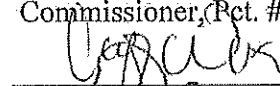

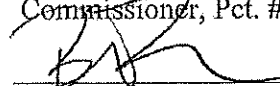
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. 11:13 A.M. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT. 11:14. A.M. Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Keith Pearson and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

Susan Strickland, County Clerk  
Van Zandt County, Texas

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