

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY  
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY August 13, 2025**

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 Mitch Curtis, Commissioner Pct. 2 Cliff Williams and Commissioner Pct. 3 Bobby Phillips 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.** 3:01 P.M. All members present

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Commissioner Mitch Curtis announced that he attended the waterboard meeting in Pittsburg, Texas and that there were 200-300 in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY).** Mr. Ronny Jones on items 5,6,7,8,10,12,and 17. (Allotted time 5 Minutes).

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FOR SMART CHOICE ENTERPRISES D/B/A CANTON AUTO AND SALVAGE OF 3909 MIRAM DR., DALLAS, TEXAS 75212 TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOTIVE WRECKING AND SALVAGE YARD LOCATED AT 12848 I-20, CANTON, VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS 75103.** Motion to table by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams due that Fire Marshall absent. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TAX RATE 2025 (FY2026), TAKE RECORD VOTE AND SET DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE. 3% INCREASE IN REVENUE.** Motion to approve **Voter Approved Rate of .299600** by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. Record Vote Commissioner Pct. 1 Mitch Curtis voted yes, Record Vote Commissioner Pct. 2 Cliff Williams voted yes, Record Vote Commissioner Pct. 3 Bobby Phillips voted yes, Record Vote Commissioner Pct. 4 Brandon Barton voted Yes, and Record vote by County Judge Andy Reese voted yes. All voted in favor. Motion passes.

**CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET (REJECT, ACCEPT, MODIFY) LGC 111.007 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.** Motion to modify proposed budget by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING SALARIES FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS PER LGC 152.013(C).** Motion for a 3% increase by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING THE 2026 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPTIONAL COUNTY FEES.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO DISSOLVE THE CEDAR CREEK HOSPITAL DISTRICT. (17 PROPOSITION/AMENDMENTS)** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by

Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MOVING THE AUGUST 27TH COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING DATE. SUGGESTED NEW MEETING DATE IS MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 9:00A.M.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATE JUDGES FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AMENDMENT 3 WITH L3 HARRIS TO REFLECT THE PURCHASE OF TERMINAL EQUIPMENT (RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES) AND ADJUST THE TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REIMBURSING CATHERINE GAZDA FOR HER HOTEL STAY AT THE AUDITOR'S CONFERENCE FROM 4/28/2025 TO 5/2/2025.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO ESTABLISH A PETTY CASH FUND FOR LITIGATION EXPENSES UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 130.909. (AMOUNT OF \$500.00).** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO FILL THE NEW CIVIL LAWYER POSITION PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF FY26 USING EXCESS FY25 SALARY FUNDS.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

1. **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.

- **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING(S) OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AND APPROVAL OF SAME FOR JULY 30, 2025.**
- **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS SUBMITTED**
- **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFYING OF COUNTY'S BILLS AS SUBMITTED**
- **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FY2025 LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

- DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MONTHLY REPORTS SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND APPROVAL ENTRY OF SAME IN THE COURT'S MINUTES AS A MATTER OF RECORD.
- DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF PIPE AND/OR UTILITY LINES

VZCR 1412, 1413, 1415 - FRONTIER  
 SOUTHWEST VZCR 1502 - FRONTIER  
 SOUTHWEST  
 VZCR 1506, 1526 - FRONTIER  
 SOUTHWEST VZCR 1712 - FRONTIER  
 SOUTHWEST VZCR 1801, 1804 -  
 FRONTIER SOUTHWEST  
 VZCR 1910, 1922 - FRONTIER  
 SOUTHWEST VZCR 4518 - FRONTIER  
 SOUTHWEST

Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. 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. 4:03 P.M.**

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION. 4:45 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT.** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor. 4:49 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

Susan Strickland, County Clerk  
 Van Zandt County, Texas

BY: Susan Strickland

Cliff Williams  
 County Judge

Mitch Curtis  
 Commissioner, Pct. #1

Cliff Williams  
 Commissioner, Pct. #2

Bob Stull  
 Commissioner, Pct. #3

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 Commissioner, Pct. #4