

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY  
9:00 A.M., MONDAY AUGUST 25, 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. The members present were County Judge Andy Reese, Commissioner Pct. 1 Mitch Curtis, Commissioner Pct. 2 Cliff Williams, 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.** 9:02 A.M. All members present.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY).** Ann Nelson on item #10. (Supports moving location).

**PRESENTATION BY TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED: OVERVIEW OF TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO SECTION 3 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968 – GRANT NO. CDV23-0273.** Mr. Justin Myer made presentation. Commissioner Cliff Williams questioned the liability of the County and stated we needed documentation. Grant is for \$500,000.00 and the match is \$10,000.00 to be paid by the water supply company.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT, BASED ON THE ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION, TO PERFORM LITTLE HOPE MOORE WSC WATER IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTY'S GRANT CDV23-0273.** Crabtree Underground Utilities, LLC. Cost is 369,954.79. Motion to approve Judge to award contract pending indemnification by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING THE USE OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROPERTY FOR EVENTS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH IN RECOGNITION OF CONSTITUTION DAY.** (The Republican Club and Belles Across America). Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A SEPTIC VARIANCE FOR 542 VZCR 2923, MABANK, TEXAS 75147 IN PRECINCT 2.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. After discussion motion by Commissioner Cliff Williams was withdrawn and also second motion by Commissioner Mitch Curtis was withdrawn. **No action on item.**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AMENDMENT #2 TO SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS FOR INMATE CARE EXTENDING THE NURSING HOURS TO 10 HOURS PER DAY, 7 DAYS PER WEEK AND A FIXED 3% INCREASE IN THE BASE FEE AND PER DIEM RATE FOR DECEMBER 2025 TO NOVEMBER 2026.** Judge Andy Reese stated item could be tabled. Motion to table by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN TWO RICOH USA EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENTS.** Judge Andy Reese stated item could be tabled. Motion to table by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE CONSOLIDATING VOTING PRECINCTS 2B WHICH VOTES AT OLD BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH AND 2C WHICH VOTES AT PHALBA INDEPENDENT CHURCH INTO ONE POLLING LOCATION AT OLD BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH** Motion to table until 9/24/2025 meeting by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**WORKSHOP – 9:48 A.M. DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES ON VZCR 4500. DOOR CONTROL REACHED OUT TO COMMISSIONER BRANDON BARTON . THIS ITEM WILL NEED A PUBLIC HEARING. (ENDING AT 9:58 A.M.).**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES ON VZCR 4500.** Motion by Commissioner Brandon Barton to authorize setting public hearing on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 for traffic control measures and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

#### **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 AUGUST 5, 2025 AND AUGUST 13, 2025.**
- 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 FY2025 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 ACCEPTANCE OF JULY 2025 FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER TO BE ENTERED INTO THE MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT**
- G.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF PIPE AND/OR UTILITY LINES**

Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

-Five minute break- 10:00 a.m.

#### **10:12 P.M. – 10:53 A.M. 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**

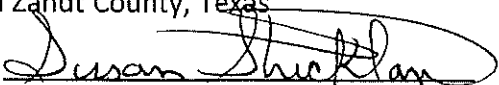
**10:53 P.M.- CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO SEEK ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR CONSULTATION WITH ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING MATTERS PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.**

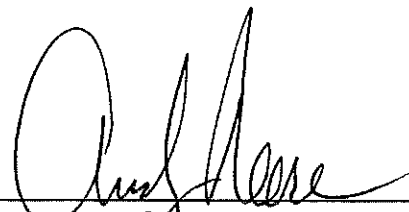
**12:18 P.M. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION- NO ACTION.**

**ADJOURNMENT.** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor. voted in favor. 12:18 P.M.

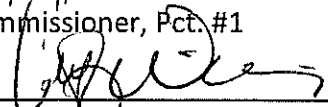
**ATTEST:**

Susan Strickland, County Clerk  
Van Zandt County, Texas

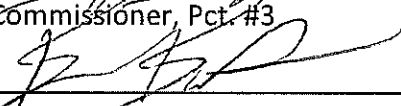
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County Judge

  
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