

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 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. 9:03 A.M. ALL PRESENT.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. September 17, 2025, is Constitutional Day. Two events will be held on the courthouse lawn. first one will be from 12:00 P.M. -1:00 P.M. the second will begin at 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Ronnie Jones on item number 8, 20, and 21. Ms. Ann Nelson spoke on item number 16, 17, and 18.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ANNUAL DECLARATION TO FOLLOW RULES AND PROCEDURES TO COMPLY WITH THE INDIGENT HEALTH CARE AND TREATMENT ACT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

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. Fire Marshall Kevin Palmer stated that the owner did not want to renew yet due to being out of compliance. This was a mutual agreement. Motion to deny application by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING - TO DISCUSS THE ADOPTION OF THE SALVAGE & WRECKING YARD ORDINANCE AND TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE SAME PURSUANT TO SEC. 396.042 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE. 9:15 A.M. Fire Marshall Kevin Palmer spoke. Closed at 9:20 A.M.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE SALVAGE & WRECKING YARD ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SEC. 396.042 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE. Fire Marshall Kevin Palmer spoke; Judge Andy Reese revised with minor typos. Motion to approve with amended updates version by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING - ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2025. Open 9:23 A.M. Rate .283747 No new revenue. Rate .299622 voter approved rate from VZ CAD. Closed at 9:25 A.M.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY BUDGET FOR FY2026 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 PER LGC 111.008. Per recommendation by County Judge Andy Reese. Motion to table by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2025 TAX RATE FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY AND ORDER SETTING TAX RATE PER LGC 111.010. Per recommendation by County Judge Andy Reese. Motion to table by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN FY2026 BUDGET LGC 111.008. Per recommendation by County Judge Andy Reese. Motion to table by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE FY2026 BUDGET POLICY. Motion to table and come back in a workshop by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR FY2026. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPLAT OF OAK CREEK ESTATES 17A & 17B LOCATED ON VZCR 3907 IN PRECINCT 3. Public hearing opened at 9:30 A.M. Mr. Glen Anderson spoke. Public Meeting closed at 9:32 A.M. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF KIMBROUGH 3 ADDITION SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 4512 IN PRECINCT 4. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 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. Shannon Maddox from the County Clerk's office spoke about the consolidation of box 2B and 2C for November election. This is a consolidation just for the November election. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE WILLS POINT COMMUNITY CENTER AS A TEMPORARY BRANCH EARLY VOTING LOCATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION ONLY. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE VAN MOVIE HOUSE AS A TEMPORARY BRANCH EARLY VOTING LOCATION FOR EACH ELECTION UNTIL ORDER IS RESCINDED. City of Van will be supplying workers when they have an election. City of Van will waive location fees, and Van Zandt County will waive rental lease fees. We already have an interlocal agreement. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE DISPOSAL OF OLD ELECTION EQUIPMENT CONSISTING OF: 28-AUTOMARKS (ADA COMPLIANT UNITS), 30-M100'S (BALLOT COUNTERS), 29-AUTOMARK TABLES, 30-M100 BALLOT BOXES, 2-M650'S (BALLOT TABULATORS), 25-HART ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS. SHANNON MADDOX SPOKE AND STATED THAT THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD WANTED TO USE ONE AUTOMARK. Motion to approve amending amount of automark to 27 and let City of Edgewood have 1 automark. by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE RICOH USA EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENTS. (This covers a total of 9 copiers) Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF L3 HARRIS INVOICE VANZ08282558 FOR RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES PURCHASES UNDER AMENDMENT 3 CONTRACT FOR P25 RADIO SYSTEM. THIS INVOICE FOR \$330,274.59 REPLACES PREVIOUS INVOICE VZNZ0527255B AND COVERS RADIO AND ACCESSORIES PURCHASED FROM MID 2024 TO 2025. AMOUNT IS INCLUDED IN CONTRACT. PAID THROUGH THE ARPA GRANT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A REIMBURSEMENT CHECK FROM ETCOG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,200.00 FOR CONTRACT #25-06-01 FOR A FY25 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT COMPLETED BY VAN ZANDT COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION FOR THE ETCOG FY2026 & FY2027 SOLID WASTE GRANT BY PRECINCT 1. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION FOR THE ETCOG FY2026 & FY2027 SOLID WASTE GRANT BY PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. 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 25, 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 APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF PIPE AND/OR UTILITY LINES

- VZCR 2312

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Commissioner Cliff Williams asked to remove item (F) Motion to approve item A,B,C,D, and E by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT. 10:00 A.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Susan Strickland, County Clerk

Van Zandt County, Texas

BY: Susan Strickland

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County Judge

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Commissioner, Pct. #1

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Commissioner, Pct. #2

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Commissioner, Pct. #3

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Commissioner, Pct. #4