SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY 9:00 A.M., THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 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, 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. Commissioner Mitch Curtis absent. 9:05 Commissioner Mitch Curtis present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). None

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROCLAIMING THE WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 5, 2025 AS NATIONAL 4-H WEEK. Harper Ellis (president) read proclamation and recognized officers. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MOVING THE SEPTEMBER 24TH COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING DATE. SUGGESTED NEW MEETING DATE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 9:00A.M. Due that the Court will need a record vote at the next Commissioners Court Meeting and all Commissioners will need to be present. Motion to approve change of Commissioners Court date by Commissioner Cliff Williams and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

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. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND REPORT THE ADOPTION OF SB 1173 TO RAISE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING THRESHOLDS FROM \$50,000.00 TO \$100,000.00, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, PER LGC 262.023 COMPETITIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES. Nicole Nix from the Auditor's Office spoke. Contracts for materials and fuel are still in place. No action needed on this item.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY AUDITOR AND ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITORS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESPECTIVE SALARIES PURSUANT TO LGC 84.021. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT AND SALARY OF THE OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER OF THE 294TH DISTRICT COURT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOND FOR NICOLE NIX, ASSISTANT COUNTY

AUDITOR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. 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 APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS SUBMITTED
- B.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFYING OF COUNTY'S BILLS AS SUBMITTED
- C.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FY2025 LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and seconded by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

WORKSHOP – BUDGET WORKSHOP. 9:17 A.M. COMMISSIONER CLIFF WILLIAMS LEFT EARLY. 9:36 A.M. ENDED

ADJOURNMENT. 9:40 A.M. Motion to appro-	ve by Commissioner/Brandon Barton and	seconded by
Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.	/ / //	
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