

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14, 2026**

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. 9:00 A.M. All present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Treasurer Kenny Edwards announced new employee (Rocio "Ro" Munoz). Commissioner Cliff Williams announced new employee (Hannah LaCroix). Judge Andy Reese mentioned the burn ban in relation to radio traffic over 4 fires yesterday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). None

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION FOR THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REAPPLYING FOR THE VOCA GRANT TO FUND THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROJECT FOR THE 2026-2027 TERM. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AIR TRAVEL TO L3 HARRIS USERS CONFERENCE AND TRAINING SYMPOSIUM. Annual user Conference will be held in Florida. Attending will be Ron Beaver from the IT Department, Jeremy Jones from the Sheriff's Office, estimated cost is \$600.00. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SUBMISSION OF THE TEXAS COUNTY LATERAL R&B ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT (FORM 40-133) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025. Auditor Ben Miroglia spoke; this is an annual report to submit to the Comptroller.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SIGNING A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO EXEMPT COUNTY GOVERNMENTS FROM PAYING THE STATE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX WHEN TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. Resolution put together by Judge Ranson (Cass County). Hotel Occupancy Tax exemptions would be within State of Texas only. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF RECYCLED CRUSHED CONCRETE AS AN ACCEPTABLE BASE FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY SUBDIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS. On page 22; item d; under 3.5 (b) (1) (d) add as an available option. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OVER 45-DAY TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE EMPLOYEE, LEON WATSON. Treasurer Kenny Edwards spoke. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton 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 DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND JANUARY 8, 2026.

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 FY2026 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

- NONE

G.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE BOND FOR DEPUTY TREASURER, ROCIO MUNOZ, FOR \$5,000.00 FOR THE TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 12, 2026, AND ENDING JANUARY 12, 2027.

Comment by Commissioner Cliff Williams keeping eyes open for green energy lines requesting utility permits (F). Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

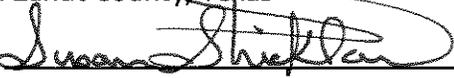
WORKSHOP – 9:21 A.M. DISCUSS NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT. APPRAISAL DISTRICT DID NOT GET ENOUGH NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

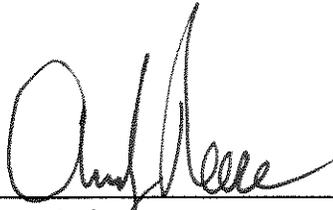
Closed workshop 9:23 A.M.

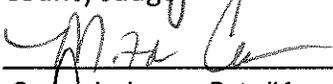
ADJOURNMENT. 9:23 A.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

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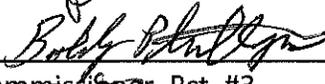
Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

BY: 


County Judge


Commissioner, Pct. #1


Commissioner, Pct. #2


Commissioner, Pct. #3


Commissioner, Pct. #4