

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY  
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29, 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. 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.** 2:02 P.M. All Present.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Judge Andy Reese closed yesterday due to inclement weather; OMA statute that allows today's meeting. 551.045

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY).** None

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER #5 FOR CRITICAL SPARE EQUIPMENT AND AN AGREEMENT FOR CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE RADIO SYSTEM WITH L3 HARRIS.** Motion by Commissioner Cliff Williams to table due that L3 Harris representatives are not present, reschedule for a later date when L3 Harris can be present. Second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER A JOINT CONTRACT WITH THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE TO CHAPTER 172 OF THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE.** Item skipped until Election Administrator is present. The Court will be provided with a spread sheet of cost of early voting when available including ballot costs and rentals to Parties. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH ANIMAL PROTECTION LEAGUE CONCERNING THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENTS FOR SERVICE.** Motion to approve changing to a quarterly payment instead of monthly payment by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN PROPOSAL FROM RIDDLE & GOODNIGHT TO PROVIDE AN UPDATED OPINION OF PROBABLE COST FOR THE FULL RESTORATION OF THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE 2026 TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSIONER GRANT SUBMISSION. PROPOSAL COST IS \$10,560.** Commissioner Brandon Barton questioned the quote is for every inch and included additional staircase. Judge Andy Reese responded yes all was included. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING A CLINIC IN CANTON SUPPORTED BY BCBS AND UT TYLER.** Motion to table to February 11, 2026 meeting by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION FOR THE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY HB 3000.** \$350,000.00 toward an ambulance. Application must be submitted by January 31, 2026. Motion to approve submission of Grant Application and resolution by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN PROPOSALS FROM SABRE INDUSTRIES (\$1,078) AND LOFTIN EQUIPMENT (\$3,253.95) FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING WIRING AND CONFIGURATION OF ALARM NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERATOR**

**OPERATION AT THE FIVE RADIO TOWERS OWNED BY THE COUNTY, TO BE PAID FROM THE ARPA ACCOUNT 817-476-495.** Jeremy Jones from the Sheriff's Office spoke. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS DURING THE TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2026 TO MARCH 2, 2026.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SIGNING A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO REALLOCATE ONE PENNY (5%) OF THE STATE MOTOR FUELS TAX AND FIVE PERCENT OF THE ELECTRONIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE TO THE COUNTY AND ROAD DISTRICT HIGHWAY FUND ALLOCATED TO COUNTIES IN TEXAS.** (This has not changed since 1954 and currently get roughly \$60,000.00 from the State). Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN SOFTWARE TO UPGRADE CURRENT AVL (ADVANCED VEHICLE LOCATOR) BASIC PACKAGE TO AVL ADVANCED TO ALLOW FOR RADIO OPS LOCATIONS TO BE AVAILABLE AT DISPATCH CONSOLES. COST FOR THE UPGRADE IS \$11,850 AND AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL \$1,150 FOR CONFIGURATION CHANGES FOR A TOTAL OF \$13,000 TO BE PAID FROM ARPA INTEREST FUNDS.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS TO VAN ZANDT COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT OPEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION.** (None) No action on this item.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN REVISED CONTRACT WITH RICOH USA FOR EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 12 REPLACEMENT COPIERS. ORIGINAL AGREEMENT APPROVED ON DECEMBER 17, 2025 WAS FOR 18 COPIERS WHICH WAS DISCOVERED 6 OF THOSE COPIERS WERE NOT UP FOR LEASE RENEWAL.** (Amount is \$1,756.19 monthly. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams 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 JANUARY 9, 2026 AND JANUARY 14, 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 ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER 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**

- VZCR 1207, 1209, 1203, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1227, 1217, 1206, 1106 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 1513 – CHARTER-SPECTRUM
- CHERRY CREEK LN, LAKEWOOD TRAIL, VZCR 2101, VZCR 2122 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2103, 2118, 2121 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2110, 2120, 2102, 2134, 2118, 2108 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2130 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2201, 2206, 2205, 2200, 2202, 2205 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2219 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2411, 2402, 2424, 2401, 2414, 2428, 2426, 2403, 2427, 2415, 2410, 2437, 2421, 2420 & 2704 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2423, 2304, 2403, 2303, 2307, 2306 & 2301 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2430, 2703, 2431, 2408, 2433 & 2421 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2501 & 2511 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2511, 2501, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2109, 2101, 2105, 2520, 2519, 2521, 2102 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2534, 2511, 2209, 2210, 2208, 2434, 2114, 2211 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 2701, 2406, 2405, 2512, 2509, 2504, 2507, 2508, 2510, 2513, 2145, 2601, 2514 – FRONTIER
- COUNTRY CLUB DR., VZCR 3120, 3121, 3122, 1103 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 4104, 4203, 4204, 4105 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 4105, 4106, 4107, 4108, 4135 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 4119 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 4120, 4121, 4103 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 4126, 4130, 4127, 4128, GREAT DIVIDE RD, CREEKVIEW LN – FRONTIER
- VZCR 4134 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 4137, 4136, 4111, 4110, 4109, 4417, 4416, 4414 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 4201, 4101, 4102 – FRONTIER
- VZCR 4203, 4201, 4219, 4200 – FRONTIER

- Motion to pull and approve all other items in Consent (items to be pulled are Cherry Creek Ln, Lakewood Trail, VZCR 2101, VZCR 2122 – Frontier, Country Club Dr., VZCR 3120, 3121, 3122, 1103-Frontier, and VZCR 4126, 4130, 4127, 4128, Great Divide Rd, Creekview Ln – Frontier by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.0725 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO DELIBERATE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL ISSUES RELATING TO A CONTRACT BEING NEGOTIATED.**

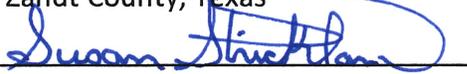
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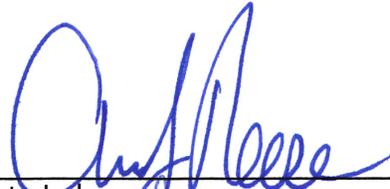
**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 3:44 P.M. TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS** 3:44 P.M. **DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Commissioner Brandon Barton acting as lead, Commissioner Cliff Williams and Commissioner Mitch Curtis are still present. No action on item.

**ADJOURNMENT.** 3:45 P.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

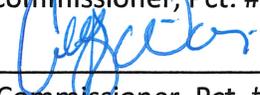
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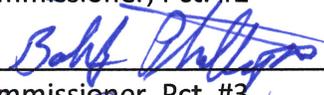
Susan Strickland, County Clerk  
Van Zandt County, Texas

BY: 

  
County Judge

  
Commissioner, Pct. #1

  
Commissioner, Pct. #2

  
Commissioner, Pct. #3

  
Commissioner, Pct. #4