

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY  
9:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

The Commissioners' Court of Van Zandt County met at the above-named date and time in the County Court at Law Court room 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, 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.** 9:01 A.M. All present

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Early voting locations are at the Van Zandt County Library and The Van Movie House. Hours February 17, 2026-February 20, 2026 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Saturday February 21, 2026 hours are 7:00 A.M. -7:00 P.M. Sunday February 22, 2026 Hours are 12:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M. February 23, 2026-February 27, 2026 hours are 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY).** Michelle Beaver on item # 8.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING A CLINIC IN CANTON SUPPORTED BY BCBS AND UT TYLER.** East Texas Community Clinic. Doug Kern with Family Medical Dr.; Dr. Bruce Woodall Glen Robison CEO spoke. Presentation on 03/25 over expansion.

**PUBLIC HEARING RELATING TO A MORATORIUM TO TEMPORARILY HALT ALL GREEN ENERGY PROJECTS IN VAN ZANDT COUNTY WHILE A PERMANENT MORATORIUM IS CONSIDERED.** Open at 9:17 A.M. Speakers were Senator Bob Hall, Nancy White, James Matlock (Nacogdoches County), Rachel Hall (Rusk County), Kimberly Christianson (Smith County), Ellen LaRoe (Plano, TX. Collin County), Steve Oglesby (Bowie County and Red River County), JP Fisher (Grand Saline), Kim Bridgefarmer (Nacogdoches County), Greg Harrel (Hood County), Angela Brighchrist (Rains County), Dwayne "Doc" Collins ( Van Zandt County) Daniel Hunt (Henderson County), Susan Ackerman (Sevoy, TX Fannin County), Roger Kaeda (mayor of Sevoy, Texas Fannin County), Virginia Beaver (Savoy, TX Fannin County), Mason McAllister (Fannin County). Pete Chambers, (Hayes County), Jay Ford (Rains County), Wins Lavoto, (Henderson County), Suzanne Rogers (Rains County), Steve Snyder (Kaufman County), Kathy Bourne (Franklin County), Ann Nelson Van Zandt County Democrat Party, Mary McClense (Franklin County). Motion to close hearing at 10:25 A.M. by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A MORATORIUM REGARDING ANY NON-OPERATING GREEN ENERGY PROJECTS IN VAN ZANDT COUNTY.** Motion is to approve a temporary moratorium and have communication with AG Office and it be bound to AG investigation by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**-10:53 A.M. JUDGE ANDY REESE CALLED FOR A 15 MINUTE BREAK.**

**-11:09 A.M. BACK IN SESSION**

**-WENT TO ITEM # 8 (BURN BAN); THEN JUMPED TO ITEM #19 ABATEMENT WORKSHOP THEN BACK TO # 7 (AWARDING MATERIAL)**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDING ROAD AND BRIDGE MATERIAL BIDS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026 THRU APRIL 30, 2026, FOR UNDELIVERED ON CRUSHED ROCK ¾", CRUSHED ROCK 1" OR LESS, CRUSHED ROCK 1 ¼" FLEX BASE AND STATE BASE, PEA GRAVEL 3/8" WASHED, RECYCLED CRUSHED CONCRETE 1 ¾", AND THEN DELIVERED AND UNDELIVERED ON OVER-SIZE AGGREGATES, 3X5, 3X8, 12X24.** Nicole Nix from the Auditor's Office spoke. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM VAN ZANDT FIRE MARSHAL TO IMPLEMENT A COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN AND AUTHORIZE VAN ZANDT FIRE MARSHAL TO RESCIND BURN BAN UPON IMPROVED CONDITIONS.** Fire Marshal Kevin Palmer, recommending 30 day burn ban. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE ROAD AND BRIDGE MATERIALS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FUEL FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2026 THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ISSUANCE OF RFP 26-01 FOR THE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF THE WINDOWS ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR ESD #1**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR ESD #2**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR ESD #3**

A Collective motion all in one on the ESD 1, 2 and 3, Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL FOR WORKEASY SOFTWARE.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE (FI).** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AN ENGINEERING STUDY COMPLETED IN JUNE 2023 FOR TILLMAN TOWER IN PRECINCT 4 TO BE PAID FROM ACCOUNT 817-476-495.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. 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 29, 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  
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Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

WORKSHOP – 11:17 A.M. Discuss the adoption of an Abatement Procedure for Public Health Nuisances and Threats  
11:33 A.M. Close.

WORKSHOP – 11:59 A.M. Discuss and consider use and allocation of personal devices for Van Zandt County employees  
12:27 P.M. Close.

ADJOURNMENT. 12:28 P.M. Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. 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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