Van Zandt County



WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Van Zandt County is of utmost importance to the Van Zandt County Commissioners' Court; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the agricultural and natural resources of Van Zandt County is of extreme importance to the Van Zandt County Commissioners' Court; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Commissioners' Court, each individually, have taken an oath to uphold the laws of the United States and this State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has adopted the National Fire Protection Association Standards as the governing authority for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court finds that Battery Energy Storage Systems are a fire hazard as defined by the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court finds that lithium-ion batteries are a hazardous substance; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court has learned that a Battery Energy Storage System is being developed in Van Zandt County without full compliance with the applicable National Fire Protection Association Standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Van Zandt County Commissioners' Court bestows its full support and encouragement to the Van Zandt County District Attorney in seeking judicial authority to prevent the owners and developers of BT Amador Storage, LLC, and all other BESS entities, from delivering lithium-ion batteries to any site in Van Zandt County until such a time as the Van Zandt County Fire Marshal or the Court determines that all applicable National Fire Protection Association Standards have been met.

Signed this 9th day of April, 2025

Andy Reese, County Judge

Mitch Curtis, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cliff Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Bobby Phillips, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Brandon Barton, Commissioner, Pct. 4