

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY June 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. All present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. County Judge announced that two Town Hall Meetings have been conducted and two more to go.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Mr. Ronnie Jones spoke on Items number 3, 12 and 14.

CONSENT AGENDA- Item b.) moved to end of 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 May 30, 2025 and June 4, 2025.
- b.) Discuss and consider approval of County's bills for payment as submitted-moved to bottom of agenda
- c.) Discuss and consider ratifying of County's bills as submitted
- d.) Discuss and consider approval of FY2025 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 May 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 1910 – Charter Spectrum

The County Judge requested item b.) be moved to the last agenda item. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONVERTING (2) VEHICLES FROM EXEMPT REGISTRATION TO REGULAR REGISTRATION DUE TO THE VEHICLES BEING UNMARKED UNITS AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTATION. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENEWAL OF COUNTY HEALTH CARE PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HEALTH AND EMPLOYEES BENEFITS POOL AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ALL ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS. D'Ann Miller spoke. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

WORKSHOP – DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIES TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE SECTION 8 HOUSING

DEVELOPMENTS IN VAN ZANDT COUNTY. Commissioner Cliff Williams requested the discussion to be passed for this day.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR ESD #2. Jeremy Barker nominated Kelly Walker. Motion to approve appointment by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CONVERTING (2) VEHICLES FROM EXEMPT REGISTRATION TO REGULAR REGISTRATION DUE TO THE VEHICLES BEING UNMARKED UNITS AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTATION. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MOU WITH CALLENDAR LAKE HOA. Motion to create an MOU with Callendar Lake HOA by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE (1) 6 MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT CONCERNING BELLY DUMP TRAILER FROM BRAZOS TRAILERS FOR PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING L3 HARRIS MILESTONE PAYMENT B.1.5 FOR HARDWARE INSTALLATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$575,468.61. CONTRACT WAS SIGNED IN 2022. ARPA funds will be used to make payment. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH GUARDIFY TO PROVIDE CLOUD BASED SOFTWARE FOR THE DA'S OFFICE. Yearly contract is \$18,000 but Guardify is offering a promo fee of \$12,000. Contract will be paid out of forfeiture this year, then move to IT budget in following years. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OPTIONS CONCERNING A CONTRACT WITH PAUL MICHAEL FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1930 N. TRADE DAYS BOULEVARD, CANTON, TX 75103 AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS. County Attorney, Tonda Curry, laid out the county's options: 1. Do nothing and lose \$60,000; 2. Pay for the building and execute the contract; 3. Re-negotiate options the county will lose \$60,000 and put up \$100,000. Discussion tabled for a Special Session on Monday, June 23rd at 2 PM.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM TERRY WHEELER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 FOR THE WORK ON VZCR 3811 LOCATED IN PCT. 3. Work will be contracted out. Road will be moved over by 5 feet. The County will receive an extra 10 feet of easement. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FALCONWOOD ADDITION SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 3811 IN PRECINCT 3. Subdivision consists of 14 tracts will all tracts having road frontage. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE TO RECEIVE HAVA GRANT FUNDING TO UPGRADE ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS. Requesting to purchase 40 electronic poll books at a cost of \$45,650. Grant will be \$42,500 with a County match of \$8,500. Chapter 19 funds will be used for County match. Motion to approve the County Judge to sign the resolution by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

Some bills have been pulled and will be re submitted on the Monday's Special Session.

Consent Agenda-Item b.) Motion to approve bills as submitted by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

ATTEST:

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

BY: Susan Strickland

Andy Reese
County Judge

Mitch Curtis
Commissioner, Pct. #1

Caputo
Commissioner, Pct. #2

Billy Phillips
Commissioner, Pct. #3

BA
Commissioner, Pct. #4