

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY JULY 30, 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 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. 9:02 A.M. All present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Cris Burnett recognized Erin Smalling for 15 years of service. Judge Andy Reese announced the workshop and Commissioners Court meeting set for August 5th in the 294th court room at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Nancy White spoke on item #13. Gary Hays spoke on item # 17.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2024 PRESENTED BY PATILLO, BROWN, & HILL LLP OUT OF WACO, TEXAS. MR. JON MANNING WENT OVER THE REPORT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE (3 YEAR TERM) CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH TRANSUNION AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ALL ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS. THIS SERVICE IS UTILIZED BY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE, INDIGENT DEFENSE AND COUNTY COURT AT LAW TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS CLAIMING AN INDIGENT STATUS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDING THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY SALVAGE/WRECKING YARD ORDINANCE AND SET THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. Fire Marshall Kevin Palmer spoke. Public hearing date set for September 10, 2025. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

RECEIVE AND FILE FOR RECORD DISTRICT COURT ORDER APPOINTING BENARD MIRAGLIA AS COUNTY AUDITOR FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING JULY 21,2027 AND REQUESTING AN ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF THE AUDITOR'S SALARY AS SET BY THE DISTRICT JUDGE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATED COMMISSARY COMPUTER FROM LONE STAR COMMISSARY Scott Slaton spoke. 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 A CONTRACT WITH VISTA SOLUTIONS GROUP. Deputy Clerk Shannon Maddox spoke and explained this is a scanning software used for voter registration cards and mail ballots. Amount of contract is \$11,737.50 and will be using part of the Chapter 19 money to offset a portion of the cost. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND PROPOSE ANY INCREASE IN SALARIES OR ALLOWANCES FOR ELECTED COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICIALS PER LGC 152.013(B). Court to consider a 3% increase across the board. Public hearing set for August 13, 2025, on budget. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO CASA FOR KIDS \$5,000 AND CHILDREN ADVOCACY CENTER \$10,000 FROM THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDITS FUND. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM FEE ALLOCATION TO BE RE-INSTATED TO THE CITY OF CANTON WITH SAID PAYMENTS TO BEGIN THE 1ST QTR. – OCTOBER FY2026. THE CITY OF CANTON PREVIOUSLY CHOSE TO PASS THEIR QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE PAYMENTS ON TO THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER AND ARE NOW ASKING TO RECEIVE PAYMENT THEMSELVES. This is a \$1.50 fee that is collected by the vehicle registration office. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE ORDER OF ELECTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO ADOPT THE COUNTY'S PORTION OF THE EXISTING SALES AND USE TAX. THIS WILL NOT RESULT IN A TAX INCREASE.

No action

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A CHECK FROM THE CITY OF FRUITVALE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,235.60 FOR PAYMENT OF MATERIALS PER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A CHECK FROM THE CITY OF FRUITVALE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,197.59 FOR PAYMENT OF SERVICES RENDERED PER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. City of Fruitvale clean-up day. District Attorney Tonda Curry recommended having a MOU for next time. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPLAT OF OAK CREEK ESTATES 17A & 17B LOCATED ON VZCR 3907 IN PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. After discussion an Amended motion by Commissioner Bobby Phillips to include scheduling Public Hearing for September 10, 2025. and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC STUDY ON HWY 64 REGARDING THE FM 314 AND HWY 64 INTERSECTION Motion to approve County Judge to request a traffic study by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ENTERING INTO A MOU WITH CALLENDAR LAKE POIA AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDING LAME DUCK POLICY. TABLED BY by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips.

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 JULY 16, 2025.

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 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 JUNE 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 2426, 2414 , 2403 – CHARTER-SPECTRUM

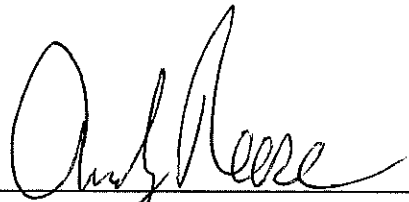
Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bandon Barton. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT. 10:38 A.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.


ATTEST:

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas


BY: _____



County Judge

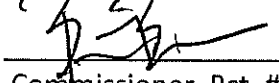


Commissioner, Pct. #1



Commissioner, Pct. #2

Commissioner, Pct. #3



Commissioner, Pct. #4