

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 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. The 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. 9:00 A.M. All members present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. None

Public Comments (on Agenda items only). Ms. Kathy Stonacker spoke on item number 5, Debra Johnson spoke on item number 4, and Mr. Ronnie Jones spoke on item number 8.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER VAN ZANDT COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS. Linda Boston Pct. 2, Kathleen Roark Pct. 2, Jennifer Collins Pct. 3. The board consists of 14 members. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH ANIMAL PROTECTION LEAGUE, FOR SPAYING AND NEUTERING SERVICES FOR DOGS AND CATS BELONGING TO RESIDENTS OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY, BEGINNING 10/1/2025 AND ENDING 9/30/2026 FOR \$1,200 PER MONTH. Ms. Kathy Stonacker spoke and stated the contract pays for 50% of costs per animal. October 21-August 25, 418 animals has spayed / neutered. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF SHERIFF AND CONSTABLE FEES FOR VAN ZANDT COUNTY FOR JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026. No changes in fees from previous year. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2026 VAN ZANDT COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE FEES. January 1, 2026 December 31, 2026 no changes from previous year. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND REPORT THE ADOPTION OF HB 1522 RELATING TO NOTICE OF A MEETING HELD UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW. Became law September 1, 2025. Three business day notice instead of 72 hours. Holidays and weekends don't count No action.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COTTONWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 3121 IN PRECINCT 1. CONSISTS OF FOUR LOTS AT 1.103 ACRES, COUNTY ROAD FRONTAGE ON ALL LOTES, HAS MET ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR A TIER TWO SUBDIVISION. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

WORKSHOP – DISCUSSED FY 2026 BUDGET POLICY.

DISCUSS THE APPROVAL OF THE FY2026 BUDGET POLICY. Motion to approve budget policy and increase purchase order amounts to be increased to \$500.00 by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDER SETTING TERM OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR 2025-2026. 1st Commissioners Court begins October 8th, 2025. Every other Wednesday. Motion to approve by Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SALARIES APPROVED IN THE FY26 BUDGET. EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE OCTOBER 5, 2025. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS TO ALLOW THEM TO PROGRAM RADIOS ON THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY P25 RADIO SYSTEM. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton 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 SEPTEMBER 10, 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 AUGUST 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 2312 – CHARTER-SPECTRUM

Minutes are not available. Judge Andy Reese pulled item a). All reports turned in. Motion to approve items b-g by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:33 A.M. IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,

- (1) TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE; OR
- (2) TO HEAR A COMPLAINT OR CHARGE AGAINST AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

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.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 11:47 A.M. TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION.

ADJOURNMENT. 11:48 A.M. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. 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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Commissioner, Pct. #2

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Commissioner, Pct. #3

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Commissioner, Pct. #4