

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2026**

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. 9:01 A.M.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Commissioner Mitch Curtis announced that Pct. 1 is having a clean up weekend that will start Friday April 24, 2026, through Saturday April 25, 2026. 8:00 am -4:00 pm. Judge Reese announced National Day of Prayer will be May 7th, 2026, starting at noon in the County Court at Law court room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Mr. Mario Davey spoke on item # 12.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INCREASE OF \$25,000 TO DISTRICT COURT'S JUROR EXPENSE LINE ITEM 010-435-485 FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT 010-409-800. DISTRICT JUDGE MARTIN SPOKE AND CORRECT AMOUNT \$22,500.00 IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS HISTORIC COMMISSION COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION PROGRAM. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT TO SIGN THE CONTRACT EQUIPMENT LEASE WITH THE WILLS POINT ISD FOR THEIR MAY 2ND ELECTION. Shannon Maddox spoke and advised that the fee is \$500.00 per unit and \$100.00 per pol Pad. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE-PAID VOLUNTARY DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE BENEFITS WITH METLIFE FOR EMPLOYEES OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY, INCLUDING A PREMIUM RATE INCREASE FOR DENTAL COVERAGE AND NO CHANGE TO VISION RATES, EFFECTIVE 10/01/2026. Independent agent D'ann spoke and stated that a 3% rate change will be in effect for dental only no rate change for vision. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDER AUTHORIZING MEMORIAL DAY FIREWORKS SALES (BEGINNING MAY 20, 2026, AND ENDING AT MIDNIGHT ON MAY 25, 2026). Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF COUNTY-PAID GROUP LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS WITH THE STANDARD FOR EMPLOYEES OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY, WITH NO CHANGE IN PREMIUM RATES, EFFECTIVE 10/01/2026. D'ann, our independent agent, spoke. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDED PLAT OF ALBRIGHT ADDITION TRACTS 9 & 10, LOCATED ON VZCR 3724 IN PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EDGEWOOD ACRES SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 3608 & VZCR 3610 IN PRECINCT 3. (HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING WATER CONFIRMATION) Motion to approve 30-day extension by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DAVEY ADDITION SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON 1251 VZCR 3710 IN PRECINCT 3. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL GLOBAL SETTLEMENTS IN THE OPIOID LITIGATION. DISTRICT ATTORNEY TONDA CURRY SPOKE AND STATED THIS IS APPROXIMATELY \$9,000.00. Funds can be used for inpatient health care. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IN DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPRESENTATION INCLUDING CHANGES TO THE TITLE IV-E CONTRACT AND NECESSARY BUDGET AMENDMENTS. District Attorney Tonda Curry spoke and explained that this would be for 20 hours a week for a contract labor employee with a salary of \$38,325.00 annually. Motion to approve amending grant contract and budget amendment to move money from salaries to contract labor by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UNMARKED EXEMPT PLATES FOR UNDERCOVER VEHICLE AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BUDGET FUNDS FOR THE NEW VZCSO CIOT & OPSLOW GRANTS APPROVED BY CCT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026. Motion to approve creating new budget line item by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR ONE M500 IN-VEHICLE CAMERA SYSTEM FOR A NEW SHERIFF'S OFFICE PATROL VEHICLE. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR ONE M500 IN-VEHICLE CAMERA SYSTEM FOR A NEW SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL TRANSPORT VEHICLE TO BE PAID OUT OF JAIL COMMISSARY ACCOUNT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF COMPUTER, FOUR MONITORS, AND ACCESSORIES FROM DELL TECHNOLOGIES TO OPERATE THE CRITICAL SPARE DISPATCH CONSOLE IN THE SHERIFF OFFICE DISPATCH CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,463.12, FUNDED THROUGH ARPA INTEREST ACCOUNT 817-476-495. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH MALOUF ENGINEERING INTL, INC FOR STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF TEXAS CELLNET TOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,200 TO BE FUNDED BE ARPA INTEREST ACCOUNT 817-476-495. (Location is in the Van area). Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VIDEO CAMERA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM IN PRECINCT 4 RADIO TOWER BY AIO SECURITY SOLUTIONS FOR \$5,800 AND THE PURCHASE OF WATCHGUARD FIREWALL FOR THE TOWER SHELTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,417.28 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH ARPA INTEREST ACCOUNT 817-476-495. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS CELLNET FOR USE OF THE PRECINCT 1 RADIO TOWER. Motion to table by Judge Andy Reese and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDITS FROM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FOR USE BY COUNTY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING AN EXPENSE SUBMITTED BEYOND THE 45 DAY TIME LIMIT BY JUDGE ANY REESE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$334 FOR THE REAL PLACES CONFERENCE HELD ON 4/8 – 4/10/2026 IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. 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 MARCH 25, 2026 AND APRIL 7, 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 ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 2026 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

- NONE

H.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AND ACCEPT RACIAL PROFILING REPORTS FOR 2025 TO RECORD FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- A. SHERIFF OFFICE**
- B. FIRE MARSHAL**
- C. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1**
- D. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2**
- E. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3**
- F. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4**

Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

WORKSHOP – DISCUSS THE ADOPTION OF A POLICY ALLOWING NETWORK ACCESS. DISTRICT ATTORNEY TONDA CURRY SPOKE, DEPARTMENT HEAD OF IT SCOTT SLATON SPOKE , COMMISSIONER CLIFF WILLIAMS IS THE LIASON AND ASKED QUESTIONS. Motion to close workshop by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A POLICY ALLOWING NETWORK ACCESS AND TO UPDATE THE HANDBOOK TO REFLECT THE SAME. The IT department is to check with the assigned liaison unless email is sent directly from the department head/elected official. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:26 A.M. 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.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551.089 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,

(1) TO DELIBERATE SECURITY ASSESSMENTS OR DEPLOYMENTS RELATING TO

INFORMATION RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY;

- (2) NETWORK SECURITY INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED BY SECTION 2059.055(B); OR**
- (3) THE DEPLOYMENT, OR SPECIFIC OCCASIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION, OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, OR SECURITY DEVICES.**

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 12:03 P.M. TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

1) Motion to move \$600,000.00 from contingency to general maintenance and repair line item by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

2) Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton work from Sydaptic quote on jail system not to exceed \$347,000.00 and authorizing County Judge to sign all associated documents second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.


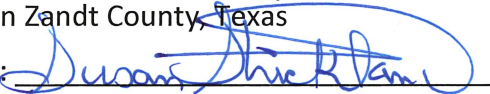
3) Motion to approve going out for RFQ for architect service to finish out 1937 Trade Days BLVD Canton TX 75103 by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

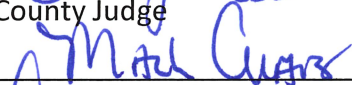
ADJOURNMENT 12:05 P.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

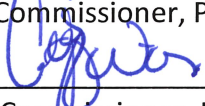
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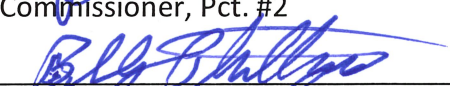
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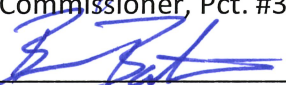
BY:



County Judge

Commissioner, Pct. #1

Commissioner, Pct. #2

Commissioner, Pct. #3

Commissioner, Pct. #4