

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY  
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 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.** 9:00 a.m. All present

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Judge Andy Reese announced tomorrow at 12:00 P.M we will have Nation Day of Prayer in the County Court at Law Courtroom.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). MOVED THIS ITEM AFTER WORKSHOPS.**

**WORKSHOP – DISCUSS GAME ROOMS.** 9:04 A.m. Mitch Curtis put this item on the agenda. Citizens who spoke were Senator Bob Hall, Jana Deen-Massey , CAC president, Rowdy Heddin, Pct. 1 game room owner, Bill Rusk, Myrtle Springs alumni, David Fox, Amdaro Mahler, Smith County executive director of CAC, Cindy Malouf Pct. 3, board member of CAC, HHSC, OVAC, VOCA, forfeiture, Jenny Sparks, Pct. 3 Pilot International Club, Melody Blasingame Pct. 3 Keep Wills Point Beautiful, Tiffany Suits Pct. 3 Wills Point Ladies Club, Kate Kieleiber, Pct. 2, daughter of state legislative executive director Education Foundation, Clay Deen Pct. 3, Jeffrey Whitworth, Pct. 1, Tom Duke Pct. 2, Kevin Palmer, Fire Marshal, Roger Heddin, Karen Reeves. (Closed at 11:39 A.M.)

**WORKSHOP – 11:41 A.M.** Discuss P25 Radios for Road & Bridge and Fire Marshal

**WORKSHOP – 11:49 A.M.-12:02 P.M.** Discuss publishing online the Commissioner Court Binder

**WORKSHOP – 12:02 P.M. -12:13 P.M.** Discuss Emergency Management Bus

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDDING ROAD AND BRIDGE MATERIAL BIDS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF MAY 6, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027; FOR CULVERTS DELIVERED, ASPPM DELIVERED, PORTLAND CEMENT DELIVERED AND LRA ITEM 330 DELIVERED.** Nicole Nix from the Auditor's Office spoke and stated that only one bidder per item was bid. Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ALLEY ABANDONMENTS WITHIN BLOCK 26 OF THE ORIGINAL MAP OF MYRTLE SPRINGS LOCATED BETWEEN VZCR 3223 AND 170 VZCR 3225 IN PRECINCT 3.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. Motion withdrawn. Motion to approve alley abandonment subject to legal review and County Judge to sign documents releasing county by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WHISPERING ACRES SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 2410 IN PRECINCT 2.** All county road frontage. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDER TO GRANT AN EXEMPTION TO THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT FOR UPGRADES TO THE COUNTY JAIL. AUDITOR BEN MIRAGLIA SPOKE AND STATED TAC ALLOWS JAIL TO INFORM WHAT IS EMERGENCY ITEMS.** Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH SYDAPTIC, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$316,268.55 FOR UPGRADES TO THE COUNTY JAIL.** This will be for detention locks, mounting hardware, and cylinders. includes lifetime warranty on software but not hardware. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS THAT MAY EXCEED \$100,000 IN TOTAL COST:**

- 1.)REPLACE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND SYSTEM IN COUNTY JAIL**
- 2.)PLACE FIRE ALARM SECURITY SYSTEM IN COUNTY JAIL.**

(This is to get bids only). Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE 15% CASH MATCHES FOR THE NEW VZCSO CIOT & OPSLOW GRANTS APPROVED BY CCT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 AND APPROVE THE GRANT BUDGET FUNDS TO BE ESTABLISHED.** Auditor Ben Miraglia spoke. Motion to approve moving the 15% cash match from contingency line item to the Sheriffs budget by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFYING ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH LEXISNEXIS FOR LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE.** \$790.00 per month out of the fund established for legal research. (money that cannot be used other places). Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING NOT TO EXCEED 2 PAYMENTS FROM JOEL CORONA FOR ROAD REPAIRS CAUSED FROM LOGGING ACTIVITY ON VZCR 4511 AND VZCR 4506 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5300.00.** (This is being paid out of pocket instead of claiming on bond). Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE FACILITY LOCATED AT 1930 NORTH TRADES DAYS BLVD. (DESIGNATE LAYOUT; TIME LINE OF MOVEOUT; TIMELINE OF COURTHOUSE RESTORATION THIS SHOULD INCLUDE CITIZENS ON THE PANEL)** Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM THAT MAY EXCEED \$100,000 IN TOTAL COST IN FACILITY LOCATED AT 1930 N TRADES DAY BLVD.** (North single-story building). Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. 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 APRIL 22, 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 APRIL 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**

- **VZCR 3702 – MASTEC (CONTRACTOR FOR SPECTRUM)**

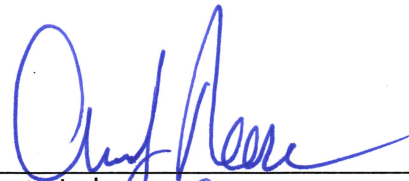
Motion to exclude item f.) due that it was included in error, and except the rest of the items by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.


**ADJOURNMENT 12:58 P.M.** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

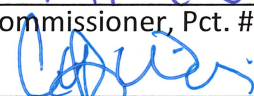
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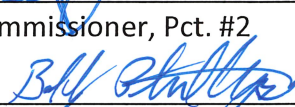
Susan Strickland, County Clerk  
Van Zandt County, Texas


BY: 

  
County Judge

  
Commissioner, Pct. #1

  
Commissioner, Pct. #2

  
Commissioner, Pct. #3

  
Commissioner, Pct. #4