

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 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. All present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Susie Bass from the Van Zandt County Historical Society announced a scavenger hunt "History Detective" around Van Zandt County. Van Zandt County has 12 museums.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Mr. Steve Howitz #11.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORMATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN A SUB REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WITH SMITH COUNTY PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 391. Judge Andy Reece suggested item be tabled. (Smith County tabled theirs yesterday; questions that need to be answered. Motion to table to the June 6, 2026, meeting by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS OF THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO THE SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WITH SMITH COUNTY PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 391.006. Motion to table to the June 6, 2026, meeting by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY TO TERMINATE TOWER LEASE WITH TITAN TOWERS, LP FOR TOWER USED FOR VHF COMMUNICATIONS. (this item # 6 and #7 was discussed together). Jeremy Jones spoke. Radios are not dual band only P25 available on radios. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY TO TERMINATE TOWER LEASE WITH CROSSROADS COMMUNICATIONS FOR TOWER USED FOR VHF COMMUNICATIONS. A 90-day notice is to be given. This will be a \$1,000.00 /Month savings. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PAGER SERVICE RENEWAL WITH MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR 2026-2027. The cost is roughly \$14,000.00 per year. The County needs to come up with a plan and coordinate a meeting with fire chiefs. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS CELLNET FOR USE OF PRECINCT 1 RADIO TOWER. Lease cost is \$1,500.00 monthly, 1 year with 1 year renewal.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF VAN REGARDING COLLABORATIVE ROAD MAINTENANCE DURING FY2027. Pct. 4 R&B will agree to do 1 road a year' not curbs and gutter. Ernie Burns from the City of Van spoke and agreed to have a interlocal agreement. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton. Motion is modified by Commissioner Brandon Barton to include modifications to the enter-local agreement by Van Zandt County Civil Attorney Anthony Acosta due to language dispute and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. Commissioner Mitch Curtis abstained from voting. Motion Passes.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING REDACTED COMMISSIONER COURT AGENDA BINDER TO BE PUBLISHED ONLINE TWO DAYS PRIOR TO COMMISSIONER COURT MEETING. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. Commissioner Bobby Phillips withdraws his motion. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams is that Monday morning will be the deadline for what information is available in the Binder. A public information request form will be required for items that do not make the binder, and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3 FOR FACILITIES LOCATED AT 24630 ST HWY 64E SUITE A FOR USE BY THE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR AND FIRE MARSHAL. Motion to table to the June 6, 2026 by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHRISTI'S PLACE SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 1910 IN PRECINCT 1. This has 2 lots; Tier 2. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EDGEWOOD ACRES SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 3608 & VZCR 3610 IN PRECINCT 3. Anthony Acosta and Commissioner Bobby Phillips spoke with developer. Developer withdraws application. Motion to approve withdrawal of application by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RESERVE AT CANTON SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 4106 IN PRECINCT 4. Tier 1; 26 lots , met all requirements. Motion to approve including a 24 month deadline on roads and upgrades by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO INCREASE AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET WITH \$4,450.00 FROM CONTINGENCY. Ben Miraglia spoke. (This is to cover comp time and overtime caused by new computer program). Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams 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 May 6, 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

h.) Discuss and consider approval of bond for Lisa Hutcherson, Assistant County Auditor in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion to pull item **a)** and approve items (**b-h**) by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

WORKSHOP – Discuss drainage issues at the Van Zandt County Veterans Memorial. 10:29 A.M. Mr. Cary Hilliard spoke. Reviewed drainage issues. Memorial program at 10:00 A.M. Monday Morning May 25, 2026.

WORKSHOP – Discuss current County procedures for use of County credit cards. 10:47 A.M. Treasurer Kenny Edwards spoke and gave information that the limit on the cards would be reviewed.

Adjournment. Of workshops 10:55 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT 10:55 A.M. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. 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