

**Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF MADISON COUNTY TEXAS

The Madison County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session the 12th day of October 2021, 8:30 a.m., at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, County Courtroom, 103 W. Trinity Street, Suite 106, Madisonville, Texas with the following members:

Tony Leago	County Judge	Present
Ricky Driskell	Commissioner, Precinct 1	Absent
Carl Wiseman	Commissioner, Precinct 2	Present
Carl Cannon	Commissioner, Precinct 3	Present
David Pohorelsky	Commissioner, Precinct 4	Present

ITEM 1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAGS

The invocation and pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags were led by Judge Leago.

ITEM 2. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with a quorum present.

COUNTY CLERK – SUSANNE MORRIS

ITEM 3. Review and/or correct minutes of Regular Meeting held September 27, 2021. See attached. Judge Leago asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes, there were none, the minutes stand as presented.

ITEM 4. COLLECTION REPORTS

a) Approve Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court
Susanne Morris, County Clerk reported County Clerk collections for September 2021, \$23,671.75; and County Criminal Court collections, \$5,944.66. See attached.
Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve September 2021 collection reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in favor, motion carried.

b) Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney
No reports were submitted.

- c) Approve Collection Report for District Clerk
No report was submitted.

TREASURER – JUDI DELESANDRI

ITEM 5. Approve paying County bills.

Accounts Payable Claims List for October 12, 2021, was submitted. See A/P Claims List attached.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago we have a motion and second and called for a vote to approve paying County bills.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 6. Approve bills paid since last court date September 27, 2021. See attached.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Cannon gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve bills paid since last court date September 27, 2021, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

No one opposed, motion carried.

ITEM 7. Approve Treasurer's Report.

Judi Delesandri submitted her Treasurer's Monthly Report for September 2021, a Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve Treasurer's Monthly Report for September 2021, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in agreement, motion carried.

ITEM 8. Approve personnel changes.

Judi Delesandri, Treasurer reported the hiring of Kim Brown, Clerk, Agrilife Extension Office, in an open position, 9/24/2021, \$13.00 hourly as recommended by Salary Committee. Donna Cuevas, Administrative Assistant to County Judge received a wage increase for re-evaluation of existing job, \$21.19 hourly to \$24.07 hourly. October 1, 2021, seven employees, Sheriff's Department, received merit raise adjustments as follows: Chelsea Stanford, Investigator, \$20.06 hourly; Taylor Bass, Dispatcher, \$13.16 hourly; April Roberts, Dispatcher, \$13.28 hourly; Janice Svec, Dispatcher, \$13.80 hourly; Curtis Klinge, Deputy, \$23.99 hourly; Charles Clifton, Jailer, \$13.45; and Russell Theiss, Jailer, \$13.80. See attached.

Commissioner Wiseman moved to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve personnel changes.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in favor, motion carried.

AUDITOR – TONI JOYNER

ITEM 9. Auditor's Report

A budget analysis report for October 12, 2021, was provided by auditor's office. A copy is included in these minutes for review.

ITEM 10. Budget Amendments

No Budget Amendments were submitted.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ITEM 11. Designated Representative Monthly Report - Lynn Jeffries

No report was submitted.

ITEM 12. Tax Assessor/Collector Monthly Report – Karen Lane, Tax A/C

Karen Lane, Tax A/C submitted September 2021 Monthly Report, total taxes and fees collected; registrations and titles; and boat titles and renewals as recorded in these minutes.

ITEM 13. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts.

No report was submitted.

ITEM 14. County Extension Agent Monthly Report – Chadd Caperton

No report was submitted.

ITEM 15. Veterans Affairs – Danny Singletary

No report was submitted.

ITEM 16. Elections Administrator-Bobbie Duke

No report was submitted.

ITEM 17. Justice of the Peace – Steve Cole/Jon Stevens

Judge Steve Cole presented a Distribution Summary, September 2021 for J.P. Precinct 1, and J.P. Precinct 2. See attached.

ITEM 18. Public Comment – Hear Comments in reference to the following Agenda Items Only – time limit 3 minutes, one person at a time will be called from the Public Participation Forms submitted. Move to the front of the Court and stand at the podium.

No Public Participation Forms were submitted to Clerk of Court for comments.

ITEM 19. Discuss and consider updated quotes for a new generator for the Lake Tower. See attached. Judge explained first and foremost the Lake Tower is what runs the county's communication system. The current standby generator is not good and needs to be replaced. Some time back the court approved ordering one from Generator Supercenter, Tomball, Texas, but as of this date they have not given a date when one will be available; also, they want a 50% down payment. A quote was received by Generators-4-U, College Station, Texas, but their estimated time of delivery was 22-24 weeks. McCaffety Electric Co., Inc., Huntsville, Texas has the generator on hand and request 50% payment at time of order. McCaffety's quote is higher than the other two quotes but realize this generator is critical for the communication system should we have a storm and power is loss, Judge said.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve purchase of generator from McCaffety Electric Co., Inc., and use of funds from the Cares Act for payment; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve purchase of generator from McCaffety Electric Co., Inc. and use of funds from the Cares Act for payment for a new generator for the Lake Tower.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 20. Discuss and consider for approval, quote to convert voting machines to use paper ballots with current machines. See attached.

Bobbie Duke, Elections Administrator said this \$203,113.00 quote is from Hart Intercivic to retrofit our voting system in accordance with new Election Laws requiring paper ballots. Secretary of State is requiring this quote be approved by the Commissioners' Court so our county can be getting inline for an update. In November the Secretary of State will decide how much of this quote will be reimbursed to the county. When this was first proposed the State said all the cost would be paid but that has changed, Duke said. Judge discussed with the court possible options for payment of this quote until reimbursement is received from SOS.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Cannon gave a second to the motion; and Judge called for a vote to approve quote to convert voting machines to use paper ballots with current machines.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

No one opposed, motion carried.

ITEM 21. Discuss and consider Bedias Creek Soil and Water Conservation District #428 Contract for Services for 2022. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve Bedias Creek Soil and Water Conservation District #428 Contract for Services for 2022.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 22. Discuss and consider HOT funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 to North Zulch Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. for their 5th Annual Chili Cookoff to be held February 5, 2022. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Judge said we have a motion and second to approve HOT funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 to North Zulch Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. for their 5th Annual Chili Cookoff to be held February 5, 2022, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 23. Discuss and consider extending Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days. See attached.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge said we have a motion and second to approve extending Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 24. Public Comment- No Discussion or Action will be taken at this time by the Court – A three (3) minute limit per speaker. One person at a time will be called from the Public Participation submitted. Move to the front of the Court and stand at the podium. Please address your comments to your commissioner.

Clark Osborne gave several general comments on the Hospital District as follows: apparent early decisions regarding Hospital District; funding options for Hospital District election; secrecy surrounding Hospital District election; discrepancies with Hospital District election order; and formal request for a called meeting to rescind previous order for Hospital District election. See attached.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote.

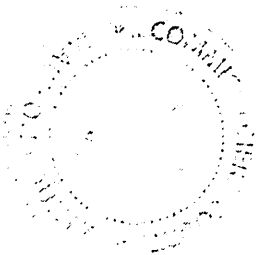
VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 9:10 A.M.

I, Susanne Morris, Madison County Clerk, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for October 12, 2021.



Approved and signed this 25th day of October 2021.

Susanne Morris

Susanne Morris, Clerk
Commissioners Court
Madison County, Texas