



Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF MADISON COUNTY, TEXAS

The Madison County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session the 13th day of September 2023, 9:31 a.m., at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, County Courtroom, 103 W. Trinity Street, Suite 106, Madisonville, Texas with the following members:

Clark Osborne	County Judge	Present
Ken Starr	Commissioner, Precinct 1	Present
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

Mr. Bennett led the invocation and Judge Osborne led the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ITEM 2. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Osborne, with a quorum present, called the meeting to order.

COUNTY CLERK – ADRIAN LAWSON

ITEM 3. Review and/or correct minutes of the commissioner's court workshop August 21, 2023, and regular session meeting held August 23 and August 30, 2023.

Judge Osborne asked for any comments or corrections to these minutes. No corrections needed.

ITEM 4. COLLECTION REPORTS

- a) Approve Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court Reports Submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Cannon seconded; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.
- b) Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney
No reports submitted.
- c) Approve Collection Report for District Clerk
No Reports submitted.

TREASURER – JUDI DELESANDRI

ITEM 5. Approve paying County bills.

Report submitted, see attached.

Commissioner Starr made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve paying County bills, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 6. Approve bills paid since last court date August 23, 2023.

Report submitted, see attached.

Commissioner Starr made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve bills paid since last court date August 23, 2023, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 7. Approve Treasurer’s Report.

Report submitted, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve Treasurer’s Report, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 8. Approve personnel changes.

Report submitted, see attached.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve personnel changes, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

AUDITOR – TONI JOYNER

ITEM 9. Auditor’s Report

Report submitted, see attached.

ITEM 10. Budget Amendments

No report submitted.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ITEM 11. Historical Commission

Laura Cannon spoke about new historical markers and replacement markers, digitizing Madison County, Texas volume 1, working on Madison County, Texas volume 3, digitizing old newspapers, and the Historical website.

ITEM 12. Designated Representative Monthly Report - Lynn Jeffries

Lynn Jeffries stated for the month of August, 12 septic applications were turned in totaling \$2,760.00 and 4 health permits turned in totaling \$300.00.

ITEM 13. Tax Assessor/Collector Monthly Report – Karen Lane, TAC

Report submitted, see attached.

ITEM 14. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts

Shelly Butts stated for the month of August, 30 electric permits, one residential solar permit, 10 address signs, six road signs for the County, one private road sign, and three other signs. For the land division side, two minor plats, closed two others, and 22 pending. Shelly also spoke about a BVCOG Training on Active Shooter.

ITEM 15. County Extension Agent Monthly Report-Allen Homann
Allen Homann spoke about 4-H enrollment, Pizza Ranch at the Brazos County Expo Center, 4-H booths at the Madisonville and North Zulch fall festival, and State Fair.

ITEM 16. Veterans Affairs - Erica Greene
Report submitted, see attached.

ITEM 17. Elections Administrator-Bobbie Duke
No report submitted.

ITEM 18. Justice of the Peace – Steve Cole/Jon Stevens
Report submitted, see attached.

ITEM 19. Sheriff's Department – Bobby Adams
Report submitted, see attached.

ITEM 20. Madison County Library – Veronica Landmann
Veronica Landmann spoke about newspaper digitization and grants.

ITEM 21. Constable – Charles Turner/Jim Jackson
Report submitted, see attached.

ITEM 22. County Commissioners Report
Ken Starr, Pct. 1, spoke about his blade operator, and Entergy.
Carl Wiseman, Pct. 2, spoke about trimming trees and working ditches.
Carl Cannon, Pct. 3, spoke about mowing ditches and putting down rock.
David Pohorelsky, Pct. 4, spoke about mowing ditches and putting down rock.

ITEM 23. Judge's Report – Clark Osborne
Judge Osborne spoke about the High Speed Rail.

ITEM 24. **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 submitted to the Clerk of Court.

ITEM 25. Discuss and take action on Order to Adopt County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for funding the preservation and restoration for the County Clerk's records per Local Government Code 118.011(f) and 118.025.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court. See attached.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to adopt County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for funding the preservation and restoration for the County Clerk's records per Local Government Code 118.011(f) and 118.025, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 26. Discuss and take action on Madison County Appraisal District's Budget for FY2024.
Bunkin Bennett provided information to the court. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to disapprove; Commissioner Starr gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to disapprove the Madison County Appraisal District’s Budget for FY2024, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 27. Discuss and take action on adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Madison County Budget.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to adopt; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Madison County Budget. Judge Osborne called for a record vote.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Ken Starr, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 28. Discuss and take action that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.48 per \$100 of valuation, which is effectively a 1.31 percent decrease in the tax rate.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second, and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.48 per \$100 of valuation, which is effectively a 1.31 percent decreased in the tax rate. Judge Osborne called for a record vote.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Ken Starr, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 29. Discuss and take action on adopting Tax Year 2023 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of \$0.4654 per \$100 valuation and a 2023 Debt Service Tax Rate of \$0.0146 per \$100 valuation for the total 2023 Tax Rate of \$0.48 per \$100 valuation.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court.

Commissioner Starr made a motion to approve; Commissioner Cannon gave a second, and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve adopting Tax Year 2023 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of \$0.4654 per \$100 valuation and a 2023 Debt Service Tax Rate of \$0.0146 per \$100 valuation for the total 2023 Tax Rate of \$0.48 per \$100 valuation. Judge Osborne called for a record vote.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Ken Starr, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 30. Discuss and take action on FY2024 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Madisonville and Madison County.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court. See attached.

Commissioner Starr made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second, and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve FY2024 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Madisonville and Madison County, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 31. Discuss and take action on accepting Independent Auditor Report for FY2022.

Judi Delesandri and Judge Osborne provided information to the court. See attached.

Commissioner Starr made a motion to postpone; Commissioner Cannon gave a second, and Judge Osborne called for a vote to postpone accepting Independent Auditor Report for FY2022, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 32. Discuss and take action on changing all Madison County Employees' pay periods to bi-weekly. Judi Delesandri provided information to the court.

Commissioner Starr made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second, and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve changing all Madison County Employees' pay periods to bi-weekly, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 33. Discuss and take action on quotes for the purchase of two (2) vehicles for the Madison County Sheriff's Department and funding for said vehicles.

Bobby Adams and Judi Delesandri provided information to the court. See attached.

Commissioner Starr made a motion to approve; Commissioner Cannon gave a second, and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the purchase for the vehicle on the ground at Henson for the Madison County Sheriff's Department and funding for said vehicle be paid through funds already allocated in the Madison County Sheriff's Department budget, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 34. Discuss and take action on New Rate Setting Worksheet for Senior Meals.

See attached.

Commissioner Starr made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second, and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve New Rate Setting Worksheet for Senior Meals, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 35. Discuss and take action on FY2024 Contract for Senior meals for the BVAAA.

See attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Starr gave a second, and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve FY2024 Contract for Senior meals for the BVAAA, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 36. Discuss and take action on FY2024 Field agreement for Wildlife Damage Management and Predatory Control in Madison County.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second, and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve FY2024 Field agreement for Wildlife Damage Management and Predatory Control in Madison County, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 37. Discuss and take action on accepting the return of HOT funds in the amount of \$3500.00 from Midway Entertainment due to the event being cancelled.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve accepting the return of HOT funds in the amount of \$3500.00 from Midway Entertainment due to the event being cancelled, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 38. ***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.***

No Public Participation forms submitted to the Clerk of the Court.

ITEM 39. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to adjourn, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 10:18 A.M

I, Adrian Lawson, Madison County Clerk, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for September 13, 2023.

Approved and signed this 27th day of September 2023.



Adrian Lawson, County Clerk
Commissioners Court
Madison County, Texas

