



Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Monday, February 24, 2020

Item #3

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF MADISON COUNTY TEXAS

The Madison County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session the 24th day of February 2020, 9:31 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse Annex, 103 West Trinity Street, Suite 106, Madisonville, Texas with the following members:

Tony Leago	County Judge	Present
Ricky Driskell	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

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 February 10, 2020 as attached.

Judge Leago asked for any comments or corrections to Regular Meeting minutes, there were none they stand as presented.

ITEM 4. COLLECTION REPORTS

- a) Approve Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court.
No reports were submitted.
- b) Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney
No reports were submitted.
- c) Approve Collection Reports for District Clerk

Rhonda Savage, District Clerk gave a Fee Report for January 2020, \$9,235.14, as recorded in these minutes.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve January 2020 Fee Report; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge called for a vote.

VOTING:

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

All approved, motion carried.

TREASURER – JUDI DELESANDRI

ITEM 5. Approve paying County bills.

Accounts Payable Claims List for February 24, 2020 was submitted by Judi Delesandri, County Treasurer.

See A/P Claims List attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve payment of county bills; Commissioner Driskell gave a second; Judge Leago called for a vote.

VOTING:

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

All in agreement, motion carried.

ITEM 6. Approve bills paid since last court date February 10, 2020. See attached.

Commissioner Driskell made a motion to approve bills paid since last court date, February 10, 2020;

Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge called for a vote.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
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.

No report was submitted.

ITEM 8. Approve personnel changes. See attached.

Judi Delesandri, County Treasurer reported on several payroll changes. Glynn Karber was hired February 10, 2020, as a General Laborer 2, Precinct 4, at \$13.00 hourly filling an open part-time position which is now full-time as approved by Commissioners' Court February 10, 2020. According to a new law, Election Judges and Election Clerks are required to be paid on county's payroll, so effective February 8, 2020, five Election Judges and 11 Election Workers were added to the payroll as Seasonal Election Workers. A listing of those judges and workers is recorded in these minutes.

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

VOTING:

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

All in agreement, motion carried.

AUDITOR – TONI JOYNER

ITEM 9. Auditor' Report

A Budget Analysis Usage report for February 24, 2020 was provided by auditor's office. A copy is included in these minutes for review.

ITEM 10. Budget Amendments

No Budget Amendments to report.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ITEM 11. Safety Meeting Monthly Report - Lynn Jeffries

No report was submitted.

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

No report was submitted.

ITEM 13. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts

No report was submitted.

ITEM 14. County Extension Agent Monthly Report – Chadd Caperton

Caperton reported on the San Antonio Livestock Show and gave results for participates showing steers, heifers and ag mechanics.

ITEM 15. Veterans Affairs – Danny Singletary

No report was submitted.

ITEM 16. Elections Administrator-Janet Boone

Boone gave an update on early voting turnout saying compared to 2016 early voting our county has a 50% increase in voters. She projects with election day 30% of registered voters in the county will have voted. Early voting ends Friday, February 28, 2020, vote centers are North Zulch School and Madison County Courthouse J.P. courtroom.

ITEM 17. 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.***

Four Public Participation Forms were submitted to the Clerk of Court.

Larry Figley, Bedias, Texas addressed the court requesting approval of a Proclamation for the month of April to be proclaimed Confederate History and Heritage month. As a part of his presentation he made a statement saying "we look where we are in the world, we can see our history being destroyed and ripped apart".

Lee Roy Lance, Jr., Retired Navy Captain, Bryan, Texas addressed the court and as part of his presentation said, "more than 200 Confederate veterans are buried in Madison County, these veterans and their memories should not be forgotten, they deserve to be honored". "Yes, you can rewrite history, but it will not change what has gone on before us," he said.

George Cheek, Boerne, Texas American Legion Post 313 signed a participation form but declined to speak.

John McCammon, American Legion Post 313, Boerne, Texas said this Proclamation is important to the history of Madison County and its veterans should be honored.

ITEM 18. Discuss and consider approving final minor plat recorded in Volume 1657, Page 119 of the Madison County Records. Located in the Zoraster Robinson Survey Tract 26, Abstract 0028, 54.097 acres, more or less with variance granted for an 11.00 acre tract including a 1.110 acre tract approved by Commissioners Court on January 24, 2020, now to be further divided with a (1) 6.80 acre tract, (2) 4.848 acre tract, (3) 15.720 acre tract, and (4) 15.720 acre tract. Directions to Property: West of Madisonville, along FM 1372, known as 911 address 6935 FM 1372 and new addresses to be assigned. See attached. Commissioner Cannon moved to approved final minor plat; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Judge Leago called for a vote.

VOTING:

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

Unanimous vote, motion carried.

ITEM 19. Discuss and consider approving an agreement with Allison, Bass & McGee, L.L.P. to provide all reapportionment/redistricting services necessary in Madison County as a result of 2020 census at a total flat fee not to exceed \$18,500 payable as follows: \$5,000 payable upon execution and return of the contract/retainer; \$6,750 payable October 31, 2021; and \$6,750 payable October 31, 2022.

Judge Leago explained Allison, Bass & McGee is the same company Madison County contracted with in redistricting 2010 census. The precinct lines will most likely be redrawn as a result of the 2020 census, he said. See attached.

Commissioner Driskell moved to approve agreement with Allison, Bass & McGee L.L.P. for redistricting services as a result of the 2020 census; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second to the motion; and Judge Leago called for a vote.

VOTING:

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

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 20. Discuss and consider approving a Proclamation for the month of April as Confederate History and Heritage month. See Proclamation attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve this Proclamation proclaiming April as Confederate History and Heritage month; Commissioner Driskell seconded the motion; and Judge Leago call for a vote.

VOTING:

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

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 21. Discuss and consider approving the use of Hotel/Motel Occupancy (HOT) Funds of \$5,000 for advertising of the 2020 Madison County Fair. See attachment.

Commissioner Driskell made his motion to approve HOT Funds, \$5,000 for advertising the 2020 Madison County Fair; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge called for a vote.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
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 approving the use of Hotel/Motel Occupancy (HOT) Funds of \$3,000 for advertising of the 2020 Madisonville Noon Lions Club Gun Show. See attachment.

Commissioner Driskell moved to approve HOT Funds, \$3,000 for advertising Lions Club Gun Show; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge called for a vote.

VOTING:

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

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 23. Discuss and consider approving the use of Hotel/Motel Occupancy (HOT) Funds of \$2,000 for promotion of the 2020 Lone Star 5000 Coon Hunt which was held in January 2020. See attachment.

Judge Leago called on Bobby Merchant, Treasurer and Board Member of Lone Star 5000 Coon Hunt who gave a report on its event and expressed appreciation for the court's past approval of HOT funds.

Commissioner Driskell moved to approve HOT Funds of \$2,000 for promotion of the 2020 Lone Star 5000 Coon Hunt; 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	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 24. Discuss and consider Contract with AuctioneerExpress.com to sell county equipment.

Commissioner Cannon said this is an auction that we have not used in the past and it is not an absolute auction. If you have a good piece of equipment have it appraised and if it doesn't bring what you are asking you can put a reserve on it, he said. See Contract attached.

Commissioner Driskell made a motion to approve contract with AuctioneerExpress.com to sell surplus equipment for all four precincts; Commissioner Cannon 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	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 25. Discuss Bounty Program to help reduce the feral hog invasion in Madison County.

Judge Leago said there has been several citizens from the county who have come forward requesting a county plan to control feral hogs. A bounty program was a suggestion by the Madison County Beef and Forage Committee made during a January meeting of Commissioners' Court. Judge Leago called on Chadd Caperton, Madison County Extension Agent for his input on feral hog programs. Judge said first, is the state engaged in doing something about this problem and secondly, what are other counties doing. Caperton said the state is not involved in research of toxicants, but A&M Agri Life Research Agency is testing a new toxicant, it's not approved and there's no information on it. The state had tried a poison, Warfarin, but it did not receive final approval. One of the big hurdles is recreational hog hunting in the state, it's a money maker and that group is opposed to a hog program. There are some counties that have hog programs and they vary as widely as the counties do themselves. Some have bounty programs, they put a bounty on hog parts, but I have heard negative feedback on it. Others have professional trappers and some personal hog traps. Caperton said he did not know if there are any grants allocated for hog programs. Judge said, if you've got deer stands pumping corn all around, you're going to have feral hogs. The best solution is net wire for fencing, Caperton said. Judge asked Caperton if he had an opinion on what's best for our county. He suggested contracting with a professional who has corral traps and knows how to catch multiple hogs at a time. Judge said we should table this discussion now and come back to it at next commissioner's court. Agenda item was tabled.

ITEM 26. 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 were submitted to Clerk of Court.

Comment: Judge Leago read a Press Release dated February 11, 2020, stating Madison County Earns Zero Lost Time Safety Award from TAC (Texas Association of Counties) Risk Management Pool. A total of 119 Madison County employees had a record of no lost workdays during the 2019 coverage year. See press release attachment.

ITEM 27. Adjourn

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

VOTING:


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

No one opposed, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned Monday, February 24, 2020 at 10:22 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 February 24, 2020.

Approved and signed this 9th day of March 2020.



 Susanne Morris, County Clerk
 Clerk of Commissioners Court
 Madison County, Texas

