



Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Monday, January 25, 2021

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 25th day of January 2021, 9:30 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	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 January 11, 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.
No report was submitted.
- b) Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney
No report was submitted.
- c) Approve Collection Reports for District Clerk
Rhonda Savage, Madison County District Clerk submitted December 2020 Fee Report, \$5,357.91.
See attached.

TREASURER – JUDI DELESANDRI

ITEM 5. Approve paying County bills.

Accounts Payable Claims List for January 25, 2021 was submitted. See A/P Claims List attached. Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve paying county bills; Commissioner Wiseman; gave a second to the motion; and Judge called the 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 agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 6. Approve bills paid since last court date January 11, 2021. See attached.

Commissioner Driskell made a motion to approve bills paid since last court date, January 11, 2021, 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.

Judi Delesandri, Treasurer, reported one employee hired at Precinct 2 with a recommendation by the Salary Committee. James McBride was hired January 12, 2021, Pct.#2 Road Hand with a CDL, rate of pay \$ 14.56 hourly replacing Tammy Holder.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve hiring of McBride; Commissioner Driskell 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 approved, motion carried.

AUDITOR – TONI JOYNER

ITEM 9. Auditor' Report

No report was submitted.

ITEM 10. Budget Amendments

No report was submitted.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ITEM 11. Designated Representative Monthly Report - Lynn Jeffries

Jeffries reported eight septic applications had been received for a fee totaling \$1,840.00.

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

Lane reported currently \$2,020,004.49 in taxes was collected December 2020 in her monthly report to the court. Fees collected for Solid Waste and Tax Certificates, \$7,100.00. Registration and Title fees totaled \$484,079.26 and Texas Parks & Wildlife boat registrations was \$1,973.55.

ITEM 13. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts.

Shelly Butts, Emergency Management Coordinator gave a report as recorded for review in these minutes.

ITEM 14. County Extension Agent Monthly Report – Chadd Caperton

Leslie Lazenby, Extension Program Assistant, gave a report on current events with Madison County 4-H. Chadd Caperton, County Extension Agent was awarded a Superior Service Award from A & M Agri-Life Extension and only a small number of Extension Agents received this honor. She reported 92 persons participated in a virtual on-line CEU program for those needing hours to maintain their Pesticide License, Lazenby said. Club members will be traveling to upcoming Livestock Shows, a high number of kids are participating. She addressed the 2021 Gym Project Progress Report, included in these minutes. The gym is located at the county's Extension Office and is being restored to accommodate 4-H club activities. The project has been on-going since 2018, Tu-Mile Sportsmen's Association donated \$30,000 over the course of three years to restore the gym along with private donations, but there are remaining repairs that need to be made. The Madison County 4-H Food and Nutrition Club is trying to complete its Classroom Commercial Kitchen, remaining repair estimates are included in these minutes.

ITEM 15. Veterans Affairs – Danny Singletary

No report was submitted.

ITEM 16. Elections Administrator-Janet Boone

Boone gave an update of what has been going on since the election. She said the county received three grants in 2020; two have been closed out but no correspondence has been received about them if everything was accepted. An Election CARES Grant in the amount of \$12,525.86 with the county's match for the grant, \$1,144.88 was completely expended. The funds were used for PPE, sanitation products and other supplies needed to prevent COVID spread, \$5,000 was used for payroll for additional poll workers needed and the rental of the Kimbro Center. CTCL Grant, \$10,930 was used for the November Election and provided a report on how the grant was used. An Election Security Grant, \$120,000 has been received for use in 2021 to upgrade election equipment and office needs. Boone has until the end of 2021 to use the fund. The upgrade with HART is currently underway after the Secretary of State approved the upgrade to 2.4 firm ware.

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

Danyel Byrd, J.P. Clerk gave Distribution Reports for Judge Jon Stevens, Pct. 1 and Judge Steven Cole, Pct 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.

ITEM 19. Discuss and consider going out for bids for construction renovation at the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Bobby Adams said he is requesting going out for bids for renovations to the front interior of the MCSO building. "It has been neglected for so many years, it is time to get this thing up to where we can make it last another 20 years the interior of the building has not been updated since it was built in 1993". Adams said, "Leon County Jail is basically the same as ours, and so is Grimes County and they went into service about the same time as ours. They have kept up with the maintenance on both of those buildings over the years and they look brand new compared to what we have, there is no reason we could not get another 12 to 20 years out of our building, the way I see it." Commissioner Cannon asked Adams if he had any idea of the cost, Adams said around \$100,000. Commissioner Driskell asked where the money would come from. Judge Leago said \$100,000 for an up-grade to the MCSO had been ear-marked in 2021 budget in contingency fund in the event it is needed. Commissioner Driskell asked about the back interior of the building. Adams said, that will be in the next go-around, there is nothing back there that cannot be repaired. We passed a Jail Commission inspection last month and did well, we would like to start from the front and work our way back. Judge said there are several changes going on that will have to be addressed to meet future jail standards, such as cameras, zoom capabilities, technology that we will have to provide. If you put it into a priority, the direction they would like to go in their estimation is front interior first, jail facility with new technology and then the laundry room. Commissioner Cannon moved to go out for bids for construction renovation at the MCSO; Commissioner Driskell 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 agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 20. Discuss and consider the purchase of spare batteries from Motorola for digital handheld radios for Madison County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$2,200.50 for 18 batteries each being @\$122.25 each and approving contingency funds to pay for the cost of said batteries.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to purchase 18 spare batteries from Motorola for digital handheld radios at state's buy board pricing for MCSO; 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 21. Discuss and consider quote from Safety Vision for the purchase of ten (10) Police Body Cameras and approving contingency funds to pay for the cost of said body cameras.

Steven Jeter, Chief Deputy said, these are essential for what we have to do today for modern policing. The cameras that we currently have fail more than they perform the way they are supposed to. Sheriff Bobby Adams and Chief Deputy Jeter said much of their time the last three weeks have been attempting to repair the current body cameras, some are beyond repair. Jeter said, in the climate we are in today, it is in the best interest of the Sheriff's Department, it is in the best interest of this county to update the camera system. These cameras keep police honest they help with transparency. Judge Leago referenced two cases last year that came through county court last year where the outcome was solely and wholly based on body camera footage. They are important because without those body camera videos the results would have been opposite."

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve the purchase of ten Police Body Cameras and approve payment from contingency fund; Commissioner Pohorelsky 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			

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 22. Discuss and consider quotes from Brock Construction, B'n'R Enterprises and Crouch Construction for Madison County Library Rear Building Project and approving contingency funds to pay for the cost of said construction. See attached.

Judge Leago called on Lynn Jeffries, Designated Representative to explain the building needs of repair. He said the roof was damaged during Hurricane Ike and there are several missing shingles, the building has major leaks, rotting decking, and siding needs repair. Veronica Grooms, Librarian said "the building is used on a daily basis. We originally got the building 22 years ago, because we did not have enough space in the main building for some of our library activities, like our summer reading program, when we have large groups of children. It has also been opened up to the public for meetings as well if they need a space and it fits our schedule. It has been used to house events such as bible studies, homeschool groups and alcoholics anonymous meetings. Judge said, so the building is used most days, Grooms agreed.

Commissioner Driskell moved to accept Brock Construction's quote of \$19,833.00 for Madison County Library Rear Building Project and approve payment of its cost from contingency funds; Commissioner Cannon agreed with 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 3-year contract (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024) from EM3 Networks for 100 MBS of Internet Service at the Madison County Library, 80% covered by Federal E-Rate Funding.

Veronica Grooms, Librarian said the library current contracts with AT&T and it expires this summer; so we have accepted bids through the Federal E-Rate Funding service. The three acceptable bids were from AT&T, Citra-Net, and EM3 Networks. After comparing bids, EM3 Networks came out on top, she said. E-rate helps schools and libraries receive more affordable broadband services; 80 percent is covered by federal E-rate funding. The three-year contract is \$26,244, but Madison County’s portion will be \$1,749 yearly. High-speed internet is an integral part of the resources available to assist library users in finding the information they need. We have a lot of people who come in every day for online schooling, job applications, tax forms, filling out taxes online, research, or whatever their need may be, she said.

Commissioner Driskell moved to approve three-year contract from EM3 Networks for 100 MBS of Internet Service at the Madison County Library, 80% covered by Federal E-Rate Funding; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; 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 agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 24. Discuss and consider final minor plat on property recorded in Volume 415, Page275 of the Madison County Records, located in the Amy Boatwright Survey, Abstract 0007, Tract 27-2. Directions to property: West of Madisonville on State Highway 21, known as 911 address 6557 State Highway 21 W. Madisonville, Texas 77864, and addresses to be determined.

Shelly Butts, 911 Coordinator said this 36.2 acres of land is being divided in (1) 13.59 acres and (2) the residual. They are both over ten acres, but there is not 80-foot of road frontage. This property is going to be subject to an easement, but it does not meet the expressed requirement and needs the courts approval. The easement was verified through Landmark Title, she said. Butts is checking with TxDOT on an highway entrance application for their approval.

Commissioner Cannon moved for approval of final minor plat on property as stated; Commissioner Driskell gave his 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 and consider final minor plat on property recorded in Volume 873, Page 231, of the Madison County Records. Located in the Eduardo Arriola Survey, Abstract 0004, Tract 43. Said division resulting in the creation of three (3) lots. 1)0.5057 acres, 2)5.1467 and 3)4.1869 acres as shown on attached documentation. Directions to property: South of Madisonville, along State Highway 90, known

as 911 addresses: 1) 5544 State Highway 90, 2: 5526 State Highway 90, and 3) 5488 State Highway 90, Madisonville, Texas 77864.

Shelly Butts, 911 Coordinator said this application does not meet any automatic exceptions in our subdivision rules, so basically this will need a variance. Our rules say it must be as least one acre of property. They all have their correct road frontage and existing driveways are there, but this Lot 1, 0.5057- acre as a mobile home on it and roebic system. Judge Leago asked, can you get by with a roebic system on one acre of land. Lynn Jeffries, Designated Representative says you can, but it depends on how the property lines are drawn and if the spray is away from the home. It cannot spray out on neighboring property. Commissioner Driskell asked, so who's job is it to maintain. Jeffries said it is the maintenance contract service company's responsibility to maintain and send him a copy of their annual report. Commissioner Cannon questioned the roebic system on Lot 1 and moved to take no action on Lot 1 and Lot 2, Commissioner Driskell seconded the motion. After further discussion, Commissioner Cannon rescinded his motion. Commissioner Cannon made a motion to table Lots 1 and 2; and to approve and except application for final minor plat for Lot 3, 4.1869; Commissioner Driskell 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 agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 26. Discuss and consider sending out Requests for Proposals for External Auditing Firm. Commissioner Driskell made a motion to request proposals for external auditing firm; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second to the motion; 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 27. 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.

ITEM 28. ADJOURN

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

VOTING:

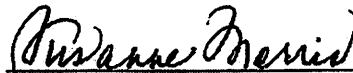
Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

No one opposed, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned Monday, January 25, 2021 at 10:46 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 January 25, 2021.

Approved and signed this 8th day of February 2021.



Susanne Morris, Clerk
Commissioners Court
Madison County, Texas

