



Minutes for the  
Madison County Commissioners Court  
Monday, September 27, 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 27<sup>TH</sup> day of September 2021, 9:33 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 September 13, 2021, and Special Session held September 16, 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 reports were submitted.
- 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 September 27, 2021, was submitted. See A/P Claims List attached. Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve paying County bills.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent	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 6. Approve bills paid since last court date September 13, 2021. See attached.

Commissioner Driskell 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 13, 2021.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent	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 hiring Assistant District Attorney, Robin Whitney, start date today, 9-27-2021, a salaried position of \$72,000 yearly, as recommended by Salary Committee.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Driskell gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve personnel change.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent	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.

**AUDITOR – TONI JOYNER**

ITEM 9. Auditor's Report

A budget analysis report for September 27, 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  
No report was submitted.

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  
Singletary reported assisting six veterans to Bryan-College Station and one to Temple for health care services and commented he is receiving more calls from veterans requesting information about V.A. services.

ITEM 16. Elections Administrator-Bobbie Duke  
No report was submitted.

ITEM 17. Justice of the Peace – Steve Cole/Jon Stevens  
No report was submitted.

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 Madison County First Responder’s request for HOT funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Madison County First Responders Barrel Racing. Commissioner Driskell made a motion; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve Madison County First Responder’s request for HOT funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Madison County First Responders Barrel Racing.

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 action on setting the County Holidays for county employees for 2022. See attached.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second to the motion; and Judge called for a vote to approve County Holidays for county employees for 2022.

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 approving an Order to Set the Term for Commissioners Court Meetings for FY 2022. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Driskill gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve Order to Set the Term for Commissioners Court Meetings for FY 2022.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent	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 action on the FY 2022 Madison County Appraisal District Budget. See attached.

Commissioner Driskell moved the approve; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Judge said we have a motion and second to approve FY2022 Madison County Appraisal District Budget, all in favor.

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, Absent	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 23. Discuss and consider for approval 2022 Madison County Resolution – Indigent Defense Grant Program Application. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion; Commissioner Driskell gave a second; and Judge said we have a motion and second to approve 2022 Madison County Resolution – Indigent Defense Grant Program Application and called for a vote.

**VOTING:**

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

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 24. Discuss and approve adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 Madison County Budget. See attached. Commissioner Cannon directed his question to Toni Joyner, Auditor saying we received a new copy of the budget last Friday, what changes did you make. Auditor Joyner said one Sheriff's Deputy was overstated with a typo, so I reduced their budget and made the cover sheet change. Commissioner Cannon asked is that the only change made, Auditor Joyner said yes.

Commissioner Cannon moved for approval; Commissioner Driskell gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Madison County Budget and 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 25. Discuss and consider action on adopting Tax Year 2021 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of 0.5429/\$100 valuation and Tax Year 2021 Debt Service Tax Rate of 0.0071 valuation of the total Tax Year 2021 Tax Rate of \$0.5500/\$100 valuation. Motion should be made in the following form: "I move that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of .55/\$100 valuation, which is effectively a 3.254% decrease in the tax rate."

Commissioner Driskell said "I move that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of .55/\$100 valuation, which is effectively a 3.254% decrease in the tax rate"; Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to adopt Tax Year 2021 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of 0.5429/\$100 valuation and Tax Year 2021 Debt Service Tax Rate of 0.0071 valuation of the total Tax Year 2021 Tax Rate of \$0.5500/\$100 valuation, all in favor.

**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 26. Discuss and consider action on ratifying that the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 Madison County Budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$151,708, a 2.42% decrease, and of that amount \$131,625 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Driskell gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 Madison County Budget which will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$151,708, a 2.42% decrease, and of that amount \$131,625 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year and 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, Absent	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 27. Discuss and consider an amount of salary increase to be paid to Donna Cuevas for Information Technology duties/responsibilities and the funds to be used for said salary increase.

Commissioner Driskell asked what is this information technology duties about. Judge Leago said on several occasions we have had equipment failures that has to do with our communication between here and the jail and this usually happens on weekends, so someone has to respond. Recently, two incidences happened, and the jail was shut down. Someone has to come to the courthouse and trouble shoot the problem and that task has fallen on Donna. Commissioner Wiseman said we had discussed hiring an Internet Technician, but that would be costly. Donna has offered to do the job for an additional \$600 monthly, but it is not in this FY 2022 budget. Judi Delesandri, Treasurer corrected the fee saying it is \$500 monthly, \$6,000 yearly. Commissioner Driskell asked Auditor Joyner if the fee could be paid from contingency fund. She answered yes, but since she is a W2 employee it would be figured into her hourly wage, benefits, and comp time. After further discussion, Commissioner Cannon moved to approve \$500 monthly to be paid from contingency fund; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve the salary increase in the amount of \$6,000 per year to Donna Cuevas for Information Technology duties and responsibilities and paid from contingency fund, all in favor.

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 28. 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 for comments.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**VOTING:**

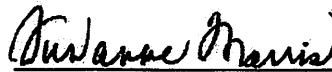
Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned Monday, September 27, 2021, at 10:09 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 September 27, 2021.

Approved and signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



Susanne Morris, Clerk  
Commissioners Court  
Madison County, Texas

