



Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Monday, February 14, 2022

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF MADISON COUNTY TEXAS

The Madison County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session the 14TH day of February 2022, 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	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

Judge Leago called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

COUNTY CLERK – SUSANNE MORRIS

ITEM 3. Review and/or correct minutes of Regular Meeting held January 24, 2022. 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. See attached.

Susanne Morris, County Clerk reported County Clerk collections, \$19,913.50; and County Criminal Court collections, \$1,594.31 for the month of January 2022.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve the collection reports; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve County Clerk and County Criminal Court collections for January 2022, 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.

- 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 February 14, 2022, was submitted by Judi Delesandri, County Treasurer. See A/P Claims List attached.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second and called for a vote to approve paying February 14, 2022, county bills.

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 24, 2022. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve bills paid since last court date January 24, 2022, 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 7. Approve Treasurer's Report.

Judi Delesandri, Treasurer submitted Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2022 a combined statement of cash receipts and disbursements as recorded in these minutes.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Commissioner Driskell gave a second to the motion; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2022, 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			

All in agreement, motion carried.

ITEM 8. Approve personnel changes. See attached.

Judi Delesandri, Treasurer reported one payroll change, Christa Wiley was hired Sheriff's Department as a Jailer on 1/22/2022, \$12.79 hourly, replacing Ashlyn Johnson.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

AUDITOR – TONI JOYNER

ITEM 9. Auditor's Report

A budget analysis report 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

Jeffries reported receiving thirteen septic permit applications for the month of January 2022, total fees collected, \$2,990.00; and reported on the January 2022 Safety Meeting with eighteen employees present.

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

Karen Lane, Tax A/C reported total funds collected for the Month of January, \$2,449,846.11; Registration and Title System Funds, \$595,961.96; and Texas Parks & Wildlife, boat and motor titles, renewals, and lost titles, \$2,322.78.

ITEM 13. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts.

No report was submitted.

ITEM 14. County Extension Agent Monthly Report

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

Reports were provided by the J.P.'s Office. Judge Leago gave the reports as follows, Precinct 2, Judge Steve Cole collected for January 2022, \$5,129.80; and Precinct 1, Judge Jon Stevens collected, \$16,356.40 for January 2022. A Distribution Summary for J.P. Courts 1 & 2 are recorded in these minutes.

ITEM 18. Sheriff's Department – Bobby Adams

Sheriff Bobby Adams gave a partial report, eleven days, January 20-31, 2022, reporting as follows: responded to 121 calls, made seven arrests, issued 22 traffic citations, and 48 traffic citation warnings.

ITEM 19. 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.

Continuing Education Reports.

Karen Lane, Tax Assessor-Collector submitted January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, continuing education transcripts and certificates. Lane earned 59.50 hours; Veronica M. Hunt, Chief Deputy earned 46.00 hours; and Rosy Martinez completed Cybersecurity Awareness training.

Susanne Morris, Madison County Clerk submitted an educational conference history report from County & District Clerks Association for January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, approved hours, 72.45, including Probate Workshop, CDCAT seasonal meetings, Legislative meeting, and Vital Statistics conferences.

ITEM 20. Discuss and consider approval of ARP Act Funds in the amount of \$2,446.00 to replace freezer door at the county jail. See attached.

Judge Leago explained American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act) Funds came from the U. S. Treasury and the county received one-half payment last year and will receive the other half payment this year, 2.7 million dollars. Understanding the ARP Act Fund grant was complicated, so we used caution in moving forward with it. Recently, the U. S. Treasury said ten million dollars may be used as lost revenue, the Grant Administrator has confirmed this information. The County Jail needs additional improvements and part of the funds will be used for that purpose, Judge said. Sheriff Adams explained the need for a new freezer door, the freezer is good, but the freezer door is rusted out and needs to be replaced, he said. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second to the motion; and Judge Leago said there is a motion and second to approve ARP Act Funds in the amount of \$2,446.00 to replace freezer door at the county jail, 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			

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 21. Discuss and consider quotes for purchase of commercial washer and dryer for the county jail and approval of ARP Act Funds for said purchase. See attached.

Sheriff Adams submitted three quotes for the purchase of one commercial washer and dryer for the court's consideration. A sales quote from Skyline Equipment LLC, CLEC Distribution LLC, and Gulf States Laundry Machinery Company were reviewed. Selected was CLEC Distribution LLC who quoted a 65 lb. washer and 75 lb. tumble dryer, which included deliver and installation, a cost of \$25,968.50.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Driskell seconded the motion; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve purchase of commercial washer and dryer from CLEC Distribution LLC for the county jail and approval of ARP Act Funds for said purchase, 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 22. Discuss and consider quotes for purchase of ½ ton truck for Pct. 3. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon submitted two quotes for purchase of the truck from Bill Fick Ford and Huntsville Dodge. The lower quote was from Bill Fick Ford, \$34,130.43.

Commissioner Driskell made a motion; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve quote for the purchase of ½ ton truck for Pct. 3 from Bill Fick Ford, \$34,130.43, 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			

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 23. Discuss and consider Madisonville Noon Lions Club request of HOT funds in the amount of \$3,000 for Madisonville Lions Club Annual Gun Show. See attached.

William C. "Bunkin" Bennett, Chairperson of the Gun Show gave a review of the August 21-22, 2021, Gun Show and Income Statement report and is requesting \$3,000 for advertising expenses for the August 20-21, 2022, event.

Commissioner Pohorelsky moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve Bennett's request for \$3,000 HOT funds for Madisonville Noon Lions Club Annual Gun Show, 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			

All agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 24. Discuss and consider reappointment of Patti Rowley to the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Brazos Valley Board of Trustees for the two-year term of March 1, 2022, through February 29, 2024.

Commissioner Driskell moved to approve; Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve the reappointment of Patti Rowley to MHMR Authority of the Brazos Valley Board of Trustees for a two-year term of March 1, 2022, through February 29, 2024, 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			

All in favor, motion carried

ITEM 25. Discuss and consider allowing the FC Lady Mustangs Soccer use of the Gymnasium located at 300 W. School Street, Madisonville, TX.

Commissioner Driskell made a motion; Commissioner Cannon gave a second to the motion; and Judge Leago called for a vote to allow the FC Lady Mustangs Soccer team use of the Gym located at 300 W. School Street, Madisonville, TX, 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			

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 26. Discuss and consider selling old telephones at on-line auction.

Commissioner Pohorelsky moved for approval; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve selling old telephones at on-line auction, 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 27. Discuss and consider allowing Lynn Reed to pick-up litter on county roads assisted by House of Hope residents.

Lynn Reed, retired pharmacist and House of Hope board member gave a proposal for courts consideration for himself and House of Hope residents to pick-up litter on county roads, around stop signs, culverts and where needed. We will wear safety vests and practice safety measures, he said. Reed asked commissioners for a safety cone to place by his truck and permission to place litter in each precinct county dump site.

Commissioner Wiseman moved for approval; Commissioner Pohorelsky seconded the motion; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve Lynn Reed and House of Hope residents to pick-up liter on county roads, 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			

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 28. Discuss and consider approving modification of current contract between Madison County Tax Assessor/Collector and Certified Payments which will allow the tax department to accept e-checks in addition to credit/debit cards.

Karen Lane, Tax Assessor-Collector said this modification to our current contract will allow tax payments to be paid by e-checks with a convenience fee of \$1.00 instead of the 2.35% fee charged on a debit card or credit card.

Commissioner Pohorelsky moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve the modification of current contract between Madison County Tax Assessor/Collector and Certified Payments which will allow the tax department to accept e-checks in addition to credit/debit cards, 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			

All agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 29. **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 30. ADJOURN:

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

VOTING:

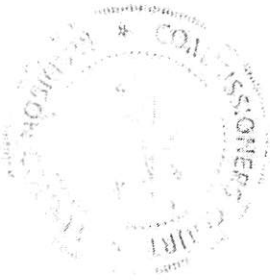
Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned Monday, February 14, 2022, at 9:07 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 14, 2022.

Approved and signed this 28th day of February 2022.



Susanne Morris

Susanne Morris, Clerk
Commissioners Court
Madison County, Texas