



**Minutes for the  
Madison County Commissioners Court  
Friday, November 12, 2021**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OF MADISON COUNTY TEXAS

The Madison County Commissioners Court met in Special Session the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021, 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	Absent
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 October 25<sup>TH</sup>, 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

Susanne Morris, County Clerk submitted County Clerk and County Criminal Court collections for October 2021. County Clerk collections was \$22,141.63; County Criminal Court collections was \$3,391.00. See attached.

Commissioner Wiseman moved to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge called for a vote to approve County Clerk and County Criminal Court collections for October 2021.

**VOTING:**

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

All approved, 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 November 8, 2021, was submitted. 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 County bills.

VOTING:

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

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 6. Approve bills paid since last court date October 25, 2021. See attached.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve bills paid since last court date October 25, 2021, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
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 October 2021 Treasurer's Monthly Report, Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved for approval; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge called for a vote to approve Treasurer's Report for October 2021.

VOTING:

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

All approved, motion carried.

**ITEM 8. Approve personnel changes.**

Judi Delesandri, Treasurer reported two payroll changes for Sheriff's Department, Benjamin Witty hired as Jailer in open position, 11/1/2021, at \$12.79 hourly, and Carly Foster, Investigator, new position, 11/1/2021, at \$16.54 hourly. One payroll promotion in County Clerk's office, Georgia Hernandez, Official Public Records Recording and Daily Financials Deputy Clerk, \$18.90 hourly, replacing Julia Bazan, effective 11/1/2021. See attached.

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

**VOTING:**

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
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 on thirteen septic system applications, fees totaling \$2,875; and October Safety meeting with fifteen county employees present.

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

Karen Lane, Tax A/C submitted October 2021 Monthly Report, total funds collected for the month was \$207,133.69; Registration and Titles, \$661,639.47; and Texas Parks & Wildlife, \$2,167.17. See attached.

**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**

No report was submitted.

**ITEM 16. Elections Administrator-Bobbie Duke**

No report was submitted.

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

A Distribution Summary October 2021 report was presented by Jon Stevens, J.P. Pct. 1, and Steve Cole, J.P. 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 for comments.

**ITEM 19. Discuss and consider seeking bids for fuel supply service for Madison County from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023.**

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge said we have a motion and second to approve to seek bids for fuel supply service for Madison County from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023, all in favor.

**VOTING:**

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

All approved, motion carried.

**ITEM 20. Discuss and consider seeking bids for road materials and hauling for Madison County from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.**

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second to the motion; and Judge called for a vote to approve seeking bids for road materials and hauling for Madison County from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

**VOTING:**

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
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 allocation of votes for Madison County Appraisal District's Board of Directors. See attached.**

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve Madison County's allocated votes, 1535, to William C. Bennett, Madison County's representative, Madison CAD Board of Directors; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve and allocate 1535 votes to William C. Bennett for the Madison CAD Board of Directors, 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 22. Discuss and consider Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Madison County Retirees and funding for such. See attached.

Judi Delesandri, Treasurer presented two options for Cost-of-Living adjustments (COLAs) for retirees' benefits payments. Option one is a Flat-rate COLAs and option two is a Consumer Price Index (CPI) COLAs, she said. Current and proposed plan comparison for each plan is recorded in these minutes. Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve Consumer Price Index plan for retirees' and payment would be transferred from contingency fund; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve the Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Madison County Retirees and funding for Consumer Price Index (CPI) plan and funds to come from contingency fund, all in favor.

VOTING:

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

All agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 23. Discuss and consider Order to Retain Existing Political Boundaries. See attached.

Judge Leago said this year after the census data was received by the U.S. Census Bureau, it reported that Madison County is not required to redraw county precinct lines. The Order for your consideration states that we are retaining our existing political boundaries.

Commissioner Wiseman moved for approval; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge said we have a motion and second to approve Order to Retain Existing Political Boundaries, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
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 Interlocal Agreement between Walker County, Grimes County and Madison County. See attached.

Toni Joyner explained, we have not had a written agreement, but we have been paying our percentage share of the court administration cost for the 12<sup>th</sup> District Court. This includes salaries, benefits, travel, training and related expenses for court personnel and offices. Those expenses are budgeted each year, she said.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve Interlocal Agreement between Walker County, Grimes County and Madison County.

**VOTING:**

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
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 Memorandum of Understanding between Madison County and the City of Madisonville.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Madison County and the City of Madisonville.

**VOTING:**

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
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 additional option for renewal of spam filter. See attached.

Donna Cuevas, Administrative Assistant to Judge Leago, explained Dustin Price, IT, CertNet Solutions submitted two quotes to consider for renewal of a spam filter. Renewal for the current spam filter is \$950.40 and not cloud based, so if we lose Internet service our spam filter goes away, and we become vulnerable. The second quote is an upgrade and more secure cloud-based option. Toni Joyner, Auditor said the yearly cost is \$2,838.00. Cuevas said that Price recommends the cloud-based option. Joyner brought out the fact that smaller counties are getting hit by ransom ware and the cost to them has been enormous. The risk increases each year and if this is something Price is advising we are at the point now where we need to seriously consider this upgrade. Should additional funds be needed, a request can be made to transfer funds from contingency to software maintenance, she said. Texas Association of Counties (TAC) has sent out a warning saying it is not who gets attacked, it is when, Cuevas said. Commissioner Pohorelsky moved to approve #4339 quote, \$2,838.00; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and a second to approve additional option for renewal of spam filter #4339 quote, all in favor.

**VOTING:**

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

All in agreement, motion carried.

ITEM. 27. Discuss and consider quotes for wireless access point system. See attached.

Donna Cuevas, Administrative Assistant to Judge Leago said the Sheriff's Department Jail is using a walk around hand-held device to monitor jail cells. Chief Deputy Steve Jeter said it is a WiFi wireless access device, a jailer makes assigned rounds to each holding tank, documents and logs their rounds. Judge Leago had asked Jeter if this originated from the Sandra Bland incident, he answered yes sir. Cuevas said Sheriff's office has only one wireless access point but needs additional ones. So, in looking into this it was determined that the Courthouse and Annex buildings are needing more WiFi wireless access points. Two quotes were obtained by Dustin Price, IT, CertNet Solutions for courts consideration each with a five-year license validation period. Under consideration were two additional WiFi wireless access points for Annex Building, five wireless access points for Courthouse, and six wireless access points for Sheriff's Office building.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve #4326 quote with payment from contingency fund; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve #4326 quote for wireless access point system with payment from contingency fund, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
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 canvassing votes from the November 2, 2021, election.

Judge Leago gave a Canvass of the General Election by reading each election result for November 2, 2021.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve canvassing votes from the November 2, 2021, election.

VOTING:

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

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 29. Discuss and consider extending Declaration of Disaster.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Judge called for a vote to extend Declaration of Disaster.

VOTING:

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

All approved, motion carried.

**ITEM 30. 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 presented to the Clerk of Court for comment.

**ITEM 31. ADJOURN:**

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

**VOTING:**

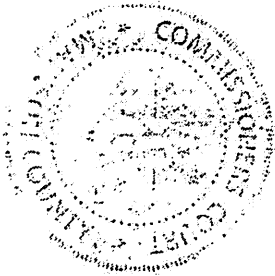
Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge	X			
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned Friday, November 12, 2021, at 9:30 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 November 12, 2021.

Approved and signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021.



*Susanne Morris*

Susanne Morris, Clerk  
Commissioners Court  
Madison County, Texas