



Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
SPECIAL SESSION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF MADISON COUNTY TEXAS

The Madison County Commissioners Court met in Special Session the 16th day of November 2021 at 10:00 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	Precinct 1, Commissioner	Absent
Carl Wiseman	Precinct 2, Commissioner	Present
Carl Cannon	Precinct 3, Commissioner	Present
David Pohorelsky	Precinct 4, Commissioner	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.

ITEM 3. Public Comment-Hear Comments in reference to the following Agenda Items Only-time limit three (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 the Clerk of Court.

ITEM 4. Discuss and consider for approval Texas Johnson&Johnson Settlement and enter Order authorizing approval of the proposed Janssen Texas Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement. See attached.

Judge Leago said Janssen Texas State-wide Opioid lawsuit has been going on for two years, so J&J has made a proposed agreement for settlement. They are offering a \$13,000 payment to the county by the end of the year. Our county was invited to join in with a Federal Class Action lawsuit it was reviewed and approved by Brian Risinger, Criminal District Attorney. There is a much larger settlement coming from the federal suit and the county's portion is projected to be two million dollars which will be shared by other county entities.

Commissioner Pohorelsky moved for approval; Commissioner Cannon gave a second; and Judge Leago said we have a motion and second to approve Texas Johnson&Johnson Settlement and enter Order authorizing approval of the proposed Janssen Texas Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement.

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 5. Discuss and consider for approval Texas Subdivision Election and Release Form.

Judge Leago explained this release form resolves opioid-related claims against Janssen under the terms and conditions set forth in the settlement agreement.

Commissioner Cannon moved for approval; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve Texas Subdivision Election and Release Form.

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 6. Discuss and consider request for pay grade change from Sheriff Adams for a jailer position and investigator position.

Steve Jeter, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department explained the request for pay grade changes. Judge Leago said Salary Committee had approved, but Toni Joyner, Auditor questioned the changes through an email.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Leago called for a vote to approve pay grade change from Sheriff Adams for a jailer position and investigator position.

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 7. 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 comment to your commissioner.

No Public Participation Forms were submitted to the Clerk of Court.

ITEM 8. ADJOURN

Commissioner Wiseman moved 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, Absent				
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:25 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 16, 2021.

Approved and signed this 22nd day of November 2021.



Susanne Morris

Susanne Morris, Clerk
Commissioners' Court
Madison County, Texas