



Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Monday, August 10, 2020

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 10TH day of August 2020, 9:33 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	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 July 27, 2020, and Special Session, August 7, 2020. See attached.

Judge Leago asked for any comments or corrections to Regular Meeting minutes and Special Session, there were none, they stand as presented, he said.

ITEM 4. COLLECTION REPORTS

a) Approve Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court.

County Clerk, Susanne Morris reported July 2020 County Clerk collections, \$18,138.00 and County Court collections \$5,365.96.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve County Clerk and County Court July 2020 collections; 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 in favor, motion carried.

- b) Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney
No reports were submitted.
- c) Approve Collection Reports for District Clerk
No reports were submitted.

TREASURER – JUDI DELESANDRI

ITEM 5. Approve paying County bills.

Accounts Payable Claims List for August 10, 2020 was submitted by Judi Delesandri, County Treasurer. See A/P Claims List attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve paying county bills; Commissioner Driskell seconded 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 approved, motion carried.

ITEM 6. Approve bills paid since last court date July 27, 2020. See attached.

Commissioner Driskell made a motion to approve bills paid since last court date, July 27, 2020.

Commissioner Cannon 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.

Judi Delesandri, County Treasurer presented Treasurer's Monthly Report, a Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for July 2020. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved for approval; 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	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 8. Approve personnel changes.

Two payroll changes were reported by Treasurer Judi Delesandri as follows: Leslie Young was hired 8-18-2020, Madison County District Attorney's office as a Clerk, \$14.00 hourly, replacing Emily Reynolds; and Donald Renfrow was promoted from Sergeant to Jail Sergeant, Sheriff's Department, 7-27-2020, \$16.68 hourly, replacing Lynn Standley. See attached.

Commissioner Pohorelsky moved to approve personnel changes; Commissioner Wiseman 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 approved, motion carried.

AUDITOR – TONI JOYNER

ITEM 9. Auditor' Report

A Budget Analysis Usage report for August 10, 2020 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. Safety Meeting Monthly Report - Lynn Jeffries

Designated Representative Lynn Jeffries reported for the month of July 2020 there had been 12 septic applications issued, a total fee of \$2,760.

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

Tax Assessor/Collector Karen Lane gave her July 2020 Monthly Report as recorded in these minutes.

ITEM 13. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts

Shelly Butts, Emergency Management Coordinator gave an update on COVID-19, saying there are currently 119 active cases in the county; and Ferguson Farm TDCJ reports 429 inmates with the virus. COVID-19 information is posted on Madison County website when it becomes available, she said. Texas Department of State Health Services posts on its online dashboard Madison County numbers which vastly differ from the numbers we show, they do not remove active cases over 30 days, Butts said. We are using the terminology that if a case is over 30 days old, I'm considering that inactive, she said.

ITEM 14. County Extension Agent Monthly Report – Chadd Caperton

County Extension Agent Chadd Caperton presented a handout, 2nd Quarter 2020 from the AgriLife Extension Office. 4-H activities in the agency have been handled virtually and with success, he said. The handout outlines such events as Fun Fridays, District 9 Horse Show, Fall Major Livestock Shows validations and other events. See attached.

ITEM 15. Veterans Affairs – Danny Singletary

Veteran's Service Officer Danny Singletary reported taking three Veterans to Bryan-College Station for health care services; assisted one Vet with his DD-214; and currently assisting two Veterans with their pension cases.

ITEM 16. Elections Administrator-Janet Boone

No report was submitted.

ITEM 17. **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 18. Discuss and consider approval of a new private road off FM 1372 to be named Rockcrete Lane. See attached.

Shelly Butts, 911 Coordinator said basically this is off FM 39 South of North Zulch, Texas, so following the rules of 911 addressing, the road needs to be named. It is a private road and will not be maintained by the county. The 911 addressing rules say the county may use the word Rock three times, the county has already used it as Rocky Lane and Rocky Ridge, so it may be used one more time. Rockcrete Lane is the name the applicant requests; it is a lane because there is not an outlet. This is for your consideration to name this private road Rockcrete Lane, Butts said.

Commissioner Pohorelsky moved to approve new private road Rockcrete Lane off FM 1372; 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			

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 19. Discuss and consider approval of Field Agreement between Madison County and the Texas Wildlife Services Program (TWSP). See attached.

This is essentially a renewal of a program that been in the county for several years and provides reports to the county of its activities, Judge said.

Commissioner Driskell made a motion to approve Field Agreement with TWSP; Commissioner Wiseman 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.

ITEM 20. Discuss and consider Application for Request for County Feral Hog Grant. See attached.

Judge Leago discussed requirements of this grant as outlined in the application and called on Chadd Caperton, County Extension Agent to share his experience with this program. He would need to consult other counties who have been awarded the grant. Caperton discussed other programs such as a bounty program and corral program.

Court agreed to Table this Application for Request for County Feral Hog Grant for further review.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to table this agenda item; 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			

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 21. Discuss and consider accepting calculation of No-New-Revenue tax rate and Voter-approval tax rate as presented by Karen Lane, Tax Assessor-Collector. See attached

Commissioner Cannon moved to accept calculation of No-New-Revenue tax rate and Voter-approval tax rate; 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 unanimously approved, motion carried.

ITEM 22. Discuss, consider, and vote on proposed tax rate and set 1 public hearing if required. See attached.

Karen Lane, TAC explained when a public hearing is necessary saying, if you vote a proposed tax rate that does not exceed the lower of the voter approval rate or the no-new-revenue rate then you do not have a public hearing; if you go above either of the two then a public hearing is required.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve a proposed tax rate of \$0.55 same as last year; and Commissioner Wiseman gave a second. A record vote was called by Judge Leago for all in favor, Commissioner Wiseman, aye; Commissioner Pohorelsky, aye; Commissioner Driskell, aye; Commissioner Cannon, aye; and Judge Leago, aye.

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 23. Discuss and consider 30-day extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve a 30-day extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency; 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	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 24. **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 25. Adjourn

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion 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	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, August 10, 2020 at 10:12 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 August 10, 2020.

Approved and signed this 24th day of August 2020.

Susanne Morris, County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Madison County, Texas